



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14867-003]

Scott's Mill Hydro, LLC

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On March 21, 2022, Scott's Mill Hydro, LLC (Scott's Mill) filed a license application for an original license to construct and operate the proposed 4.5-megawatt Scott's Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 14867 (Scott's Mill Project). The project would be located on the James River in Amherst and Bedford Counties, Virginia.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on May 22, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice that the Scott's Mill Project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the Scott's Mill Project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Scott's Mill Project.¹

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1753779200.

comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

<u>MILESTONE</u>	<u>TARGET DATE</u>
Commission issues EA	August 4, 2026

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Jody Callihan at Jody.Callihan@ferc.gov or call at 202-502-8278.

Dated: August 5, 2025.

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Secretary.

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