



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3603-018]

#### City of Aspen; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380, Commission staff reviewed City of Aspen's application for a non-capacity amendment of license for the Ruedi Hydroelectric Project No. 3603 and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.<sup>1</sup> The licensee proposes to build a 22 by 28-foot powerhouse, add an additional 110 feet of new 30-inch penstock, install a second turbine and generator unit with the capacity of 1.2-megawatts,<sup>2</sup> construct a new 48 by 48-inch, 60-foot concrete tailrace, add a 24-inch diameter bypass line within the powerhouse, and modernize the electrical system. The project is located at the Ruedi Dam and reservoir of the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation on the Fryingpan River in Pitkin and Eagle counties, Colorado.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed amendment, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed amendment, with appropriate environmental protective measures,

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<sup>1</sup> The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1753700984.

<sup>2</sup> The proposed increase in capacity is less than the threshold for a capacity amendment (18 CFR 4.201(b) (2025)).

would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-3603) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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All comments must be filed by **April 27, 2026 5:00 pm Eastern Time.**

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For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

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