



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2701-061]

### **Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project (West Canada Creek Project). The West Canada Creek Project is located on West Canada Creek, in the counties of Oneida and Herkimer, New York.

On June 27, 2022, the Commission issued a notice indicating that staff intended to prepare a multi-project Environmental Assessment (EA) for both the West Canada Creek Project and Power Authority of the State of New York's Hinckley (Gregory B. Jarvis) Hydroelectric Project, because the projects are located adjacent to each other. However, the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 now requires that an EA "shall not exceed 75 pages, not including any citations or appendices" (Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Pub. L. No. 118-5, 107, 137 Stat 42 (2023)). A multi-project EA would have exceeded the page limit established in the Act, so staff has prepared a stand-alone draft Environmental Assessment (draft EA) for the West Canada Creek Project.

The draft EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the draft EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice.

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