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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
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**Subject: Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 3015, Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License and Pre-Application Document; Request for Designation of Non-Federal Representative; Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process; and Proposed Joint Agency Meeting and Site Visit**

Dear Secretary Reese;

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (16 United States Code § 808(b)) and Section 5.5 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) (Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations [18 CFR] § 5.5), Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA), Licensee of the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 3015 (Tyee Lake Project or Project), hereby files its Notice of Intent (NOI) to seek a new license for the Project. The Project is located at the head of Bradfield Canal, approximately 40 miles southeast of the City of Wrangell, Alaska. The Project operates on a FERC license that was issued on August 5, 1981, and expires on July 31, 2031.

Concurrently with this filing, SEAPA is also filing, pursuant to Section 5.6 of the Commission's regulations, a Pre-Application Document (PAD) for the relicensing of the Project.

SEAPA believes FERC's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) is the most efficient process for the Project relicensing, and SEAPA has included a formal request pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.3 to use the TLP as an attachment to this letter. A copy of correspondence with agencies associated with use of the TLP request is included in the attached consultation record. All parties may submit comments to FERC regarding SEAPA's request to use the TLP within 30 days (by May 28, 2026).

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.5(e), SEAPA hereby requests the following authorizations:

- Designation as the non-federal representative under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations under 50 CFR § 402 to undertake consultation with applicable federal and state agencies regarding federally threatened and endangered species that may be affected by the Project.

- Designation as the non-federal representative under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the implementing regulations under 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(4) to undertake consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and appropriate, federally recognized Alaska Native Tribes.

If granted the authority to use the TLP, pursuant to 18 CFR § 16.8(b) SEAPA will hold a Joint Agency Public Meeting and Project site visit within 30 to 60 days after FERC notices the NOI and PAD. In accordance with the schedule presented in Section 2.0 of the PAD, FERC will likely issue a notice of commencement of proceeding on or about June 29, 2026. By approximately July 13, 2026, SEAPA will provide public notice with the date, time, and location of the Joint Agency Public Meeting and site visit. SEAPA is planning to hold the meeting and site visit at the end of July 2026.

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.5 and § 16.8 of the Commission's regulations, the NOI and PAD are being simultaneously distributed to agencies and stakeholders listed in the attached Distribution List, which includes applicable resource agencies, local governments, Alaska Native Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and additional identified potential licensing parties. Parties with interest in the upcoming licensing can download an electronic copy of the NOI, PAD, and Request to Use the TLP from SEAPA's relicensing website at <https://www.tyeelakerelicensing.com/>, or from FERC's eLibrary system at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> by conducting a search using the docket number "P-3015." In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.2, a copy of the NOI and PAD is also available for review at SEAPA's office located at 55 Don Finney Lane, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, by appointment only.

SEAPA looks forward to working with FERC and other interested parties on the Project relicensing. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please contact Betsy McGregor at 907-885-3418 or [betsy.mcgregor@kleinschmidtgroup.com](mailto:betsy.mcgregor@kleinschmidtgroup.com).

Sincerely,

Southeast Alaska Power Agency

Mark Hilson  
Project Manager

Attachments:

- Distribution List
- Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process
- Agency Consultation
- Notice of Intent (FERC No. 3015)
- Pre-Application Document (FERC No. 3015)

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## **Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process**

## **REQUEST TO USE THE TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS TYEE LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC NO. 3015)**

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii), Southeast Alaska Power Agency (“SEAPA” or “Licensee”) hereby requests use of the Traditional Licensing Process (“TLP”) for the licensing of the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project (“Project”).

SEAPA believes that the TLP will be in the best interest of FERC and all relicensing participants, achieving the goals of efficient, thorough, and fair consideration of all relicensing matters. We address below the following considerations to justify our request to use the TLP.

