

275 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29) and the other crest gate has a maximum crest elevation of 274.9 feet NGVD 29. The dam also includes an intake structure with stoplog gates and two weir gates. The trashracks at the intake structure have 1-inch clear bar spacing for the upper 14.5 feet and 2-inch clear bar spacing for the lower 16.8 feet. The dam creates an impoundment that has a water surface area of approximately 268 acres at an elevation of 275 feet NGVD 29. From the impoundment, water flows through the intake structure to six penstocks that convey water to a powerhouse that includes four 1,800-kilowatt (kW) horizontal Francis turbine-generator units and a 850-kW double Francis turbine-generator unit. From the powerhouse, water flows to a tailrace that discharges into the Winooski River. Water also flows through a downstream fishway to a plunge pool located in an approximately 900-foot-long bypassed reach. The project generators are connected to the regional electric grid by two transformers and three transmission lines.

Project recreation facilities include: (1) Overlook Park with parking, picnic tables, trash cans, restrooms, and an access trail to the bypassed reach; (2) an impoundment access site with parking and an access trail to the impoundment; (3) a powerhouse access site with parking and an access trail from the powerhouse to the Winooski River; and (4) a portage trail extending from the powerhouse access site to the impoundment access site.

GMP proposes to: (1) continue to operate the project in a run-of-river mode and maintain the surface elevation of the impoundment at 274.7 feet NGVD 29; (2) continue to release a minimum flow of 50 cubic feet per second (cfs) or inflow, whichever is less, to the bypassed reach; (3) continue to release 100 cfs through the downstream fishway from April 15 through June 30, and from September 15 through December 15; (4) provide upstream fish passage around the project and the downstream Chace Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 2756 (Chace Mill) by sharing operation and maintenance costs of the trap and truck facility (estimated at \$15,000 per year) located at the Chace Mill Dam with the Burlington Electric Department (licensee of the Chace Mill Project); (5) develop a water level management plan; (6) develop a recreation management plan; and (7) develop a historic properties management plan.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at

<https://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 (*i.e.*, P-2513). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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n. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRELIMINARY FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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.

o. The applicant must file on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 6, 2026: (1) a copy of the water quality

certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

p. *Procedural Schedule*: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Filing of Motions to Intervene, Protests, Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions.	April 2026.
Filing of Reply Comments	May 2026.

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 6, 2026.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7186-054]

Missisquoi, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Sheldon Springs Hydroelectric Project No. 7186 (project). The project is located on the Missisquoi River in Franklin County, Vermont. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1746431723.

to view and/or print the EA 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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Any comments should be filed on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 5, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-7186-054.

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.

For further information, contact Arash Barsari by telephone at (202) 502-6207 or by email at Arash.JalaliBarsari@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12626-006]

Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 28, 2025, Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC (licensee) filed an application for a non-capacity amendment for the Dresden Island Project No. 12626. The project is located on the Illinois River in Grundy County, Illinois. The project occupies federal lands managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

The licensee is proposing to redesign the unconstructed project that would be located at the Corps' existing Dresden Island Lock and Dam. The licensee proposes to change the licensed facilities to reduce the size of the powerhouse and tailrace, reduce the generation capacity, reroute the transmission lines to avoid spanning the length of the Corps' dam facility, revise the project boundary, and replace the Kaplan turbines with smaller submersible propeller turbines. As the submersible propeller turbines have smaller generation capacity, an increase in the number of turbines from four to ten would result in a reduction to the overall power generation capacity from 10.96 MW to 9.56 MW. A Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protest was issued on October 14, 2025. No comments were filed pursuant to the notice.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by July 14, 2026. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

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.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Rebecca Martin at 202-502-6012 or Rebecca.martin@ferc.gov.

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1769508109.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-46-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Texas-Arkansas Power Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental effects of the Texas-Arkansas Power Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural) in Randolph County, Arkansas. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental effects that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission's NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 5, 2026. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to