

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2669-085 – Massachusetts  
Bear Swamp Project  
Bear Swamp Power Company, LLC

**Subject: Revised Process Plan and Schedule**

To All Interested Parties:

On June 1, 2015, Commission staff issued a process plan and schedule under the Integrated Licensing Process for Bear Swamp Power Company LLC's (Bear Swamp) Bear Swamp Project No. 2669.<sup>1</sup> The process plan and schedule set pre-filing milestones and deadlines for, among other things, filing study reports, requesting modifications to approved study plans, filing a preliminary licensing proposal (or draft license application), and filing the final license application.

On October 30, 2015, Commission staff issued a study plan determination (SPD) for the Bear Swamp Project. Bear Swamp filed its Initial Study Report (ISR) for the 19 studies required by the SPD on October 31, 2016. As required in section 5.15 of the Commission's regulations, the ISR described Bear Swamp's progress implementing the approved study plan, an explanation of variances from the study plan and a schedule. Of the 19 studies required by the SPD, only five completed studies were included in the ISR and specific dates for completing and filing the outstanding studies were not provided.<sup>2</sup>

On November 10, 2016, Commission staff issued a letter requiring Bear Swamp to file a schedule for completing and filing reports for the 14 studies not included in the ISR. On November 18, 2016, Bear Swamp filed a letter indicating that it would file reports for 11 of the 14 studies on March 31, 2017, and the three remaining studies on September 30, 2017.

The attached revised process plan and schedule for the Bear Swamp Project establishes schedules for commenting on the reports for the 14 studies. In order for the Commission to document that Bear Swamp is making adequate progress towards completion of the studies, Bear Swamp must file progress reports on the status of each of

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix B of Scoping Document 2 contains the process plan and schedule for licensing the project.

<sup>2</sup> The Initial Study Report included final reports for studies 3, 11, 14, 15, and 17.

the outstanding studies on February 28, 2017, and every 60 days thereafter until all 14 outstanding studies are completed.

If you have any questions, please contact John Baummer at (202) 502-6837 or [john.baummer@ferc.gov](mailto:john.baummer@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

Vince Yearick  
Director  
Division of Hydropower Licensing

Attachment: Revised Process Plan and Schedule  
cc: Mailing List, Public Files

## REVISED PROCESS PLAN AND SCHEDULE

The process plan and schedule include a list of pre-filing milestones, but do not include all post-filing milestones that will be needed to process the final license application. Shaded milestones are unnecessary if there are no study disputes. If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the following business day. Early filings or issuances will not result in changes to these deadlines.

<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>FERC Regulation</b>
Bear Swamp	Filed Initial Study Report. Final Study Report for Studies 3, 11, 14, 15 and 17	10/29/16	5.15(c)
All Stakeholders	Study Report Meeting	11/13/16	5.15(c)(2)
Bear Swamp	Filed Study Report Meeting Summary	11/28/16	5.15(c)(3)
All Stakeholders	File Disputes/Requests to Amend Study Plan	12/28/16	5.15(c)(4)
All Stakeholders	Response to Disputes/Amendment Requests Due	1/27/17	5.15(c)(5)
FERC	Directors Determination on Disputes/Amendments	2/26/17	5.15(c)(6)
Bear Swamp	File Final Study Report for Studies 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 16, 18, and 19	3/31/17	5.15(c)
All Stakeholders	Study Report Meeting – <i>3/31/17 Study Report</i>	4/15/17	5.15(c)(2)
Bear Swamp	File Study Report Meeting Summary – <i>3/31/17 Study Report</i>	4/30/17	5.15(c)(3)
All Stakeholders	File Disputes/Requests to Amend Study Plan – <i>3/31/17 Study Report</i>	5/30/17	5.15(c)(4)
All Stakeholders	Response to Disputes/Amendment Requests Due – <i>3/31/17 Study Report</i>	6/29/17	5.15(c)(5)
FERC	Directors Determination on Disputes/Amendments – <i>3/31/17 Study Report</i>	7/29/17	5.15(c)(6)
Bear Swamp	File Final Study Report for Studies 6, 9, and 12	9/30/17	5.15(c) 5.15(f)

<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>FERC Regulation</b>
All Stakeholders	Study Report Meeting – 9/30/2017 <i>Study Report</i>	10/15/17	5.15(c)(2)
Bear Swamp	File Study Report Meeting Summary – 9/30/17 <i>Study Report</i>	10/30/17	5.15(c)(3)
All Stakeholders	File Disputes/Requests to Amend Study Plan – 9/30/17 <i>Study Report</i>	11/29/17	5.15(c)(4)
All Stakeholders	Response to Disputes/Amendment Requests Due – 9/30/17 <i>Study Report</i>	12/29/17	5.15(c)(5)
FERC	Directors Determination on Disputes/Amendments – 9/30/17 <i>Study Report</i>	1/28/18	5.15(c)(6)
Bear Swamp	Updated Study Report due	10/30/17	5.15(f)
All stakeholders	Updated Study Report Meeting	11/13/17	5.15(f)
Bear Swamp	Updated Study Report Meeting Summary	11/28/17	5.15(f)
All stakeholders	Any Disputes/Requests to Amend Study Plan Due	12/28/17	5.15(f)
All stakeholders	Responses to Disputes/Amendment Requests Due	1/27/18	5.15(f)
FERC	Director's Determination on Disputes/Amendments	2/26/18	5.15(f)
Bear Swamp	File Preliminary Licensing Proposal	11/1/17	5.16(a)
All stakeholders	Preliminary Licensing Proposal Comments Due	1/30/18	5.16(e)
Bear Swamp	File Final License Application	3/31/18	5.17
Bear Swamp	Issue Public Notice of License Application Filing	4/14/18	5.17(d)(2)