



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7887-019]

Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On June 28, 2024, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc. filed an application to relicense the 1,000-kilowatt Minnewawa Hydroelectric Project No. 7887. The project is located on the Minnewawa Brook in the Town of Marlborough in Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on February 13, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the 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 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 relicense the project.¹

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1768993568.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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.

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	February 26, 2027

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Justin R. Robbins by telephone at (202) 502-8308 or by email at justin.robbins@ferc.gov.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: May 8, 2026.

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Secretary.