### **1.0 LIKELIHOOD OF TIMELY LICENSE ISSUANCE [18 CFR § 5.3(C)(1)(II)(A)]**

The likelihood of timely license issuance is high due to previous stakeholder communications related to the January 2025 capacity-related license amendment application, and the fact that there are limited resource issues identified around the Project area.

The likelihood of timely license issuance is also high because the Licensee has committed to timely execution of the TLP process in accordance with the relicensing process, plan, and schedule (as outlined in the Pre-Application Document [PAD]).

### **2.0 COMPLEXITY OF THE RESOURCE ISSUES [18 CFR § 5.3(C)(1)(II)(B)]**

The resource issues anticipated at the Project are limited and not expected to be complex. The Project footprint is small, located in a remote and relatively isolated area with limited recreational use. The reservoir is a natural deep lake located in steep, rugged terrain upstream of a natural fish passage barrier. A resident Arctic Grayling population occurs in the lake due to Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) stocking efforts in the 1960s. The lake outlet, Tyee Creek, is non-fish bearing. Based on a search of the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey database, there are no potential historic or eligible historic properties documented within at least 0.5 mile of the Project Boundary.

Further, the Licensee is not planning to propose any major changes to the Project or its operation as part of this relicensing other than proposing to lower the minimum draft limit of Tyee Lake from 1,250 feet to 1,235 feet mean lower low water. The additional 15 feet of drawdown would not likely be used every year. Due to the natural, deep, and steep-sided nature of Tyee Lake, SEAPA has not identified significant environmental concerns related to a lower draft limit, including potential effects to the grayling population.

On April 14, 2026, FERC approved SEAPA’s capacity-related amendment application to increase the generating capacity from 22.5 megawatts (MW) to 33.75 MW by installing a third turbine and generator unit in an existing unutilized turbine bay. The Tyee Lake powerhouse was originally constructed with provisions for the third turbine for the purpose of later installation when needed to meet the energy demand, and thus there would be minimal construction related to installation and minimal impact to environmental

resources. SEAPA intends to install the third unit in fall 2027. SEAPA will begin implementing the Tailrace Scour and Deposition Monitoring Plan and the Hidden Creek Flow Monitoring Plan in spring 2026 to document baseline conditions for the evaluation of potential changes from operation of the third turbine unit to the tailrace and Hidden Creek flows, respectively.

On April 1, 2026, SEAPA distributed a draft non-capacity amendment application for public comment to exclude the transmission line extending from the Tyee Lake powerhouse switchyard to the Wrangell and Petersburg substations from the FERC Project Boundary. As a result of the construction of the Swan-Tyee Intertie, the transmission line extending from Tyee to Petersburg no longer meets the definition of “primary” transmission as defined by the Federal Power Act. Exclusion of the non-primary transmission line from the FERC Project Boundary is ministerial and non-discretionary. Accordingly, the Project area considered in this PAD consists of the non-transmission portion of the Project Boundary and includes Tyee Creek, Hidden Creek, and the marine environment in Bradfield Canal. The draft application is currently under stakeholder review. A final non-capacity amendment application will be submitted to FERC in June 2026.

### **3.0 LEVEL OF ANTICIPATED CONTROVERSY [18 CFR § 5.3(C)(1)(II)(C)]**

SEAPA held an initial outreach meeting attended by representatives from ADF&G, United States Forest Service, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service on December 9, 2025, to review the relicensing process and schedule. Recent consultation regarding SEAPA’s capacity amendment to install and operate the third turbine unit and its non-capacity amendment to exclude the non-primary transmission line from the FERC Project boundary has not identified controversial issues. SEAPA will continue to engage agencies and other interested parties in consultation throughout the relicensing process.

### **4.0 RELATIVE COST OF THE TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS COMPARED TO THE INTEGRATED LICENSING PROCESS [18 CFR § 5.3(C)(1)(II)(D)]**

The flexible nature and timelines of the TLP would allow SEAPA to work cooperatively with resource agencies and stakeholders to develop information necessary to resolve any issues that may arise. This flexibility is anticipated to aid consensus-building and therefore reduce relicensing timelines and costs. We expect that the flexible timeline of the TLP will aid federal agencies in their ability to consult in the Project relicensing.

