



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2853-073]

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for Draft and Final Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project Relicense

On June 30, 2022, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Montana DNRC) filed an application for a new major license for the 9.66-megawatt Broadwater Hydroelectric Project (Broadwater Project; FERC No. 2853). On September 20, 2023, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare a draft and final Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the Broadwater Project. The notice of intent included an anticipated schedule for issuing the draft and final EA. By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing the draft and final EAs. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

<u>MILESTONE</u>	<u>TARGET DATE</u>
Commission issues draft EA	May 2024
Comments on draft EA	June 2024
Commission issues final EA	August 2024 ¹

¹ The Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) (2022) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency’s decision to prepare an EA. See National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, as amended by section 107(g)(1)(B)(iii) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Pub. L. 118-5, 4336a, 137 Stat. 42.

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