

FERC Project No. 943
Rock Island Hydroelectric Project
Relicensing Update



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Today's Presentation – An Update

We will cover:

- “What is Relicensing”
- Schedule
 - ✓ 2024 Progress
 - ✓ Details of Latest Milestone
 - ✓ 2025 Plan
- Summary & Next Steps

(No Decision is Needed Today)



What is Relicensing?

- A public process, required by the Federal Power Act, to evaluate resources associated with the Project, including:

- ✓ fish and wildlife
- ✓ flood control
- ✓ power generation
- ✓ cultural resources
- ✓ recreation
- ✓ other aspects of environmental quality



- Chelan PUD's relicensing objectives:
 - ✓ Incorporate our values into the relicensing process (safety, stewardship, trustworthiness, & operational excellence)
 - ✓ Address Project impacts while preserving economic stability
 - ✓ Engage with Participants, strengthening relationships
- Formal FERC process begins 5 to 5.5 years before license expiration, but coordination often begins earlier



Overall Relicensing Schedule

2024 was about identifying studies... 2025 is about conducting them




Issue Scoping & Study Plan

Conduct Studies and Prepare Application

Submit License Application 

Post Filing FERC NEPA¹ Process

License Expires; New License or Annual License(s) 



1. National Environmental Policy Act

Relicensing – A Public Process

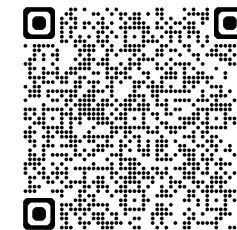


The Relicensing Process is a public process overseen by FERC

- All filings are publicly accessible in the FERC eLibrary.
- To subscribe to be notified when comments or documents are filed:
 - ✓ See: <https://ferconline.ferc.gov>, and click “eSubscription”
 - ✓ FERC Project docket number is P-943-144

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ROCK ISLAND PROJECT INTEGRATED LICENSING PROCESS (ILP)

DATES ARE DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT BY FERC

2024 SCHEDULE



LEGEND

- CHELAN PUD TASK
- FERC TASK
- FORMAL STAKEHOLDER COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SCHEDULES DO NOT INCLUDE POTENTIAL STUDY DISPUTES PROCESSES, NOR VOLITIONAL TWG ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

Results of Study Plan Determination

Studies adopted by FERC had to meet the Study Criteria¹

A total of 16 studies were included in the Study Plan Determination:

- 9 Fish and Aquatic Studies
- 3 Cultural & Historic Studies
- 2 Recreation Studies (including the Horan Natural Area)
- 1 Botanical Study (Milkweed mapping)
- 1 Environmental Justice Study

[1\) A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING THE STUDY CRITERIA \(ferc.gov\)](https://www.ferc.gov)



ROCK ISLAND PROJECT INTEGRATED LICENSING PROCESS (ILP) 2025 SCHEDULE

OCT 2025

NOV 2025

QUARTERS 1 - 3



QUARTER 4



LEGEND



CHELAN PUD TASK

Summary & Next Steps

- The process has transitioned from identifying the studies to conducting the studies
- The next step is to finalize contracts to conduct the studies and continue the process
- Three resolutions will be brought forward in two weeks to support studies and the ongoing process



Questions? Comments?

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