



## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 15045-002]**

### **Current Hydro Project 19, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Original Major License
- b. Project No.: 15045-002
- c. Date filed: May 8, 2024
- d. Applicant: Current Hydro Project 19, LLC
- e. Name of Project: New Cumberland Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The New Cumberland Project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) New Cumberland Locks and Dam on the Ohio River in Hancock County, West Virginia. The project would occupy 2 acres of Federal land administered by the Corps.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Jeremy King, Current Hydro, LLC, 3120 Southwest Freeway, Suite 101, PMB 50808, Houston, TX 77098.
- i. FERC Contact: Colleen Corballis at (202) 502-8598 or [colleen.corballis@ferc.gov](mailto:colleen.corballis@ferc.gov); or Shivani Khetani at (212) 273-5917 or [Shivani.khetani@ferc.gov](mailto:Shivani.khetani@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: New Cumberland Hydroelectric Project (P-15045-002).

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing but is not ready for environmental analysis.

l. The New Cumberland Project would be located at the Corps' existing New

Cumberland Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) a 101-foot-wide, 193-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse; (2) a 90-foot-wide by 350-foot-long intake section with trash racks; (3) two identical Kaplan pit turbine-generators with a combined capacity of 19.99 megawatts; (4) a 13.8-kilovolt (kV), 180-foot-long underground utilidor crossing under the Norfolk Southern railway and transitioning to a 350-foot overhead transmission to the powerhouse-substation; (5) a 90-foot-wide by 90-foot-long powerhouse-substation; (6) a 1,050-foot-long, 34.5-kV, three-phase overhead transmission line connecting the powerhouse-substation to the existing 35-kV transmission line, east of Hancock County Bus Garage interconnection point in West Virginia; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. 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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

o. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3)

furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

p. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

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| Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments                  | April 2025 |
| Comments on Scoping Document 1 due                     | May 2025   |
| Request Additional Information ( <i>if necessary</i> ) | June 2025  |
| Issue Scoping Document 2 ( <i>if necessary</i> )       | June 2025  |

Dated: January 16, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*