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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3428-205]

Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On November 29, 2023, Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc. (Brown Bear Hydro) filed an application to relicense the 19.4-megawatt Worumbo Hydroelectric Project No. 3428, located on the Androscoggin River in Androscoggin County, Maine.[1]

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on January 14, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice).[2] 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 license the Worumbo Project.[3]

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[1] On July 27, 2026, Brown Bear Hydro amended the license application (s*ee* Accession No. 20260727-5331).

[2] In notices issued February 10, 2026 and April 23, 2026, staff granted Brown Bear Hydro's request to extend deadlines established in the REA Notice for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions and for Brown Bear Hydro to request water quality certification. Additional time was needed to complete ongoing evaluations of fish passage alternatives at the project in consultation with licensing stakeholders.

[3] For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique

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.

Milestone	Target Date
Commission issues EA	September 10, 2027

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Erin Kimsey at 202-502-8621 or Erin.Kimsey@ferc.gov.

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