



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[P-2611-093]

Hydro Kennebec, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, 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: Temporary amendment of license to install shorter flashboards and maintain lower reservoir elevation.
- b. Project No.: 2611-093
- c. Date Filed: February 14, 2025
- d. Applicant: Hydro Kennebec, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Hydro Kennebec Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Kennebec River in Kennebec and Somerset counties, ME.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Randall Dorman, Senior Compliance Manager – Northeast, Hydro Kennebec, LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 755-5605
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502-8666, Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: April 28, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system

at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. 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 the docket number P-2611-093. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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. Description of Request: The applicant requests a temporary amendment of its license to maintain its reservoir elevation at 78 feet, 3 feet lower than the normal elevation of 81 feet, by temporarily installing 3-foot-high flashboards rather than the normal 6-foot-high flashboards. The applicant states lowering the reservoir by 3 feet would prevent further wear to a damaged spillway gate and allow for repairs while also keeping the reservoir high enough to use its downstream fish passage facility and to possibly

submerge rapids near the town of Fairfield to improve boater safety. The applicant intends to install the temporary flashboards as soon as personnel can safely access the spillway but no later than shortly after spring runoff subsides, and to replace them with the normal, 6-foot-high flashboards once the gate is repaired, but no later than December 31, 2025.

l. Locations of the application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://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. You may also register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: 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, .214, respectively. 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.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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 commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

p. 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, 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.

Dated: March 28, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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