



## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 2446-052]**

#### **STS Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

On August 30, 2022, STS Hydropower, LLC filed a relicense application for a new major license to continue operating the 3.20-megawatt Dixon Hydroelectric Project No. 2446 (Dixon Project). The project is located on the Rock River, near the City of Dixon in Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on December 4, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the Dixon 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 Dixon 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 Dixon Project.

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, 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](mailto: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	February 2026 <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA	March 2026

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laura Washington at [Laura.Washington@ferc.gov](mailto:Laura.Washington@ferc.gov) or call at 202-502-6072.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

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*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1740141467.