



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2610-012]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment; Northern States Power Company

On December 30, 2022, Northern States Power Company filed a relicense application for the 1.5-megawatt Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2610. The project is located on the Montreal River in Gogebic County, Michigan and Iron County, Wisconsin.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on October 10, 2024, 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.

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.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Commission issues EA	December 23, 2025

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Nicholas Ettema by telephone at (312) 596-4447 or by email at nicholas.ettema@ferc.gov.

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1734709041. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

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Secretary.

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