

Activity	Comment	Code of Federal Regulations (CFR Title 18)	Date, Many Approximate
NorthWestern files Final License Application	2 years before license expiration	§5.17	Dec 29, 2023
FERC issues Tendering Notice and Schedule	14 days after FLA filed	§5.19	Jan 12, 2024
FERC issues deficiency notice (if necessary)	30 days after FLA filed	§5.20	None issued
FERC Licensing staff issue Additional Information Request (AIR)		§5.21	Feb 26, 2024
FERC D2SI staff issue AIR		§5.21	March 22, 2024
NorthWestern files response to AIRs with request for an extension of time		§5.21	May 23, 2024
NorthWestern files response to AIRs		§5.21	Nov 19, 2024
FERC issues Notice of Acceptance/Ready for Environmental Analysis Notice (REA)	Target date	§5.22	Jan 2025
Comments, interventions, and preliminary recommendations and agency conditions and prescriptions due	60 days after REA	§5.23	March 2025
401 Water Quality Certification Request submitted by the Applicant	No later than 60 days after REA	§5.23	March 2025
Applicant files Comments on Agency Conditions	105 days from REA	§5.23	April 2025
FERC Issues NEPA Document	120 days from REA	§5.24, 5.25	May 2025
Comments on NEPA Document Due	No more than 60 days	§5.23	July 2025
FWS issues ESA BO, if needed	Target date		Sept 2025
Modified recommendations, agency conditions and prescriptions due	No later than 60 days from NEPA document comment due date	§5.24, 5.25	Sept 2025
FERC Issues Final NEPA Document	Target date	§5.24, 5.25	Dec 2025
Thompson Falls Project FERC License Expires			Dec 2025
FERC Licensing Decision	Target date		Feb 2026