



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

New York Power Authority

Project No. 4678-053

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On May 25, 2022, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) filed a relicense application for a new major license to continue operating the 11.8-megawatt Crescent Hydroelectric Project No. 4678 (Crescent Project). The project is located on the Mohawk River in Saratoga, Albany, and Schenectady Counties, New York.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on March 18, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the Crescent Project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice).¹ Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the Crescent 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 relicense the Crescent Project.²

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.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA

¹ The deadline for responding to the REA Notice was extended until March 17, 2025. See Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule and Notice Granting Extension of Time issued on April 25, 2024, and September 10, 2024, respectively.

² For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1742891253.

will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

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TARGET DATE

Commission issues EA

April 1, 2026

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Jody Callihan at Jody.Callihan@ferc.gov or call at 202-502-8278.

Dated: April 1, 2025

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