



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15262-001]

CW Bill Young Hydropower Group, Inc.; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP).
- b. Project No.: 15262-001
- c. Date Filed: October 31, 2024
- d. Submitted By: CW Bill Young Hydropower Group, Inc.¹ (CW Bill Young Hydropower)
- e. Name of Project: CW Bill Young Lock and Dam Hydropower Project
- f. Location: The project would be located on the Allegheny River, at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) C.W. Bill Young Lock and Dam, in Harmar Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The project would partially occupy federal land administered by the Corps.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Jeremy King, CEO; Current Hydro LLC; 3120 Southwest Freeway; Suite 101, PMB 50808; Houston, TX 77098, . Email: jeremy@currenthydro.com; Phone: (706) 835-8516.

¹CW Bill Young Hydropower Group, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Current Hydro LLC, which acts as agent for the applicant.

- i. FERC Contact: Silvia Pineda-Munoz at (202) 502-8388; or e-mail at silvia.pineda-munoz@ferc.gov.
- j. CW Bill Young Hydropower filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on October 31, 2024, and provided public notice of its request on November 3, 2024. In a letter dated December 18, 2024, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved CW Bill Young Hydropower's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
- l. With this notice, we are designating CW Bill Young Hydropower as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

- m. CW Bill Young Hydropower filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission's website (<https://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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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- o. The applicant states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for an original license for Project No. 15262.
- p. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal 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.

Dated: December 18, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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