



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2611-093]

Hydro Kennebec, LLC; 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 Hydro Kennebec, LLC's request for a temporary variance of the license for the Hydro-Kennebec Hydroelectric Project No. 2611 and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹ The licensee proposes to install 3-foot-high flashboards at the project instead of the normal 6-foot-high flashboards to lower the reservoir elevation by 3 feet (elevation of 78 feet U.S. Geological Survey Datum) to allow for repairs to a spillway gate. The temporary variance would begin immediately and last until the gate is repaired, but no later than December 31, 2025. The Hydro-Kennebec Project is located on the Kennebec River in Kennebec and Somerset counties, Maine and does not occupy federal land.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed temporary variance, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the temporary variance, with appropriate environmental protective

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1746012887.

measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2611) 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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Dated: May 22, 2025.

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