



## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 15094-002]**

### **Ohio Power And Light, LLC; Notice Of Application Accepted For Filing And Soliciting 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. Type of Application: Major Original License
- b. Project No.: 15094-002
- c. Date filed: January 23, 2025
- d. Applicant: Ohio Power and Light, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (RC Byrd Project or project)
- f. Location: On the Ohio River in Mason County, West Virginia, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam. The project would occupy about 16 acres of federal land managed by the Corps.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Jeremy King, P.E., Chief Executive Officer, Current Hydro LLC (agent for the applicant, Ohio Power and Light, LLC), One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (706) 835-8516, E-mail: [jeremy@currenthydro.com](mailto:jeremy@currenthydro.com); and Mr. Norman Bishop, P.E., Chief Executive Engineer, Current Hydro LLC, One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (303) 475-0608.

i. FERC Contact: Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660, or [andrew.bernick@ferc.gov](mailto:andrew.bernick@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests: **on or before 5:00 p.m.**

**Eastern Time on September 1, 2025.**

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.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 [FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: **Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (P-15094-002)**.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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.

k. This application has been accepted for filing but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed RC Byrd Project would utilize the existing Corps' Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) two 142.5-foot-long, 110-foot-wide powerhouses each containing three 4.75-kilowatt turbine-generator units to be constructed within two decommissioned locks on the east side of the Corps' Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam; (2) two intake channels; (3) two tailrace channels; (4) a 250-foot-long underground conduit carrying generator leads from the powerhouses to a step-up transformer contained in a substation; (5) a 69-kilovolt, 2.5-mile-long aboveground transmission line to the Apple Grove Substation, where project power would connect with the electrical grid; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed RC Byrd Project would operate in a run-of-release mode, whereby outflow from the project would approximate inflow made available for generation by the Corps. The RC Byrd Project would be projected to have an annual energy generation of about 165,169 megawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

n. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular

application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	August 2025
Scoping Meeting and Environmental Site Review	September 2025
Comments on Scoping Document 1 due	October 2025
Request Additional Information ( <i>if necessary</i> )	November 2025
Issue Scoping Document 2 ( <i>if necessary</i> )	November 2025
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	November 2025

**Dated:** July 3, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*