### **5.0 THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT DISPUTES OVER STUDIES [18 CFR § 5.3(C)(1)(II)(E)]**

The 2016 Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and FERC’s January 22, 2026 Environmental Assessment in support of the installation of the third turbine/generator unit provide baseline environmental data for the Project area. SEAPA will work with the resource agencies and stakeholders on data collection efforts to address any resource concerns associated with the Project. SEAPA does not anticipate any significant dispute to arise from the resource agencies or other stakeholders. Should

a significant dispute arise during the process, SEAPA would initiate FERC's dispute resolution process outlined in 18 CFR § 16.8(b)(6)(i).

## **6.0 OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS [18 CFR § 5.3(C)(1)(II)(F)]**

SEAPA does not propose significant changes to Project operation as part of this relicensing other than proposing to lower the minimum draft limit of Tyee Lake from 1,250 feet to 1,235 feet, which is not anticipated to have significant environmental impacts.

Additionally, resource agencies involved in the relicensing process have a baseline knowledge of the Project because of SEAPA's consultation efforts during the filing of the 2025 capacity amendment application, just a year prior to filing this Notice of Intent (NOI) and PAD.

For all the foregoing reasons, SEAPA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request and authorize SEAPA to use the TLP for the relicensing of the Project.

As required by 18 CFR § 5.3(d)(1), SEAPA is concurrently providing copies of this request to all affected resource agencies, Alaska Native Tribes, and other potentially interested parties. Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.3(d)(1), comments on SEAPA's request to use the TLP must be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the filing date of this request. As required by 18 CFR § 5.3(d)(2), SEAPA is publishing notice of this request simultaneously with the publication of notice of availability of the NOI and PAD in the Wrangell Sentinel, the Petersburg Pilot, and the Ketchikan Daily News, newspapers in general circulation in the Project location.

## **Agency Consultation**

### Tyee Lake (FERC No. 3015) Agency Consultation Summary

| Number | Date       | Sender & Recipient                            | Type of Correspondence / Consultation Event                                                                                                                                                                 | Document Type        |
|--------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 01     | 11/21/2025 | Relicensing Team to Interested Parties        | Initial outreach to introduce Project, propose meeting times, request meeting availability in a poll                                                                                                        | Email                |
| 02     | 12/5/2025  | Relicensing Team to Interested Parties        | Invitation to SEAPA (Tyee Lake and Swan Lake) Proposed License Amendments and Relicensings Meeting                                                                                                          | Email                |
| 03     | 12/9/2025  | Relicensing Team to Interested Parties        | SEAPA (Tyee Lake and Swan Lake) Proposed License Amendments and Relicensings Meeting                                                                                                                        | Microsoft PowerPoint |
| 04     | 12/9/2025  | Relicensing Team to Interested Parties        | SEAPA (Tyee Lake and Swan Lake) Proposed License Amendments and Relicensings Meeting Summary                                                                                                                | Microsoft Word       |
| 05     | 12/10/2025 | Relicensing Team to 12/9/25 meeting attendees | Relicensing Team providing PowerPoint slides from the meeting to attendees                                                                                                                                  | Email                |
| 06     | 4/1/2026   | SEAPA Team to Interested Parties              | Draft Non-Capacity Amendment to Modify Project Boundary documents provided for agency review                                                                                                                | Email                |
| 07     | 4/7/2026   | NMFS to Relicensing Team                      | NMFS informed relicensing team that they do not plan to engage further on the Project                                                                                                                       | Email                |
| 08     | 4/13/26    | Relicensing Team to Interested Parties        | Tyee Lake Project status update, request support for Traditional License Process, gage interest in a Pre-Application Document (PAD)-focused meeting, request for baseline information and resources for PAD | Email                |

| Number | Date      | Sender & Recipient        | Type of Correspondence / Consultation Event                                               | Document Type |
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| 09     | 4/17/2026 | Relicensing Team to ADF&G | ADF&G support for TLP; ADF&G relicensing process questions and relicensing team responses | Email         |
| 10     | 4/21/2026 | ADNR to Relicensing Team  | ADNR stated they have no information to provide to relicensing team                       | Email         |

