

Rock Island Relicensing Early Action Project Development



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Strategic Plan Implementation

The Strategic Plan provides that the District will:

- Identify actions that could result in early action credit in support of 50-year license
- Such actions must be identified and substantially advanced by 2023 to align with relicensing schedule
- Solicit for potential recreational and environmental early actions in 2020
- Provide limited funding (~\$125K) to evaluate/develop potential early actions
- Require commitments from project sponsors whereby they attest to their support for a 50-year license



Early Action Goals

- Obtain support for a 50-year license
- Achieve cost certainty/maintain economic viability
- Maintain and enhance positive community relations
- Implement Strategic Plan
 - Exemplify District's Mission/Vision/Values



Should Chelan PUD make environmental and recreational investments (access to river, parks, trails) along the Rock Island Project prior to formal relicensing in 2028 in order to support a longer (up to 50-year) license term for Rock Island?

82% - YES

Proposed Timeline

January:	Board Presentation, Solicitation Letters Sent
January/February:	Stakeholder Meetings
March:	Letters of Interest Due
March/April:	Chelan PUD Staff Review
May:	Board Presentation/Recommendation (to allocate preliminary study funds)
Mid-2020 to Early 2021:	Early Action Project Development, Conduct Preliminary Studies, Feasibility, etc.
Mid-2021:	Proposals to FERC for Early Action Determination
Late-2021:	Project Decision Point



Early Action Solicitation Process

Q2-2020

Submittals Reviewed and Decision Made for Phase 1 Work/Funding

~\$125K available for initial studies

Q1-2021

Preliminary Studies Completed and Findings Presented

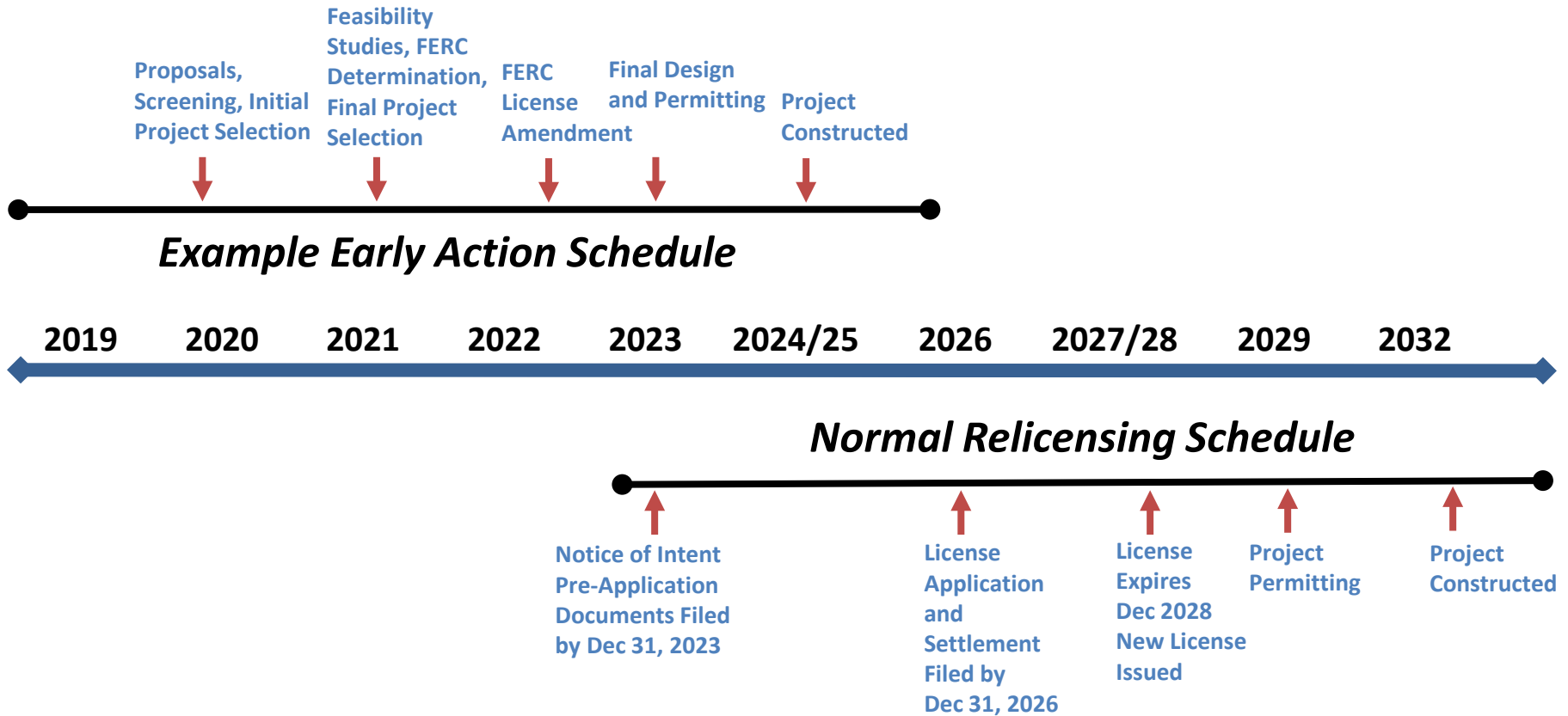
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FERC Determination

Q4-2021

Project Decision Point

Early Action Sample Schedule



This schedule is for illustration purposes only and should be considered draft.

