

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013

Docket No. AD13-9-000

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

(January 30, 2017)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) staff will hold a workshop on March 30, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the Commission Meeting Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit public comment on the effectiveness of the tested two-year pilot process as required by section 6 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013. The workshop will be open to the public and all interested parties are invited to participate. The workshop will be led by Commission staff, and may be attended by one or more Commissioners. An agenda for the workshop, including a list of issues for commenter and panelist consideration, is attached to this notice.

This workshop will be transcribed. Transcripts of the workshop will be available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. at (202) 347-3700. A free webcast will be available through [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). Anyone with internet access who wants to view this event can do so by navigating to the Calendar of Events at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) and locating this event in the Calendar. The event listing will contain a link to the webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for webcasts and offers the option of listening to the workshop via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call (703) 993-3100.

Registration is not required, but is encouraged. Please register at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/03-30-17-form.asp>.

In addition to the webcast, a limited number of phone lines will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for those who wish to participate via teleconference. If you would like to participate via teleconference, please contact Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074 or [ryan.hansen@ferc.gov](mailto:ryan.hansen@ferc.gov) by **February 22, 2017** to reserve a line. Please put "Telephone line for Hydro Workshop" in the subject line of your email.

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Those who wish to file written comments may do so within 75 days of this notice, or by **April 14, 2017**. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments 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>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number AD13-9-000.

All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Enter **AD13-9** in the docket number field to access documents. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support.

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# FINAL TWO-YEAR LICENSING PROCESS WORKSHOP

March 30, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

*Purpose: To solicit public comment on the effectiveness of the tested two-year process, in compliance with section 6 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013.*

## Workshop Agenda

- 1. Introduction** **12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
  - 1.1 Opening remarks
  - 1.2 Introduction of FERC staff and panel members
  - 1.3 Workshop procedures
  
- 2. Background (*FERC staff presentation*)** **12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.**
  - 2.1 Section 6 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (Act)
  - 2.2 Actions taken to-date to comply with the Act
  
- 3. Panel 1: Topics for Discussion on the Tested Two-Year Pilot Process**  
*(Input solicited from panel and participants in licensing the Kentucky River Lock & Dam No. 11 Hydroelectric Project)* **12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.**
  - 3.1 Were there project design, site selection, environmental, regulatory, or economic factors that facilitated or hindered the pilot process?
  - 3.2 Were any modifications made to the participants' standard practices/processes to accommodate the pilot process schedule?
  - 3.3 Was sufficient information developed during pre-filing consultation to facilitate meeting the timeframes listed in the process plan and schedule for the pilot two-year licensing process?
  - 3.4 Are there any limitations on your organization's ability or resources to pursue/process a two-year process for multiple projects concurrently?
  - 3.5 How should the effectiveness of the tested process be measured; was the tested process effective?
  
- 4. Panel 2: Topics for Discussion on the Practicability of Implementing a Two-Year Process on a Programmatic scale**  
*(Input solicited from panel and participants)* **3:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.**
  - 4.1 Were the criteria in FERC's notice soliciting pilot projects reasonable and practicable; did the criteria impose any unnecessary limits; should there be additional, different, or no criteria?

- 4.2 Are there environmental, economic, regulatory, or legal factors that make a two-year process not practicable?
- 4.3 Can a two-year process be successfully implemented on a large scale (for multiple projects)?
- 4.4 Are there any elements of the existing licensing processes that could be applied in new ways to expedite processing of applications?
- 4.5 What, if any, actions could the Commission take to further facilitate the timely development of hydropower at existing dams and closed loop pumped storage projects?

**5. Closing comments and next steps**

**4:50 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**