**From:** [Betsy McGregor](#)  
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Greetings.

Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) owns and operates the Swan Lake (P-2911) and Tyee Lake (P-3015), hydroelectric projects located in the vicinity of Ketchikan and Wrangell, respectively. The hydroelectric projects are operated under separate licenses issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

SEAPA is in the process of or about to begin concurrent FERC license processes for these projects. On behalf of SEAPA, we would like to hold an introductory online meeting/call with agency representatives in the mid-December timeframe. The purpose of meeting is to:

1. Introduce the projects;
2. Describe the non-capacity amendments to remove the transmission lines from the FERC project boundaries;
3. Describe the overall relicensing processes and schedules; and
4. Discuss a potential lower lake draft limit for each project involving variance requests.

We have created a doodle poll to select the optimal meeting time on December 9, 10 or 11. Please complete the poll at the link below by December 1. We will send out a Teams meeting invite after the poll has been completed, followed by an agenda and meeting materials.

<https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/epV36DNb>

If you have any questions about the projects or issues completing the poll, please contact me. Please forward this email to other relevant agency staff as appropriate.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process. We look forward to meeting with you.

Regards,  
Betsy

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SEAPA is in the process of or about to begin concurrent FERC license processes for these projects. SEAPA is holding a virtual introductory meeting via Microsoft Teams on **December 9 at 10 am to 11 am Alaska time** for agency and tribal stakeholders. The purpose of meeting is to:

1. Introduce the projects;
2. Describe the non-capacity amendments to remove non-primary transmission lines from the FERC project boundaries; and
3. Describe the overall relicensing processes and schedules.

If you are interested in attending the Teams meeting, please click on the link below.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 210 557 516 733 72

Passcode: 8c6Q89sa

You can also attend via telephone.

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Please forward this email to other relevant stakeholders as appropriate.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process. We look forward to meeting with you.

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# Swan Lake and Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Projects (P-2911, P-3015)

Proposed License Amendments  
Overview Meeting

December 9, 2025

Tyee Lake

Swan Lake



# Meeting Purpose and Agenda

- **Overview of SEAPA's electrical system**
- **Proposed non-capacity amendments**
  - Removal of the non-primary transmission lines from the FERC project boundaries
  - Proposed amendment schedule
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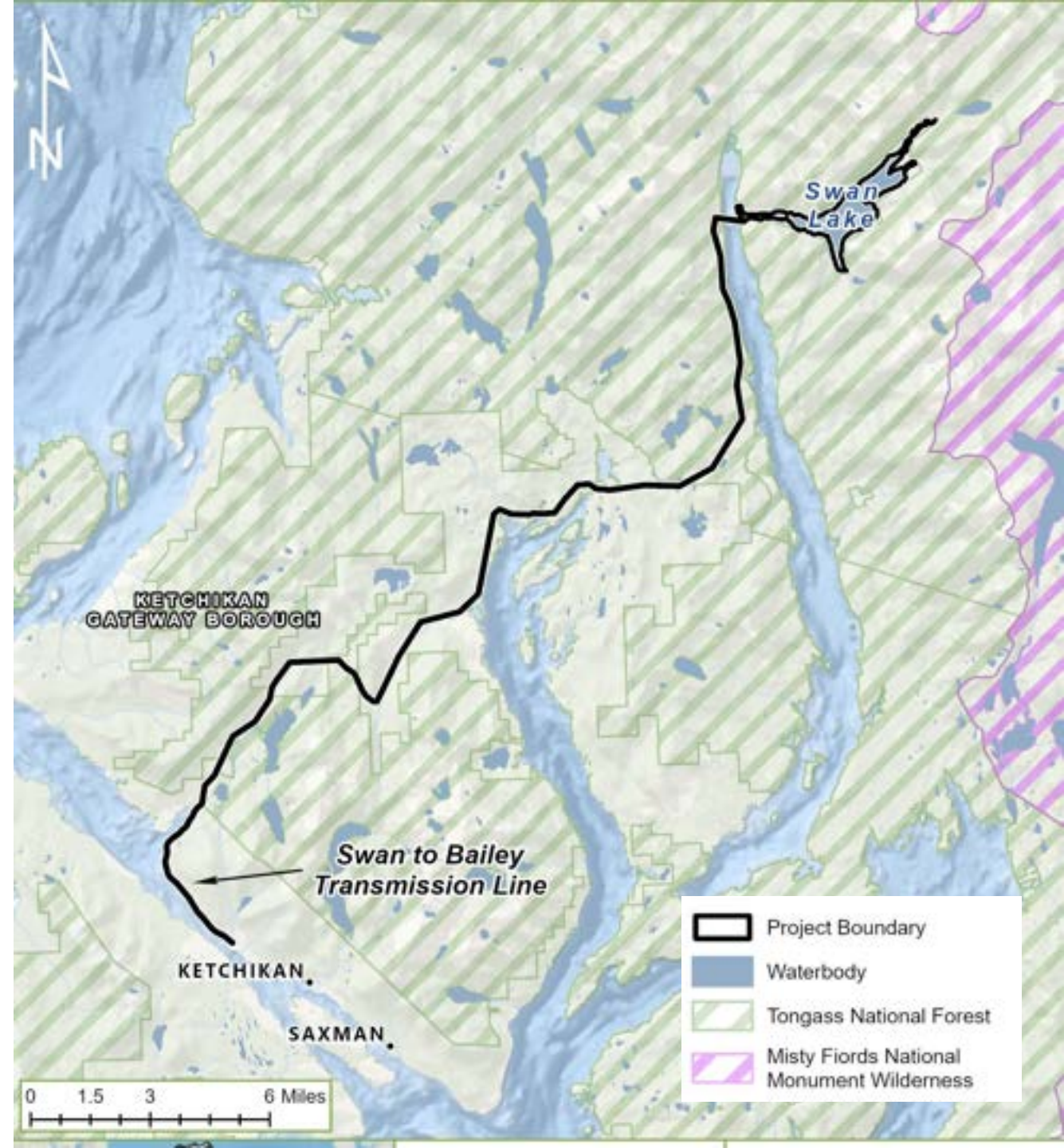
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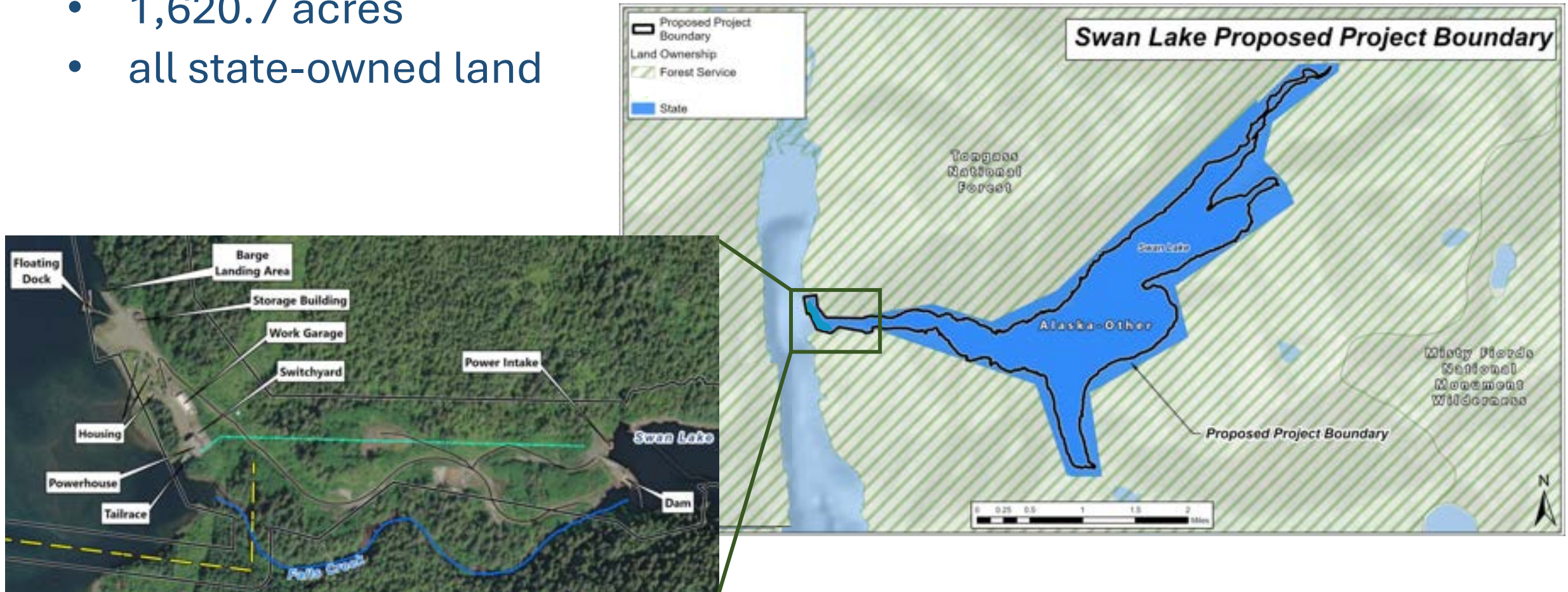


