



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15377-000]

Low Head Hydro M 8, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 18, 2024, Low Head Hydro M 8, LLC. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Mississippi Lock and Dam 8 Hydroelectric Project (Lock and Dam 8 Project), a hydropower project proposed to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Mississippi Lock and Dam 8 in Vernon County, Wisconsin and Houston County, Minnesota. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Lock and Dam 8 Project would consist of the following: (1) a 275-foot-long, 220-foot-wide intake area located upstream of the powerhouse; (2) a 220-foot-long and 95-foot-wide powerhouse located adjacent to the eastern side of the existing Corps dam; (3) ten 0.875-megawatt (MW) horizontal propeller turbine generators with a combined net power capacity of 8.75 MW; (4) new power pole and substation constructed on a raised 150-foot-long by 100-foot-wide platform; (5) 80-foot-long, single overhead three-phase, 69-kilovolt line to the interconnection point; (6) new 280-foot-long concrete guide wall constructed along the earthen dike at the powerhouse headrace; (7) new 75-foot-long concrete guide walls constructed at the powerhouse tailrace; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 46,600 megawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

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, community organizations, 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 Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.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>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15377-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P-15377) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: February 11, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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