



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6619-023]

Lake Upchurch Dam Preservation Association; 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 C.F.R. Part 380, Commission staff reviewed Lake Upchurch Dam Preservation Association's application for surrender of exemption for the Raeford Hydroelectric Project No. 6619 and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹ The exemptee proposes to surrender its exemption and decommission the project. The project is located on the Rockfish Creek, at Upchurches Pond in Cumberland County, North Carolina. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed surrender, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed surrender 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 <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-6619) in the docket number field

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-173764344.

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All comments must be filed by August 6, 2025.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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