

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meetings**

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Sunshine Act Notice; notice of public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: Public Meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission Local Leadership Council 2026 Annual Meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT and Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT. The public registration deadline for the event is on or before April 10, 2026. Written comments should be received no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Drake, 140 East Walton Place, Chicago, IL 60611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897-9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will hold its annual meeting of the EAC Local Leadership Council (LLC) to conduct regular business, and discuss agency updates and upcoming programs.

Agenda: The EAC's LLC will hold its 2026 Annual Meeting to conduct regular business, and discuss agency updates and upcoming programs.

Registration is required to attend. Please register by April 10, 2026, on the event page at: eac.gov/events/2026/04/14/2026-eac-local-leadership-council-annual-meeting.

Public comments on the meeting must be submitted in writing on regulations.gov (docket ID: EAC-2026-0100). Comments must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Background: The LLC was established in June 2021 under agency authority pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The Advisory Committee is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The Advisory Committee advises the EAC on how best to fulfill the EAC's statutory duties set forth in 52 U.S.C. 20922 as well as such other matters as the EAC determines. It shall provide a relevant and comprehensive source of expert,

unbiased analysis and recommendations to the EAC on local election administration topics.

The LLC consists of 100 members. The EAC appoints two members from each state after soliciting nominations from each state's election official professional association. Upon appointment, Advisory Committee members must be serving or have previously served in a leadership role in a state election official professional association.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: eac.gov/events/2026/04/14/2026-eac-local-leadership-council-annual-meeting.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2576-215]

FirstLight CT Housatonic LLC; Notice of Application To Update Shoreline Management Plan Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Shoreline Management Plan Update.
- b. *Project No:* 2576-215.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 27, 2025, as supplemented on March 17, 2026.
- d. *Applicant:* FirstLight CT Housatonic LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Housatonic River Pumped Storage Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Housatonic River in Fairfield, Litchfield and New Haven counties, Connecticut, and does not occupy federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Alan Douglass, 413-659-4416, alan.douglass@firstlight.energy.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Shana High, 202-502-8674, shana.high@ferc.gov.
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental

issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* April 27, 2026, 5:00pm Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). 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 the docket number P-2576-215. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

l. *Description of Request:* As a result of a required six-year review process, FirstLight CT Housatonic LLC filed a shoreline management plan update. The update was developed in consultation with stakeholders. In pertinent part, the update expands designations to include non-shoreline lands that are not adjacent to project waters but are within the project boundary, changes land designations with the goal of continuing

to limit the potential allowable uses that can occur on these lands as abutting properties become developed in the future, simplifies the requirements and process for authorization of uses, and modifies the fee structure for permit application review to correct imbalances.

m. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* 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, .214, respectively. 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.

p. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

q. 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.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: March 26, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. UL26-5-000]

Delvin Warner; Notice of Pending Jurisdictional Inquiry, and Soliciting Comments, Protests and Motions To Intervene

On February 4, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) received a request from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Vermont DEC) for a jurisdictional determination for the unlicensed East Branch Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the East Branch of the Missisquoi River in Orleans County, Vermont.

Pursuant to section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA),¹ a non-federal hydroelectric project must be licensed if it: (a) is located on a navigable water of the United States; (b) occupies lands or reservations of the United States; (c) utilizes surplus water or waterpower from a government dam;² or (d) is located on a stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, is constructed or modified on or after August 26, 1935, and affects the interests of interstate or foreign commerce.

Regarding condition (d) above, for purposes of FPA section 23(b)(1), headwaters and tributaries of navigable waters are Commerce Clause streams;³ "post-1935" construction or modification at an existing project includes enlarging a project, such as increasing size of the reservoir, height of the dam, or generating capacity;⁴ and projects that generate energy for

¹ 16 U.S.C. 817(1).

² A project that meets condition (a), (b), or (c) is not required to be licensed if it holds a still valid pre-1920 federal permit.

³ *FPC v. Union Electric Co.*, 381 U.S. 90, 94-96 (1965).

⁴ See, e.g., *L.S. Starrett Co. v. FERC*, 650 F.3d 19, 26-27 (1st Cir. 2011); *Cent. Vt. Pub. Serv. Corp.*, 54 FERC ¶ 61,132, at 61,434 (1991) (citing *Puget Sound Power & Light Co. v. FPC*, 557 F.2d 1311 (9th Cir. 1977); *Aquenergy Systems, Inc.*, 29 FERC ¶ 61,026 (1984)).

transmission on the interstate grid affect interstate commerce.⁵

Vermont DEC requests that the Commission examine its jurisdiction for the East Branch Project on the grounds that the project is located on a stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, was constructed after August 26, 1935, and is connected to the transmission grid.⁶

In response to Vermont DEC's requests, Commission staff is investigating the jurisdictional status of the East Branch Hydroelectric Project (UL26-5-000). A copy of Vermont DEC's request may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number, UL26-5-000. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

The Commission is soliciting comments, motions to intervene, and protests in these proceedings. Comments, motions to intervene, and protests must be filed by 45 days from notice or May 11, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 211, and 214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rule may become a party to the proceedings. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, protests, and motions to intervene using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>

⁵ See *FPC v. Union Elec. Co.*, 381 U.S. at 94-95. Moreover, it is well settled that small hydroelectric projects that are connected to the interstate grid, even if they have no interstate sales, affect interstate commerce by displacing power from the grid, and the cumulative effect of the national class of these small projects is significant for purposes of FPA section 23(b)(1). See *Habersham Mills v. FERC*, 976 F.2d 1381, 1384-85 (11th Cir. 1992).

⁶ Vermont DEC February 4, 2026 Request for Determination of Commission Jurisdiction for the East Branch Hydroelectric Project at 2 and 7.