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 Goldendale Energy Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project

## FERC Approves Construction of First Significant Hydropower Project in Over a Decade

At its January Open Meeting, the Commission unanimously approved construction of the [Goldendale Energy Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project](#) in Washington state, the first project of this magnitude to receive FERC approval in over a decade. The project may deliver 1,200 megawatts of dispatchable capacity to the Pacific Northwest and is designed to generate 3.5 million megawatt hours of power annually.

“I am committed to working with my colleagues to examine how FERC can continue to carry out our responsibilities to efficiently license new and relicense existing generation as quickly as possible.”

- Chairman Laura Swett

[Take a look](#) at all the hydropower items the Commission acted on at its January meeting.

\*Image is from Goldendale Energy Storage LLC.



### FERC Announces Fourth Meeting of the Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative

The Collaborative will discuss the impact of growth on affordability. The [public meeting](#) will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST, at the Westin Downtown Washington hotel in Washington, D.C.

### New & Noteworthy:



#### FERC Staff Issues Environmental Review for Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project

The [draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#) (SEIS) evaluates filings made after the issuance of the final EIS, including new and revised proposed measures, settlements, and mandatory conditions. The deadline for comments on the draft SEIS is **5:00 p.m.** Eastern Standard Time on **Monday, March 2, 2026.**



#### January 2026 Commission Meeting Summaries

Check out the summaries of agenda items from the Commission meeting.

[Summaries](#)

### FERC Events:

- February 11, 2026, 1 pm to 3:30 pm EDT | [Fourth Meeting of the Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative](#)
- February 19, 2026, 10 am EDT | [Commission Meeting](#)

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