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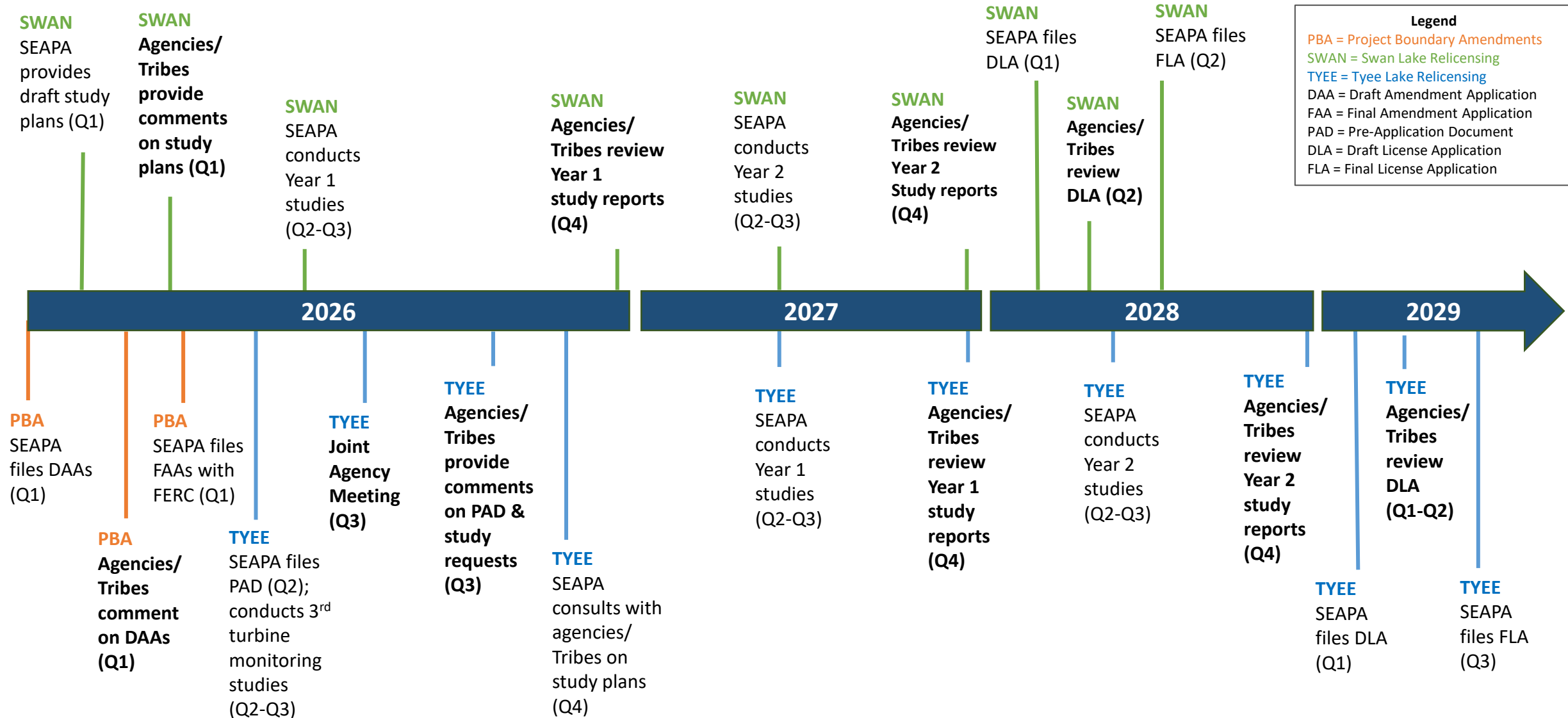
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**Questions?**

