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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	June 3, 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Colleen Corballis at (202) 502-8598 or *colleen.corballis@ferc.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15045-002]

Current Hydro Project 19, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On May 8, 2024, Current Hydro Project 19, LLC filed a license application for the proposed 19,999-megawatt New Cumberland Hydroelectric Project No. 15045 (project). The proposed project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) New Cumberland Locks and Dam on the Ohio River in Hancock County, West Virginia. The proposed project would occupy 2.82 acres of federal land administered by the Corps.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on September 25, 2025, 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 license the project.¹ 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.

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[Docket No. CP25-537-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Donaldson Compressor Station Abandonment Project

On August 13, 2025, Texas Eastern LP (Texas Eastern) filed an application in Docket No. CP25-537-000 requesting Authorization pursuant to Section (b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations to abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Donaldson Compressor Station Abandonment Project (Project)

and would consist of abandoning facilities at the Donaldson Compressor Station (CS) located in Hot Spring County, Arkansas. On October 1, 2025, Texas Eastern filed a supplement to the project scope clarifying to leave in-service one existing transformer at the Donaldson CS to maintain 3-phase power to the facility which provides power to ancillary facilities for lights, a water pump, and cathodic protection rectifier.

On August 27, 2025, the Commission issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—February 6, 2026
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—May 7, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

The proposed project would enable Texas Eastern to abandon the Donaldson CS, located in Hot Spring County, Arkansas. According to Texas Eastern, the abandonment is needed because the facility is no longer required to meet firm service obligations and continuing to maintain it would require unjustified capital investment and increased maintenance expenditures.

The Project would consist of the following:

(1) abandoning by removal approximately 10 feet of aboveground 26-inch-diameter suction piping and

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1762338139.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1756911771.

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1756991414.

approximately 10 feet of aboveground 18-inch-diameter discharge piping;

(2) abandoning in-place four 2,000-horsepower compressor units, all aboveground structures and equipment (existing receiver/launcher will remain in-service), various transfer lines and piping, auxiliary building, waste oil storage tank, glycol tank, and coolant water tank;

(3) draining and disposing of fluid from four electrical transformers on site, abandoning the electrical transformers on site, and abandoning the electrical units in-place; and

(4) leaving in-service one existing transformer to maintain 3-phase power to the facility which provides power to ancillary facilities for lights, a water pump, and cathodic protection rectifier.

Background

On September 18, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Donaldson Compressor Station Abandonment Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers.

In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received one comment letter from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting that the EA provide a detailed discussion on water quality, dredge and fill impacts to waters of the United States, Clean Water Act Section 303(d), biological resources, wildlife habitat, air quality, hazardous materials and waste, solid waste, coordination with Tribal Governments, and the National Historic Preservation Act and Executive Order 13007.

All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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*.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP25-537), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2651-059]

Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (Pad), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process and Scoping, Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2651-059.

c. *Dated Filed:* October 10, 2025.

d. *Submitted By:* Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M).

e. *Name of Project:* Elkhart Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the St. Joseph River in the City of Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Mr. Dave Lucas, VP Generation Transformation, Strategy, and Growth, Indiana Michigan Power Company, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215; (614) 716-2240 or email at *jmmagalski@aep.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Joshua Dub, Project Coordinator, Great Lakes Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502-8138; email at *Joshua.Dub@FERC.gov*.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (b) the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating I&M as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. I&M filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD), including a proposed process plan and schedule, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits of the sub-docket in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available via the contact in paragraph h.

You may register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission staff's Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests