



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2188-295]

### NorthWestern Corporation; Notice of Application for Non-Capacity Amendment of License Accepted for Filing, 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. Application Type: Non-capacity Amendment of License
- b. Project No: 2188-295
- c. Date Filed: April 14, 2025
- d. Applicant: NorthWestern Corporation
- e. Name of Project: Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project consists of nine hydroelectric developments located on the Madison and Missouri Rivers in Gallatin, Madison, Lewis and Clark, and Cascade counties, in

southwestern Montana. The project occupies federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
  
- h. Applicant Contact: Carrie Harris, Manager Hydro Engineering, 11 East Park Street, Butte, Montana 59701, (406) 497-3429, [carrie.harris@northwestern.com](mailto:carrie.harris@northwestern.com) or John Tabaracci, Senior Corporate Counsel, 208 North Montana Avenue, Suite 200, Helena, Montana 59601, (406) 443-8983, [john.tabaracci@northwestern.com](mailto:john.tabaracci@northwestern.com)
  
- i. FERC Contact: Jeremy Jessup, (202) 502-6779, [Jeremy.Jessup@ferc.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Jessup@ferc.gov)
  
- j. Cooperating agencies: With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
  
- k. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: **July 28, 2025.**

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-2188-295. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered 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.

l. Description of Request: The licensee proposes to replace the Hauser Development's Units 3 and 6 S. Morgan Smith horizontal Francis turbines with new Mavel vertical Z Kaplan turbines. The licensee would also replace the generators for Units 3 and 6. The proposed upgrade would result in a 0.96 MW increase in the authorized installed capacity of the development, to 20.28 MW, and would result in a decrease to the hydraulic capacity of the development of 5.92%, from 4,560 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 4,290 cfs. The total authorized installed capacity for the entire project would increase from 319.05 MW to 320.01 MW. The licensee states that the upgrades would not cause any change in the operation of the project or have quantifiable environmental effects, and only a minor effect on hydraulic flows. All construction would occur within the footprint of the powerhouse and there would be no land disturbance.

m. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://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 <http://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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

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

o. 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.

p. 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.

q. 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, community organizations, 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: June 26, 2025.

**Carlos D. Clay,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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