

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Preliminary Permits for Hydroelectric Power Projects

Docket No. RM26-5-000

NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS

(October 27, 2025)

On October 23, 2025, pursuant to section 403 of the Department of Energy Organization Act,¹ the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) released a proposed notice of proposed rulemaking for consideration and final action (proposed NOPR) by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission).²

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the proposed NOPR. Comments are due on or before November 12, 2025. Reply comments are due on or before November 21, 2025.

Comments must refer to Docket No. RM26-5 and include the commenter's name, the organization they represent, if applicable, and their address.

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¹ 42 U.S.C. § 7173(a).

² The full text of the proposed NOPR can be found at <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-10/403%20Hydropower%20Letter.pdf> and, as noted above, also is posted on the Commission's eLibrary in this Docket.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the “eFile” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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