

# Relicensing process for hydroelectric plants



## Welcome

This open house is an opportunity for you to learn about our relicensing proposal and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process. As the licensee, we're a participant—like everyone else—in this open process. So, whether you live along

the river, use the river recreationally, represent a state or federal agency that oversees water resources, or simply have an opinion on the relicensing, we encourage you to participate.

## Relicensing overview

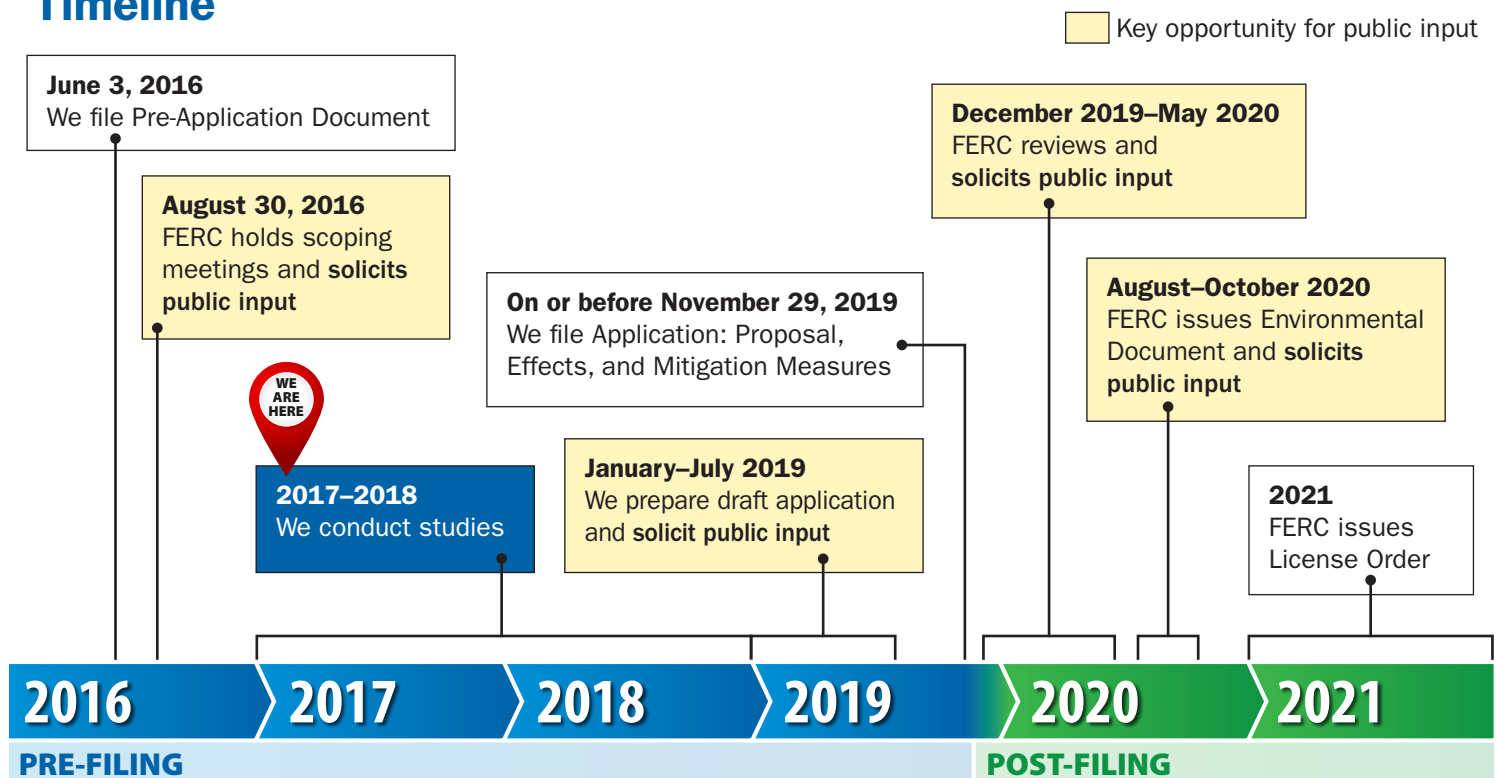
The license for our five hydroelectric plants on the Otter Tail River, issued by FERC, will expire on November 30, 2021. We proposed to relicense the plants as they are today because relicensing is more cost effective for our customers than other options—and because doing so would maintain reservoirs near where customers and community members have built their homes.

We're approximately one year into the five-year FERC relicensing process (as shown below). The process is

designed to identify and obtain information from the public and organizations, including potential benefits, effects, and recommendations. We'll soon begin work on the recently released Study Plan. We'll use the results to create our relicensing application, which we'll file by November 30, 2019. A new license would allow us to continue our current operation for 30 to 50 years.

For more information about the relicensing process, visit [www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower.asp).

## Timeline



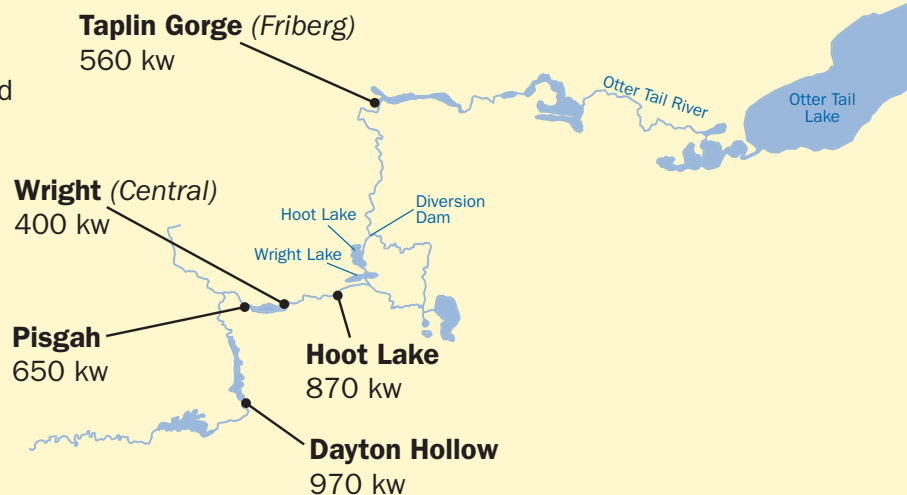
## About the hydroelectric plants

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.



## Participate in this regulatory process

If you feel strongly about your thought or concern, we encourage you to submit a comment into the FERC record. The submittal process is easy—especially since you can do it online. FERC will base its decision in part on the comments and recommendations that people and organizations submit into the FERC record (Docket number P-10853).

- Submit online comments to FERC:  
<https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>
- Subscribe to FERC's eSubscription service to receive notifications when new documents are filed into the relicensing record:  
<https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>
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