



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2532-098]

#### **ALLETE, Inc.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with The Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: New Major License
- b. Project No.: 2532-098
- c. Date filed: March 24, 2026
- d. Applicant: ALLETE, Inc. (ALLETE)
- e. Name of Project: Little Falls Hydroelectric Project (project)
- f. Location: The project is located on the Mississippi River in Morrison County, Minnesota.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791 (a) - 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Greg Prom, Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist, Minnesota Power / ALLETE, Inc., 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802-2093; Phone at (218) 355-3191 or email at [gprom@allete.com](mailto:gprom@allete.com).
- i. FERC Contact: David Graefe at (202) 502-6137; or email at [david.graefe@ferc.gov](mailto:david.graefe@ferc.gov).
- j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. Project Description: the project consists of: (1) a 477.0-acre reservoir; (2) a 66.0-foot-long three-bay gated spillway with 20.0-foot wide bays and vertical slide gates, separated by two 3.0-foot-wide intermediate piers; (3) a 41.4-foot-long, 19.2-foot-high concrete ogee spillway topped with 2.5-foot-high flashboards; (4) a 61.2-foot-long, 15.5-foot-high mass concrete ogee spillway topped with 2.5-foot-high flashboards; (5) a 140.3-foot-long, 11.8-foot-high mass concrete ogee spillway topped with 2.5-foot-high flashboards; (6) a 42.0-foot-long, 12.0-foot-high overflow section; (7) a 49.0-foot-long three-bay gated spillway with 8.0-foot-wide log sluiceway and two 13.5-foot-wide Tainter gates separated by two 5.0-foot-wide and one 4.0-foot-wide intermediate piers; (8) a 152.0-foot-long, 17.9-foot-high mass concrete ogee spillway topped with a 4.3-foot-high rubber dam; (9) a 78.5-foot-long gated spillway with three 20.0-foot-wide bays separated by one 5.0-foot wide and three 4.5-foot-wide intermediate piers topped with 14.2-foot-tall Tainter gates; (10) a 50.0-foot-long gated spillway with three 15.0-foot-wide bays and two 2.5-foot-wide intermediate piers topped with 6.5-foot-tall steel vertical lift gates; (11) a 150.0-foot-long concrete wall; (12) a 128.0-foot-long embankment; (13) a powerhouse containing two generating units with an installed capacity of 800 kilowatts and a second powerhouse containing four generating units with an installed capacity of 3.92 megawatts (MW), for a total installed capacity of 4.72 MW; (14) an office building and a switchgear building; and (15) appurtenant facilities.

The project is operated in a run-of-river mode with an estimated annual energy production of approximately 30,583 megawatt hours. ALLETE proposes to continue to operate the project in a run-of-river mode.

l. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) 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 (P-2532). For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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m. 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).

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

| <u>MILESTONE</u>                                                  | <u>TARGET</u>  |
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| Deficiency Letter (if necessary)                                  | July 2026      |
| Additional Information Request (if necessary)                     | July 2026      |
| Notice of Acceptance / Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis | September 2026 |

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: April 2, 2026.

**Carlos D. Clay,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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