

FERC Project No. 943
Rock Island Hydroelectric Project
Relicensing Update (no decision needed)



**Board of Commissioners
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What is Relicensing?

- A public process, required by the Federal Power Act, to evaluate resources associated with the Project, including:

- ✓ fish and wildlife
- ✓ flood control
- ✓ power generation
- ✓ cultural resources
- ✓ recreation
- ✓ other aspects of environmental quality

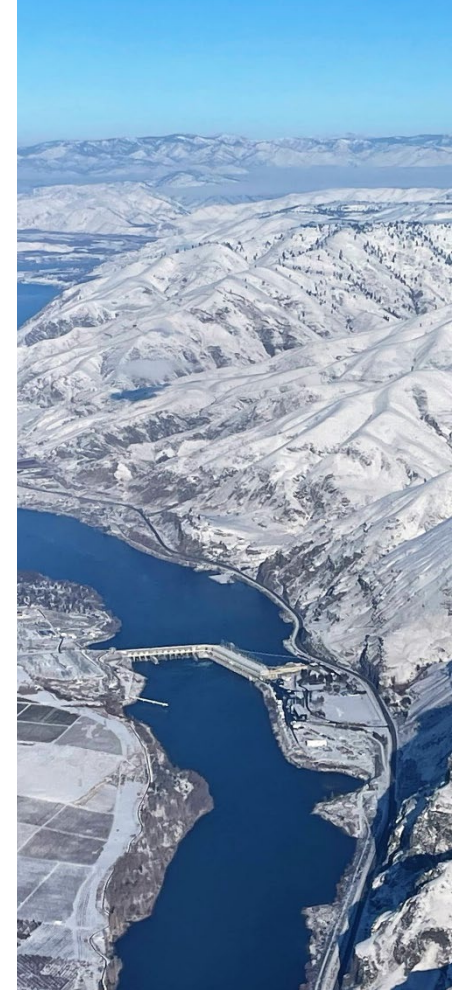


- Chelan PUD's relicensing objectives:
 - ✓ Incorporate our values into the relicensing process (safety, stewardship, trustworthiness, & operational excellence)
 - ✓ Address Project impacts while preserving economic stability
 - ✓ Engage with Participants, strengthening relationships
- Formal FERC process begins 5 to 5.5 years before license expiration, but coordination often begins earlier



Preparation to Date

- This is Rock Island's 3rd License
 - ✓ The current license (the 2nd) is a "modern" license
 - ✓ Chelan PUD has 68 years of experience operating this Project
- The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Salmon and Steelhead
 - ✓ Adaptive management approach
 - ✓ Added to the current license in 2004
 - ✓ Extends through 2054
- Relicensing Early Engagement from 2021 - present:
 - ✓ 62 Meetings and outreach efforts
 - ✓ 134 Non-District participants from 43 entities
 - ✓ 6 Formal studies, 3 evaluations
- Early Action
 - ✓ Rock Island Powerhouse and Spillway Modernizations
 - ✓ Potential Malaga Waterfront Park & Other Recreation Amenities (Riverfront)



Work to Come

Formal Relicensing begins on December 15, 2023 with submittal of the Pre-Application Document (PAD) and Notice of Intent (NOI)



ROCK ISLAND PROJECT INTEGRATED LICENSING PROCESS (ILP)

DATES ARE DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT BY FERC

2024 SCHEDULE



LEGEND



CHELAN PUD TASK



FERC TASK



FORMAL STAKEHOLDER COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SCHEDULES DO NOT INCLUDE POTENTIAL STUDY DISPUTES PROCESSES, NOR VOLITIONAL TWG ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

2024 – ILP Study Criteria

FERC requires study requests include the:

- 1) Goals and Objectives
- 2) Relevant Resource Management Goals and
- 3) Relevant Public Interest Considerations
- 4) Existing Information and Need for Additional Information
- 5) Project Nexus
- 6) Proposed Methodology
- 7) Level of Effort and Cost



[A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING THE STUDY CRITERIA \(ferc.gov\)](https://www.ferc.gov)



Summary

- This month we enter relicensing for Rock Island's third license with much in place
- There are five years ahead, with next year's focus on issue identification and study selection
- Studies will be selected based on FERC's study criteria



Questions? Comments?

Additional Information
www.chelanpud.org/newlicense