**Thank you**



## **Meeting: Proposed License Amendments Overview for Swan Lake and Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Projects**

Date: December 9, 2025, 10am to 11am AKST

### **Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project Relicensing, FERC License No. 2911; and Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project Relicensing, FERC License No. 3015**

#### **ATTENDEE LIST**

Mark Hilson, P.E., Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) Project Manager  
Laura Cowan, Senior Regulatory Consultant, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Finlay Anderson, Principal Consultant, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Betsy McGregor, Senior Scientist and Regulatory Consultant, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Carissa Shoemaker, Licensing Coordinator, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Ann Marie Lariquer, Statewide FERC Hydropower Coordinator, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)  
Carol Mahara, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Gina Esposito, Supervisory Archaeologist Tongass National Forest, U.S. Forest Service (USFS)  
Jason Hass, Sportfish and Streamflow, ADFG  
Joel Jackson, President of Organized Village of Kake  
John Morgan Stanton, Archaeologist, USFS  
Karl Hagerman, Utility Director, Petersburg Municipal Power and Light  
Lacey Simpson, City Manager for Ketchikan and Ketchikan Public Utilities

#### **MEETING PURPOSE AND AGENDA**

##### **Finlay Anderson**

Finlay Anderson explained the agenda and purpose of the meeting. Overview of SEAPA's electrical system; proposed non-capacity amendments; explain concurrent FERC processes.

*<Introductions of the attendees listed above>*

## SEAPA'S SERVICE AREA AND GENERATION SYSTEM

### Mark Hilson

Mark Hilson introduced SEAPA, the service area, and generation system including the Swan-Tyee Intertie. Mark introduced the Swan Lake and Tyee Lake Projects.

## PROPOSED NON-CAPACITY AMENDMENTS

### Betsy McGregor

Betsy McGregor described the difference between Federal Power Act "primary" and "non-primary" transmission lines for both Projects. SEAPA would like to exclude the transmission lines from the FERC Project Boundaries with non-capacity amendments. No changes in ownership or management of transmission lines or right-of-ways. Both Project's boundaries would end at their respective switchyards, adjacent to the powerhouses.