Investment Criteria – Strategic Planning

PUD Criteria

- Action must fall within PUD Legislative Authority and there must be a nexus;
- Financial, economic and risk analysis is performed and supports expected benefit to customer-owners (District Business Case Process);
- Supports District's Mission, Vision and Values (safety, stewardship, trustworthiness, operational excellence, resiliency and innovation);
- Extent of community support for specific proposed action;
- Investment approved by FERC as early action and leads to formal support for 50-year license from a recognized entity; and
- Approved by the PUD Board of Commissioners.



Investment Criteria – Strategic Planning

FERC Criteria

- Existence of a project nexus (is there an impact of existing or ongoing project operations that would be mitigated through this action?);
- Within Rock Island Project Boundary or FERC approved project nexus to add to Project Boundary;
- Must fall within credit for early action statutory criteria with pre-approval by FERC; and
- Appropriate stakeholder support and License Amendment approved by FERC by mid-2023 (project approved prior to formal relicensing process begins).

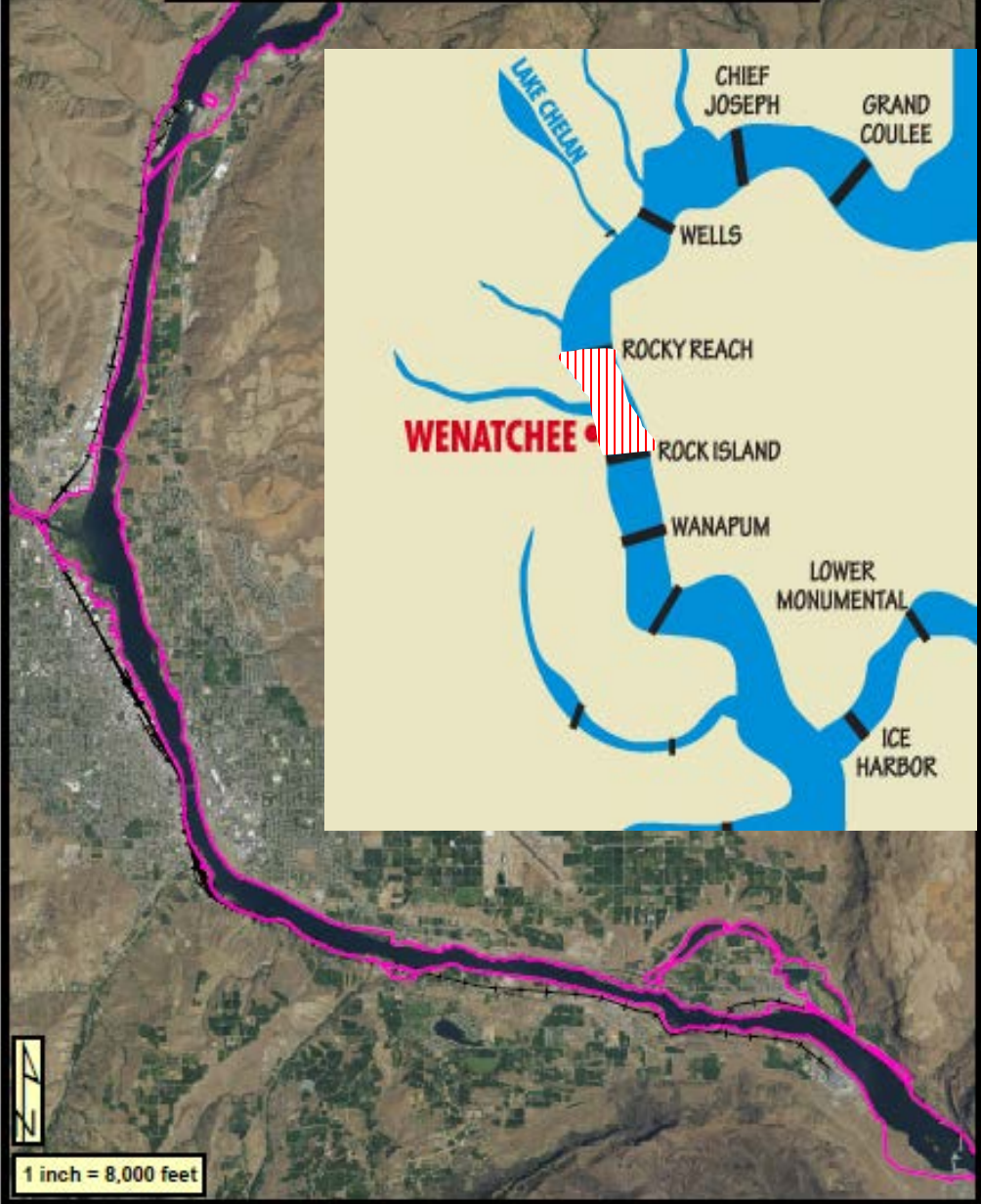
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Top Customer-Owner Criteria (per Strategic Planning Survey)

- Supports economic development;
- Supports environmental stewardship
- Preserves, promotes, and/or supports recreational opportunities and public access



ROCK ISLAND POOL - PROJECT BOUNDARY



Proposed Outreach

The early-action solicitation letter will be sent to parties that served on the relicensing topic team during strategic planning. This list is preliminary and other parties may be added:

- Chelan County / Malaga Community Council
- City of Rock Island
- Audubon Society
- Washington State Parks
- City of Wenatchee
- Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
- Others...



Questions?

