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Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission 888 First Street N.E.
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Re: Project No. 9709-071 - Herkimer Hydroelectric Project es

**Notification of Intent to File License Application and
Pre-Application Document for Integrated Licensing Process (ILP)
and Incorporation of Documents by Reference**

Dear Secretary Reese:

Pursuant to the Commission's April 3, 2024 Notice Soliciting Notices Of Intent To File A New License Application And Pre-Application Documents, this notice sets a deadline of 90 days from the date of notice. And following this notice, Stone Ridge Hydro LLC (Applicant) respectfully submits its NOI and PAD for the relicensing of the Herkimer Hydroelectric Project (Project).

In light of the March 30, 2025 deadline for submission of a license application, this submission incorporates by reference pre-application documents previously filed by "ECOsponsible LLC" and Stone Ridge. See table of documents incorporated by reference.

The Applicant has attached hereto and in its PAD a Process Plan, Schedule, And Protocols (proposed).

In accordance with Section 5.6(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. §5.6(a)(1), the Applicant is simultaneously distributing notification of these filings to relevant federal and state resource agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other potentially interested parties, as set forth on the attached distribution list. *See Attached list.*

Pre-Application Information Incorporated by Reference.

Stone Ridge Hydro Documents:		
Accession No. File Date. Document Date Docket	20220309-5201 03/09/2022 03/09/2022 P-15266-000 P-9709-070	Stone Ridge Hydro, LLC submits Notice of Intent to File Application for Exemption from Licensing for the Herkimer Hydroelectric Project under P-15266 Public
Accession No. File Date. Document Date Docket	20200330-5274 03/30/2022 03/30/2022 P-15266-000 P-9709-070	Stone Ridge Hydro, LLC submits a Consultation Document and a statement in support of the default Traditional Licensing Process for the Herkimer Hydroelectric Project under P-15266, et. al. Public
ECOsponsible Documents:		
Accession No. File Date. Document Date Docket	20200412-5140 04/12/2020 04/12/2020 P-9709-71	ECOsponsible, LLC submits Appendix for Pre-Application Document for the Herkimer Hydroelectric Project under P-9709. Public
Accession No. File Date. Document Date Docket	20200331-5549 03/31/2020 03/31/2020 P-9709-71	ECOsponsible, LLC submits Appendix for Pre-Application Document for the Herkimer Hydroelectric Project under P-9709. CEII
Accession No. File Date. Document Date Docket	20220331-5542 03/31/2020 03/31/2020 P-9709-71	ECOsponsible, LLC submits Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document for the Herkimer Project under P-9709. Public

Document Incorporation. As all documents are publicly available in the dockets for P-9709 and P-15266 and/or with the filing of a CEII request. Incorporation by reference will conserve the need for agencies and stakeholders to refile comments or (re-)submit extensive comments on the merits of the PAD, etc. Incorporation by reference should allow staff to proceed immediately with the processing and issuance of a Scoping Document No. 1.

Additional information that is generic to the river basin can be found in the proceeding for p-2701, *e.g.*, September 6, 2023 DEA, study Requests, Reports, Settlement Agreement, etc.

Section 106 Request. In accordance with Section 5.5(e) of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(e), the Applicant requests that the Commission authorize it to conduct consultation with the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470f, and the NHPA implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

Non-federal Representative Request. While the Applicant has not identified any species located at the Project that are listed species pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. § 1536, in the event that listed species are identified during the re licensing of the Project, the Applicant requests that FERC designate it as its non- federal representative for the Project for the purpose of informational consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service, pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA and the joint agency ESA implementing regulations at 50 C.F.R. Part 402.

Request to Process PAD and Issue Scoping Document. Stone Ridge Hydro, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission process the PAD and issue a scoping document without waiting for the expiration of April 3, 2024 Notice's July 2, 2024 deadline. With the March 31, 2025 deadline for submitting final license applications and the need to secure site access from a non-licensee, time is of the essence.

Please contact the undersigned with regard to any questions with the submission of the NOI and PAD transmitted herewith.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Proposed Plan Schedule
Distribution List

Enclosures:

