

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2716–051]

Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia, Allegheny Generating Company, and Bath County Energy, LLC; Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental Assessment

On December 30, 2024, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia, Allegheny Generating Company, and Bath County Energy, LLC (Dominion) filed a relicense application for the 2,484-megawatt Bath County Pumped Storage Project No. 2716 (project). The project is located on Back Creek and Little Back Creek in Bath, Highland, Augusta, and Rockbridge counties, Virginia. The current project boundary encompasses 3,451 acres of land, including 1,122 acres of federal land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on January 15, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. On April 7, 2026, the Commission issued a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) with a schedule indicating that staff anticipated issuing the EA on November 20, 2026. However, upon further review, staff intends to issue the EA by February 5, 2027.¹

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing the EA. The revised schedule is shown below. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	February 5, 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Andy Bernick at (202) 502–8660 or at *andrew.bernick@ferc.gov*.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RC11–6–022]

North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Notice of Staff Review of Enforcement Programs

Commission staff coordinated with the staff of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to conduct the annual oversight of NERC's Find, Fix, Track and Report (FFT) program, as outlined in the Commission's March 15, 2012 order,¹ and the Compliance Exception (CE) Program, as proposed by NERC's September 18, 2015 annual compliance filing and accepted by delegated order.²

Commission staff reviewed a sample of 29 of 206 FFTs and 34 of 1,619 CEs submitted by NERC between October 2024 and September 2025.

Commission staff found that the FFT and CE programs are meeting the Commission's expectations in accordance with FFT Order, with limited exceptions. Specifically, Commission staff identified one instance of an FFT in which the original description was incomplete. Staff also noted in two instances of CEs that the originally posted description had an inaccurate noncompliance start or end date. All 63 FFTs and CEs have been adequately remediated, and the root cause of each noncompliance was

¹ *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, 138 FERC ¶ 61,193, at P 73 (2012) (FFT Order) (discussing the Commission's plans to survey a random sample of FFTs submitted each year to gather information on how the FFT program is working).

² *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, Docket No. RC11–6–004, at 1 (Nov. 13, 2015) (delegated order) (accepting NERC's proposal to combine the evaluation of CEs with the annual sampling of FFTs).

clearly identified. Commission staff also reviewed the supporting information for these FFTs and CEs and agreed with the final risk determinations for all 63 noncompliances, which clearly identified the factors affecting the risk prior to mitigation (such as potential and actual risk) and actual harm. Further, no FFTs or CEs sampled contained any material misrepresentations by the registered entities. Commission staff found that the Regional Entities appropriately identified all 63 of the sampled noncompliances as appropriate to be processed as FFTs and CEs.

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[Project No. 2569–169]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 30, 2024, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. filed an application to relicense the 29.14-megawatt Black River Hydroelectric Project No. 2569. The project is located on the Black River in Jefferson County, New York.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on August 4, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.¹

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1774339686.

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1786453610.

Participation at (202) 502–6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	October 22, 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Nicholas Ettema at 312–596–4447, or *nicholas.ettema@ferc.gov*.

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[Project No. 2645–176]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.;
Notice of Intent To Prepare an
Environmental Assessment

On July 30, 2024, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. filed an application to relicense the 41.91-megawatt Beaver River Hydroelectric Project No. 2645. The project is located on the Beaver River in Herkimer and Lewis Counties, New York.

In accordance with the Commission’s regulations, on August 4, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.¹

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission’s final licensing decision.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1786453487.

interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	October 22, 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Nicholas Ettema at 312–596–4447, or *nicholas.ettema@ferc.gov*.

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[Docket No. CP26–578–000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company,
LLC; Notice of Scoping Period
Requesting Comments on
Environmental Issues for the Proposed
Phase IX Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Phase IX Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis

in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 23, 2026. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission *before* the opening of this docket on September 9, 2026, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP26–578–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to