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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Project No. 2071–090]

**PacifiCorp; Notice of Availability of
Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff reviewed PacifiCorp’s application for a license amendment of the Yale Hydroelectric Project No. 2071 and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹ The licensee proposes to install a rock filter and drain berm on the downstream side of the Yale saddle dam. A new toe ditch would collect seepage intercepted by the filter and drain berm and route it into a drainage swale below the dam. The licensee also proposes to place additional riprap on the upstream side of the Yale saddle dam, requiring a 2-week-long reservoir drawdown. The Yale Hydroelectric Project is located on the Lewis River in Clark and Cowlitz counties, Washington and occupies federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The EA contains Commission staff’s analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed modifications to the Yale saddle dam, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed amendment, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1727194731.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission’s website at *https://www.ferc.gov* using the “elibrary” link. Enter the docket number (P–2071) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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All comments must be filed by June 23, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Project No. 15366–000]

**Town of Stowe Electric Department;
Notice of Intent To Prepare an
Environmental Assessment**

On July 2, 2024, the Town of Stowe Electric Department filed an application for an exemption from licensing for the 150-kilowatt Smith’s Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 15366. The project would be located on the Little River in Lamoille County, Vermont.

In accordance with the Commission’s regulations, on March 13, 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 exempting the project from licensing 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 exempt the project from licensing.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 decision on the exemption application.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	September 15, 2025.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Joshua Dub by

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1744215115.

telephone at (202) 502-8138 or by email at Joshua.Dub@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14867-003]

Scott's Mill Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 14867-003.

c. *Date filed:* March 21, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Scott's Mill Hydro, LLC (Scott's Mill).

e. *Name of Project:* Scott's Mill Hydroelectric Project (Scott's Mill Project or project).

f. *Location:* On the James River in the City of Lynchburg and Bedford and Amherst Counties, Virginia.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Mark Fendig, Luminaire Technologies, Inc., 9932 Wilson Highway, Mouth-of-Wilson, VA 24363; phone: (540) 320-6762.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jody Callihan at (202) 502-8278, or jody.callihan@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 21, 2025; reply comments are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 4, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://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 <https://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

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The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The Scott's Mill Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) an existing masonry dam containing two spillways separated by a 25-foot-wide stone pier, with one 735-foot-long, 15-foot-high overflow spillway and the other a 140-foot-long, 16-foot-high arch-section spillway; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 305 acres at the normal pool elevation of 516.4 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88); (3) a new modular powerhouse containing nine generating units with a total installed capacity of 4.5 megawatts that would be installed immediately downstream of the existing arch-section spillway of the dam; (4) a new 1,200-foot-long overhead transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

To increase flow through the modular powerhouse, Scott's Mill proposes to remove the top 6.8 feet of the existing arch-section spillway of the dam and add 2-foot-high flashboards to the existing overflow spillway. On August 9, 2022, Scott's Mill filed a Settlement Agreement for the project's licensing proceeding, on behalf of itself, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (Virginia DWR). As part of the Settlement Agreement, Scott's Mill proposes to: (1) operate the project in a run-of-river mode, with a 1-inch veil flow [~40 cubic feet per second (cfs)] over the main spillway at all times; (2) implement an impoundment refill

protocol whereby 90% of the project inflow is released downstream when refilling the impoundment following a drawdown; (3) install and operate, from March 1 through November 30 of each year, two permanent fishways (one on each bank of the James River) to facilitate the upstream passage of American eel and sea lamprey, (4) install upstream passage for American shad and riverine (resident) fish species when requested by Interior; (5) provide a downstream fish passage flow of 225 cfs (parallel to the trash racks, with a 2-inch clear spacing) to guide fish towards a downstream fish passage structure; (6) install trash racks with a 0.75-inch clear spacing if the downstream fish passage effectiveness studies, planned for post-licensing, indicate the target downstream passage survival rate of 95% cannot be achieved with the proposed methods (*i.e.*, a 225-cfs downstream fish passage flow and trash racks with a 2-inch clear spacing); (7) develop a fishway operation and maintenance plan, streamflow and water level monitoring plan, and recreation management plan; (8) implement the Invasive Species Management Plan, Northern Long-Eared Bat Management Plan, and Bald Eagle Management Plan filed with the Settlement Agreement; and (9) conduct the following post-licensing studies in cooperation with FWS and Virginia DWR: (a) upstream and downstream fish passage effectiveness, (b) water quality, and (c) wetted perimeter and flow demonstration. While not part of the Settlement Agreement, Scott's Mill also proposes, in its license application, to: (1) direct half of the powerhouse outflow to the main channel (*i.e.*, to the east of Anthony Island); and (2) develop an erosion and sediment control plan and wetlands mitigation plan. The estimated annual energy production of the project is 20,700 megawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application can 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 (*i.e.*, P-14867). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support (see item j above).

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "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