



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 15404-000

Claiborne Hydroelectric, LLC

Notice Of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted For Filing And Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, And Competing Applications

On May 30, 2025, Claiborne Hydroelectric, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of hydropower project to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Claiborne Lock and Dam, on Alabama River, near City of Franklin, Monroe County, Alabama. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Claiborne lock and dam Hydroelectric Project would consist of the following: (1) a 98-foot-wide, 50-foot-long armored intake structure; (2) a 98-foot-wide, 187-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse, located downstream of the western abutment of the Corps' dam, hosting two identical 9.95 MW turbine generators; (3) a 100-foot-long, 98-foot-wide armored tailrace that would direct flow to the river downstream of the dam; and (4) a 4.5 mile-long, 230 kilovolt transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 139.5 gigawatt-hours.

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FERC Contact: Prabharanjani Madduri; phone: (202) 502-8017, or by email at prabharanjani.madduri@ferc.gov. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice, on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 25, 2025. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at 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, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15404.

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.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed, or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at:

<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P-15404) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: June 27, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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