



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Two-Year Licensing Process Final Workshop

Thursday, March 30, 2017
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EDT)

Section 6

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act (HREA)



- August 9, 2013 – HREA enacted
- October 22, 2013 – Initial workshop
- May 5, 2014 – Rye Development files NOI/PAD for its Kentucky River Lock and Dam 11 project
- April 15, 2016 – Rye Development files its final license application
- May 5, 2016 – Commission grants license
- March 30, 2017 – Final workshop
- May 29, 2017 – Report to Congress

Discussion on the Tested Two-Year Pilot Process



Panelists

Ramya Swaminathan- CEO, Rye Development

David Hamilton- Environmental Engineer, Kentucky
River Authority

Stephanie Hayes- Water Quality Certification
Supervisor, Kentucky Department of Environmental
Protection

Carrie Allison- Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service

Jennifer Ryall- Environmental Review Coordinator,
Kentucky Heritage Council

Discussion on the Tested Two-Year Pilot Process



- Were there project design, site selection, environmental, regulatory, or economic factors that facilitated or hindered the pilot process?

Discussion on the Tested Two-Year Pilot Process



- Were any modifications made to the participants' standard practices/processes to accommodate the pilot process schedule?

Discussion on the Tested Two-Year Pilot Process



- Was sufficient information developed during pre-filing consultation to facilitate meeting the timeframes listed in the process plan and schedule for the two-year licensing process?

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- Are there any limitations on your organization's ability or resources to pursue/process a two-year process for multiple projects concurrently?

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- How should the effectiveness of the tested process be measured; was the tested process effective?

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Questions/Comments from the audience



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**Break
(15 minutes)**

Discussion on the Practicability of Implementing a Two-Year Process on a Programmatic Scale



Panelists

Carol Wasserman- Environmental Regulatory Affairs, New England Hydropower Company, LLC

Carl Borgquist- President, GB Energy Park and Absaroka Energy

Mona Koerner- Program Manager for Hydropower, Appeals, Legislation and Litigation, U.S. Forest Service

Amy Klein- Regulatory Program Manager, Army Corps of Engineers

William Little- Associate Counsel, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Thomas O'Keefe- Pacific Northwest Stewardship Director, American Whitewater

Discussion on the Practicability of Implementing a Two-Year Process on a Programmatic Scale



- 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?

Discussion on the Practicability of Implementing a Two-Year Process on a Programmatic Scale



- Are there environmental, economic, regulatory, or legal factors that make a two-year process not practicable?



Discussion on the Practicability of Implementing a Two-Year Process on a Programmatic Scale

- Can a two-year process be successfully implemented on a large scale (for multiple projects)?

Discussion on the Practicability of Implementing a Two-Year Process on a Programmatic Scale



- Are there any elements of the existing licensing processes that could be applied in new ways to expedite processing of applications?

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- 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?

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**Written comments are due
by April 14, 2017**

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Thank you!