

Relicensing process for hydroelectric plants



Overview

The license for our five hydroelectric plants on the Otter Tail River, issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), will expire on November 30, 2021. We need to file a relicensing application by November 30, 2019. The FERC relicensing process will take approximately five years.

As a company, we balance the decisions we make with the impact they have on our friends and neighbors. We're engaging interested stakeholders in the relicensing process as we fulfill our commitments to environmental, economic, and community stewardship.

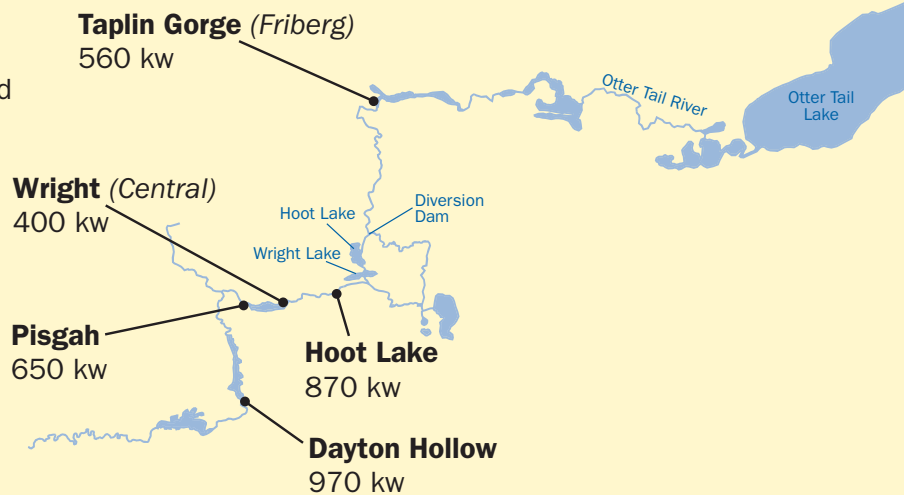
About the hydroelectric plants

Hydroelectric plants are valued for their longevity, reliability, and ability to provide renewable energy.

Our plants on the Otter Tail River have a combined capacity of approximately 3.5 megawatts, and two have been generating electricity for more than a century.

The hydroelectric plants up for relicensing include:

- Dayton Hollow – est. 1909
- Hoot Lake – est. 1914
- Pisgah – est. 1918
- Taplin Gorge (Friberg) – est. 1925
- Wright (Central) – est. 1922



Four ways to connect

1. Visit www.otpc.com/hydro for updates.
2. Sign up for FERC's eSubscription service at www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to receive notifications when new documents are filed into the relicensing record. (Docket number P-10853)
3. Request to be on our mailing list.
4. Provide written comments that FERC considers when reviewing the license application. For instructions, visit www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.

Relicensing process

A license authorizes operation of a hydroelectric plant for 30 to 50 years. The plants' current license was issued on December 5, 1991. A new license authorizes the continued operation of an existing (previously licensed) plant.

We'll soon file a proposal, or Pre-Application Document, with FERC to begin the relicensing process. The proposal will provide important details about the plants, surrounding resources, and how we plan to operate under a new license.


FERC's relicensing process is designed to identify and obtain information FERC will need in our final application, including potential benefits, effects, and recommendations. FERC will seek input from the public and other organizations to:

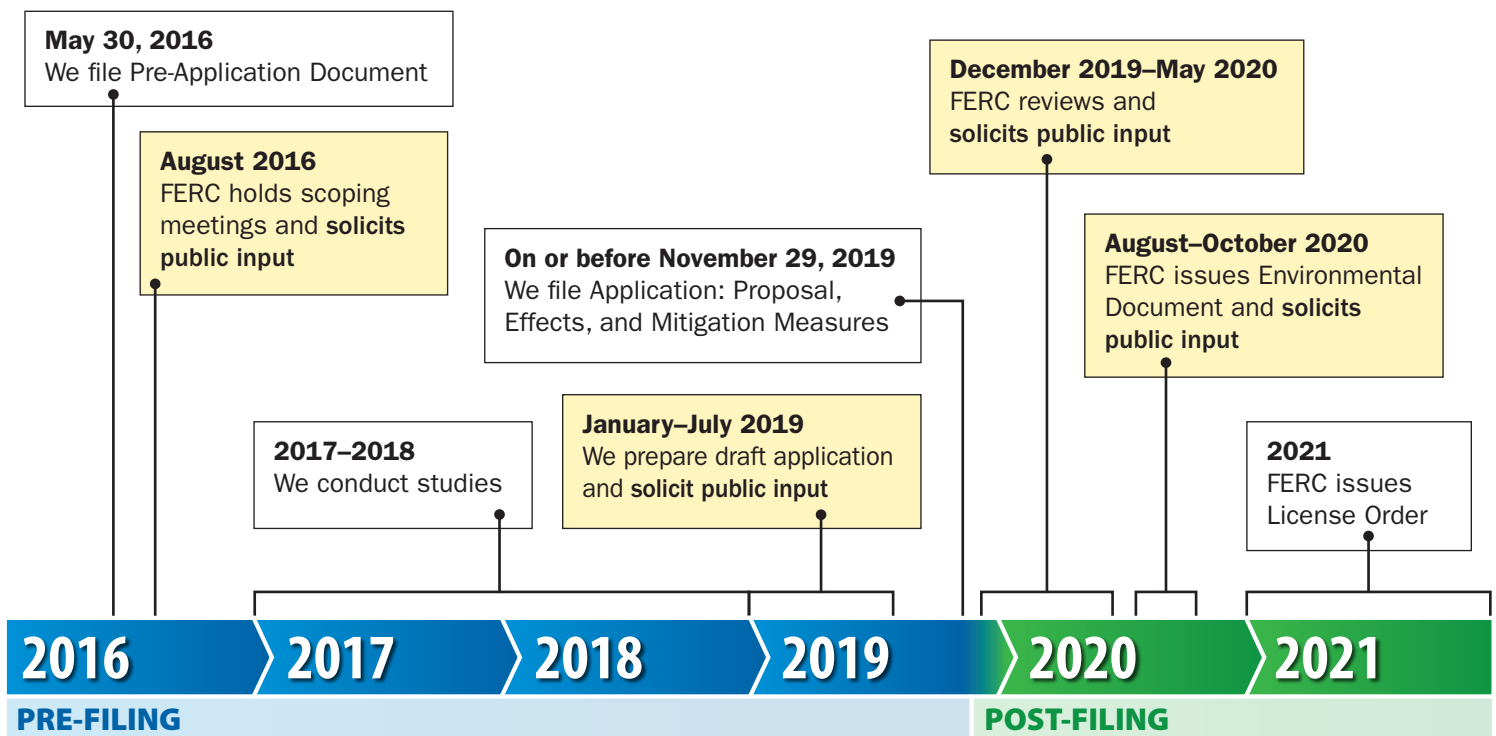
1. Identify environmental issues regarding a proposed or existing project.
2. Determine what studies are needed to better understand these issues.

We'll work with FERC and the public to create a study plan to identify potential effects of the relicensing, and we'll use the results to create the relicensing application.

For a detailed description of the relicensing process, visit www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower.asp.

Timeline

 Opportunity for public input



Dates subject to change

