



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2071-090]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff reviewed PacifiCorp's application for a license amendment of the Yale Hydroelectric Project No. 2071 and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹ The licensee proposes to install a rock filter and drain berm on the downstream side of the Yale saddle dam. A new toe ditch would collect seepage intercepted by the filter and drain berm and route it into a drainage swale below the dam. The licensee also proposes to place additional riprap on the upstream side of the Yale saddle dam, requiring a 2-week-long reservoir drawdown. The Yale Hydroelectric Project is located on the Lewis River in Clark and Cowlitz counties, Washington and occupies federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed modifications to the Yale saddle dam, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed amendment, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1727194731.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2071) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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