Notice of Intent
Pre-Application Document

RELICENSING PROCESS PLAN AND SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY¹	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIMEFRAME	REGULATION	DATES^{2 3}
File Notification of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD)	Stone Ridge Hydro	At least 5 but no more than 5.5 years prior to license expiration	Waived	
Initial Tribal Consultation Meeting	FERC	No later than 30 days of filing NOI/PAD	18 CFR § 5.7	06/30/2024
Issue Notice of NOI/PAD and Scoping Document 1 (SD1)	FERC	Within 60 days of filing NOI/PAD	18 CFR § 5.8(a)	06/30/2024
Conduct Scoping Meetings and Site Visit	FERC	Within 30 days of NOI/PAD notice and issuance of SD1	18 CFR § 5.8(b)(3)	TBD
File Comments on PAD, SD1, and Study Requests	Stakeholders	Within 60 days of NOI/PAD notice and issuance of SD1	18 CFR § 5.9(a)	08/29/2024
File Proposed Study Plan (PSP)	Stone Ridge Hydro	Within 45 days of deadline for filing comments on PAD	18 CFR § 5.11(a)	10/13/2024
Issuance of Scoping Document 2 (SD2) (if necessary)	FERC	Within 45 days of deadline for filing comments on SD1	18 CFR § 5.10	10/13/2024
Study Plan Meeting(s)	Stakeholders	First meeting to be held within 30 days of filing PSP	18 CFR § 5.11(e)	11/12/2024

ACTIVITY ¹	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIMEFRAME	REGULATION	DATES ^{2 3}
File Comments on PSP	Stakeholders	Within 90 days of filing PSP	18 CFR § 5.12	1/11/2025
File Revised Study Plan (RSP)	Stone Ridge Hydro	Within 30 days of deadline for comments on PSP	18 CFR § 5.13(a)	02/10/2025
File Comments on RSP	Stakeholders	Within 15 days following filing of RSP	18 CFR § 5.13(b)	02/25/2025
Issuance of Study Plan Determination (SPD)	FERC	Within 30 days following filing of RSP	18 CFR § 5.13(c)	03/26/2025
Initiate Formal Study Dispute Resolution Process (if necessary)	Agencies and Tribes with mandatory conditioning authority	Within 20 days of Study Plan Determination	18 CFR § 5.14(a)	
Dispute Resolution Panel Convenes	Dispute Resolution Panel	Within 20 days of notice of study dispute	18 CFR § 5.14(d)	
File Comments on Study Dispute	Stone Ridge Hydro	Within 25 days of notice of study dispute	18 CFR § 5.14(i)	
Dispute Resolution Panel Issues Recommendations	Dispute Resolution Panel	Within 50 days of notice of study dispute	18 CFR § 5.14(k)	
FERC Issues Study Dispute Determination	FERC	Within 70 days of notice of study dispute	18 CFR § 5.14(l)	
Conduct First Season of Studies	Stone Ridge Hydro	Pursuant to the approved Study Plan and Schedule	18 CFR § 5.15(a)	TBD 2025
File Initial Study Report	Stone Ridge Hydro	Pursuant to the approved Study Plan OR no later than 1 year after SPD	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(1)	03/24/2026
Initial Study Report Meeting	Stakeholders	Within 15 days from Initial Study Report	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(2)	04/08/2026
File Initial Study Report Meeting Summary	Stone Ridge Hydro	Within 15 days following the Initial Study Report meeting	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(3)	04/23/2026
File Meeting Summary Disagreements	Stakeholders	Within 30 days of filing study results meeting summary	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(4)	
File Responses to Meeting Summary Disagreements	Stakeholders	Within 30 days of filing meeting summary disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(5)	
Resolution on Disagreements	FERC	Within 30 days of filing responses to disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(6)	
Conduct Second Season of Studies (if necessary)	Stone Ridge Hydro		18 CFR § 5.15(a)	TBD 2026

ACTIVITY ¹	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIMEFRAME	REGULATION	DATES ^{2 3}
File Updated Study Report (if necessary)	Stone Ridge Hydro	Pursuant to the approved Study Plan OR no later than two years after SPD	18 CFR § 5.15(f)	03/24/2027
Updated Study Report Meeting (if necessary)	Stakeholders	Within 15 days of Updated Study Report	18 CFR § 5.15(f)	04/08/2027
File Updated Study Report Meeting Summary (if necessary)	Stone Ridge Hydro	Within 15 days of Study Results Meeting	18 CFR § 5.15(f)	04/23/2027
File Meeting Summary Disagreements	Stakeholders	Within 30 days of study results meeting summary	18 CFR § 5.15(f)	
File Responses to Meeting Summary Disagreements	Stakeholders	Within 30 days of filing of meeting summary disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(f)	
Resolution on Disagreements	FERC	Within 30 days of filing responses to disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(f)	
File Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP) or Draft License Application (DLA)	Stone Ridge Hydro	No later than 150 days prior to deadline for filing Final License Application	18 CFR § 5.16(a)	TBD
File Comments on Applicant's PLP or DLA	Stakeholders	Within 90 days of filing PLP or DLA	18 CFR § 5.16(e)	TBD
File Final License Application	Stone Ridge Hydro	No later than 24 months before existing license expires	18 CFR § 5.17	Waived (?)

¹ Activities in shaded areas are not necessary if there are no study disputes.

² If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the following business day.

³ The schedule is subject to change throughout the relicensing proceeding. For updated schedules, see www.westcanadacreekproject.com.

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