

In establishing the expedited processes for issuing and amending licenses for qualifying facilities at existing nonpowered dams and closed-loop pumped storage projects, sections 3003 and 3004 of the Act require the Commission to convene an interagency task force (ITF), with appropriate federal and state agencies and Indian tribes represented, to coordinate the regulatory processes associated with the authorizations required to construct and operate these projects. By concurrent notice, the Commission has invited federal and state agencies and Indian tribes to request participation on the ITF by filing a statement of interest with the Commission by November 29, 2018.

The Commission has established three dockets in order to implement the requirements of the Act: **RM19-6-000** (Licensing Regulations under America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018); **AD19-7-000** (Nonpowered Dams List); and **AD19-8-000** (Closed-loop Pumped Storage Projects at Abandoned Mines Guidance).

Because the Act requires the Commission to issue a rule establishing the expedited licensing processes not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Act, the Commission has established a schedule with abbreviated deadlines. The schedule, which is subject to change, is included below.

November 29, 2018	Deadline for federal and state agencies and Indian tribes to file a statement requesting participation on the ITF
December 12, 2018	Commission staff will hold coordination session for the ITF to discuss proposals for the expedited licensing processes
January/February 2019	Commission staff will issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) for the expedited licensing processes
February 2019	Commission staff will hold a workshop for closed-loop pumped storage project at abandoned mine sites
March 2019	NPR public comment period will close
April 2019	Commission will issue final rule for expedited processes
April 2019	Commission staff will provide applicable federal agencies, including the Secretaries of Army, Interior, and Agriculture, Commission staff's draft list of existing nonpowered federal dams having the greatest potential for non-Federal hydropower development
August 2019	Commission staff will issue the final nonpowered Federal dams list
September 2019	Commission staff will issue guidance for closed-loop pumped storage projects at abandoned mine sites

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