



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2663-067]

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.: 2663-067
- c. Date filed: March 24, 2026
- d. Applicant: ALLETE, Inc. (ALLETE)
- e. Name of Project: Pillager Hydroelectric Project (project)
- f. Location: The project is located on the Crow Wing River in Cass and Morrison
Counties, 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,
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Phone at (218) 355-3191 or email at gprom@allete.com.
- i. FERC Contact: David Graefe at (202) 502-6137; or email at
david.graefe@ferc.gov.
- j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. Project Description: the existing project consists of: (1) a 698-acre reservoir; (2) a 357-foot-long concrete gravity rollway dam, including 18 vertical steel slide gates separated by concrete piers; (3) a 15-foot-high south earth embankment, extending 223 feet from the south side of the spillway to the natural earth embankment of the river; (4) a 25-foot-high earth embankment, with a 2-foot-wide concrete core wall, extending 225 feet from the north side of the powerhouse to the natural earth embankment of the river; (5) a 1,330-foot-long earth dike along the north shoreline of the reservoir in vicinity of the left embankment; (6) a 98-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse with two generating units with a total installed capacity of 1.52 megawatts; (7) an 85-foot-long earthfill dike along the south shoreline of the reservoir in vicinity of the right embankment; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The project is operated in a run-of-river mode with an estimated annual energy production of approximately 7,601 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-2663). For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at 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.

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>
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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