



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Alabama Power Company

Project No. 2628-066

Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Project Relicense

On November 23, 2021, the Alabama Power Company filed an application for a new major license for the 135-megawatt R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project No. 2628 (Harris Project or project). On March 31, 2023, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the Harris Project. The notice of intent included a schedule for preparing a draft and final EIS.

By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing the EIS. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

| <u>MILESTONE</u> | <u>TARGET DATE</u> |
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| Issue draft EIS | July 2024 ¹ |
| Public Meeting on draft EIS | August 2024 |
| Comments on draft EIS due | September 2024 |
| Commission issues final EIS | March 2025 |

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Sarah Salazar at (202) 502-6863 or sarah.salazar@ferc.gov.

Dated: April 18, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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¹ The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(2) (2023) require that EISs be completed within 2 years of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EIS. *See also* National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, amended by section 107(g)(1)(A)(iii) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Pub. L. No. 118-5, § 4336a, 137 Stat. 42.