



ROCK ISLAND PROJECT

RELICENSING

OVERVIEW

Most non-federal hydroelectric projects in the United States operate under licenses issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). An original hydropower license authorizes the construction and operation of a project for a term of up to 50 years. Relicensing is the process to renew an existing (previously licensed) project. The license term upon relicensing is 30 to 50 years.



The Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (Chelan PUD) has an existing license for the Rock Island Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 943 (Project) that expires in 2028. The next license will be the Project's third license. Obtaining a new operating license requires Chelan PUD to complete a multi-year application process and file a final license application on or before December 31, 2026. The official relicensing process begins with Chelan PUD filing a Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document (PAD) no later than December 31, 2023.

Beginning in late 2021, Chelan PUD is initiating an early and voluntary stakeholder engagement process in support of the Rock Island Project relicensing process. Chelan PUD proposes to work closely with all relicensing participants, including federal and state resource agencies, Native American Tribes, local governmental entities, conservation advocates, and other stakeholders (including individuals), in an effort to help inform Chelan PUD's development of the PAD and identify issues and data gaps that may require study during relicensing. This early engagement is intended to result in Chelan PUD identifying, and potentially implementing, some studies prior to the official FERC relicensing process to both inform the PAD and support the official FERC relicensing process.

A relicensing process requires licensees and FERC to look at an array of public resources related to a licensed hydropower project, including both developmental (e.g., power generation, irrigation, flood control, and water supply) and non-developmental resources (e.g., fish and wildlife resources, cultural, and other environmental resources).

Chelan PUD encourages all stakeholders to participate in the Rock Island Project relicensing process. For more information on how to get involved in this relicensing, review [FERC's guide](#) on participating in a relicensing.

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The Rock Island Relicensing webpage includes facts about the Rock Island Project, including its history, operations, facilities, and location. The webpage also features important dates, access to relicensing documents and associated links to provide comments, and contact information for Chelan PUD relicensing staff.

