



## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 3428-205]**

#### **Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc.; Notice Granting Extension of Time**

On January 14, 2026, the Commission issued a notice that the Worumbo Hydroelectric Project No. 3428 (project) was ready for environmental analysis and solicited motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions (REA notice). On January 27, 2026, Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc. (Brown Bear) filed a request to extend the deadlines established in the REA notice by 74 days. Brown Bear states that additional time is needed to complete its ongoing evaluation of fish passage alternatives at the project in consultation with the licensing stakeholders. In support of its request, Brown Bear included correspondence from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the Maine Department of Marine Resources. NMFS and FWS also filed separate letters on January 29, 2026, and February 3, 2026, respectively, in support of the request to extend the deadlines established in the REA notice.

The information provided by Brown Bear and supported by stakeholders indicates that evaluation of the fish passage alternatives is nearly complete. Because the results of the evaluation could inform Brown Bear's and the stakeholders' responses to the REA notice, this notice extends the deadlines established in the January 14 REA notice by 74 days. Accordingly, the application will be processed according to the schedule below. Revisions to the schedule may be made, as appropriate.

**MILESTONE**

**DUE DATE**

Final amendments

April 28, 2026

Filing of motions to intervene, protests,  
comments, recommendations,  
preliminary terms and conditions,  
and preliminary prescriptions

May 29, 2026

Filing a copy of the water quality certification;  
a copy of the request for certification,  
including proof of the date on which the certifying  
agency received the request; or evidence of a waiver  
of water quality certification

May 29, 2026

Filing of reply comments

July 13, 2026

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*Secretary.*

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