



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2425-057]

PE Hydro Generation, LLC; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On January 3, 2022, the PE Hydro Generation, LLC filed a new major license application for the 1,600-kilowatt (kW) Luray and 1,400-kW Newport Hydroelectric Project No. 2425 (project). The two-development Luray and Newport Project is located on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River near the Towns of Luray (Luray Development) and Newport (Newport Development) in Page County, Virginia.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on October 18, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, 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 license 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.

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1734604406. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

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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 31, 2025

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Kristine Sillett at (202) 502-6575 or kristine.sillett@ferc.gov.

Dated: December 31, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.