Carol Mahara and Betsy McGregor discussed the duration of the Projects' federal special use permits. The permits coincide with the duration of the current FERC license and expire when the license does. There will be a parallel process during relicensing to also renew the federal permits, but the permits will no longer be tied to FERC.

Joel Jackson asked if the village of Kake has been considered for connection to SEAPA's electric grid. Mark Hilson will connect with Joel separately to discuss further.

Gina Esposito and Finlay Anderson discussed how transmission line removal from the Project Boundary is not considered an "undertaking" for Section 106 because it is administrative. The team will share the letter that the Solomon Gulch (Valdez, Alaska) Project received earlier this year as an example of a similar process. There have been verbal discussions with FERC, but nothing in writing yet, that indicate the Swan and Tyee Lake Projects would follow a similar process to Solomon Gulch.

## CONCURRENT FERC LICENSE PROCESSES AND OVERALL SCHEDULE

### Laura Cowan

Laura Cowan summarized FERC relicensing process for Swan Lake: next steps, study plans, study implementation, Draft License Application (DLA), and Final License

Application (FLA). Laura will provide the slides to the meeting attendees, for reference.

Laura summarized the relicensing process and monitoring activities for Tyee Lake: early agency consultation, Pre-Application Document, studies for monitoring third turbine, Joint Agency Meeting, study planning, study implementation, DLA, and FLA.

Laura shared the overall schedule of the FERC licensing processes for the project boundary amendments, Swan milestones, and Tyee milestones. Items where agencies are involved are bolded.

Carol Mahara noted that USFWS did not comment on the PAD or proposed study plans yet, as the comment period ended during the government shutdown, but they do intend to be engaged.

Carol Mahara, Mark Hilson, and Betsy McGregor discussed the status of the third turbine at the Tyee powerhouse. FERC should be issuing the environmental assessment by Jan 20, 2026. This will start a 30-day comment period. SEAPA has contracted Canyon Hydro to build the third turbine. SEAPA hopes to install and commission the turbine in late 2027 or early 2028. Monitoring studies happening in 2026 would be pre-installation; studies in 2028-2029 would be post-installation, as environmental conditions allow.

Anne Marie Lariquer and Laura Cowan discussed the processes and timelines for the transmission line removal for both Projects. Initially, for Swan Lake, the transmission line was proposed for removal as part of the relicensing. However, now that SEAPA has discussed it with FERC, SEAPA has gained confidence that the best path forward is to apply for non-capacity amendments for both Projects to remove the transmission lines from the project boundaries before relicensing occurs.

Finlay Anderson explained that the decision was made early on that the Tyee third turbine would be added via a license amendment process rather than during relicensing to expedite the addition of energy to the SEAPA generation system.

Ann Marie Lariquer and Laura Cowan discussed study plans that are being developed. For both Projects, a lake drawdown feasibility study plan is being

developed. For Swan Lake, there are also wetland and botanical study plans being developed.

Mark Hilson thanked everyone and let the group know they can reach out to anyone on the team as questions come up.

Meeting adjourned.

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Hello,

Thank you for joining us yesterday, December 9, to discuss the Swan Lake and Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Projects. Attached for your reference is yesterday's PowerPoint presentation and the FERC letter for the Solomon Gulch Project (FERC No. 2742) that we used as an example.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Carissa Shoemaker

Licensing Coordinator

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Greetings.

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SEAPA is in the process of or about to begin concurrent FERC license processes for these projects. SEAPA is holding a virtual introductory meeting via Microsoft Teams on **December 9 at 10 am to 11 am Alaska time** for agency and tribal stakeholders. The purpose of meeting is to:

1. Introduce the projects;

2. Describe the non-capacity amendments to remove non-primary transmission lines from the FERC project boundaries; and
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If you are interested in attending the Teams meeting, please click on the link below.

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Please forward this email to other relevant stakeholders as appropriate.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process. We look forward to meeting with you.

Regards,

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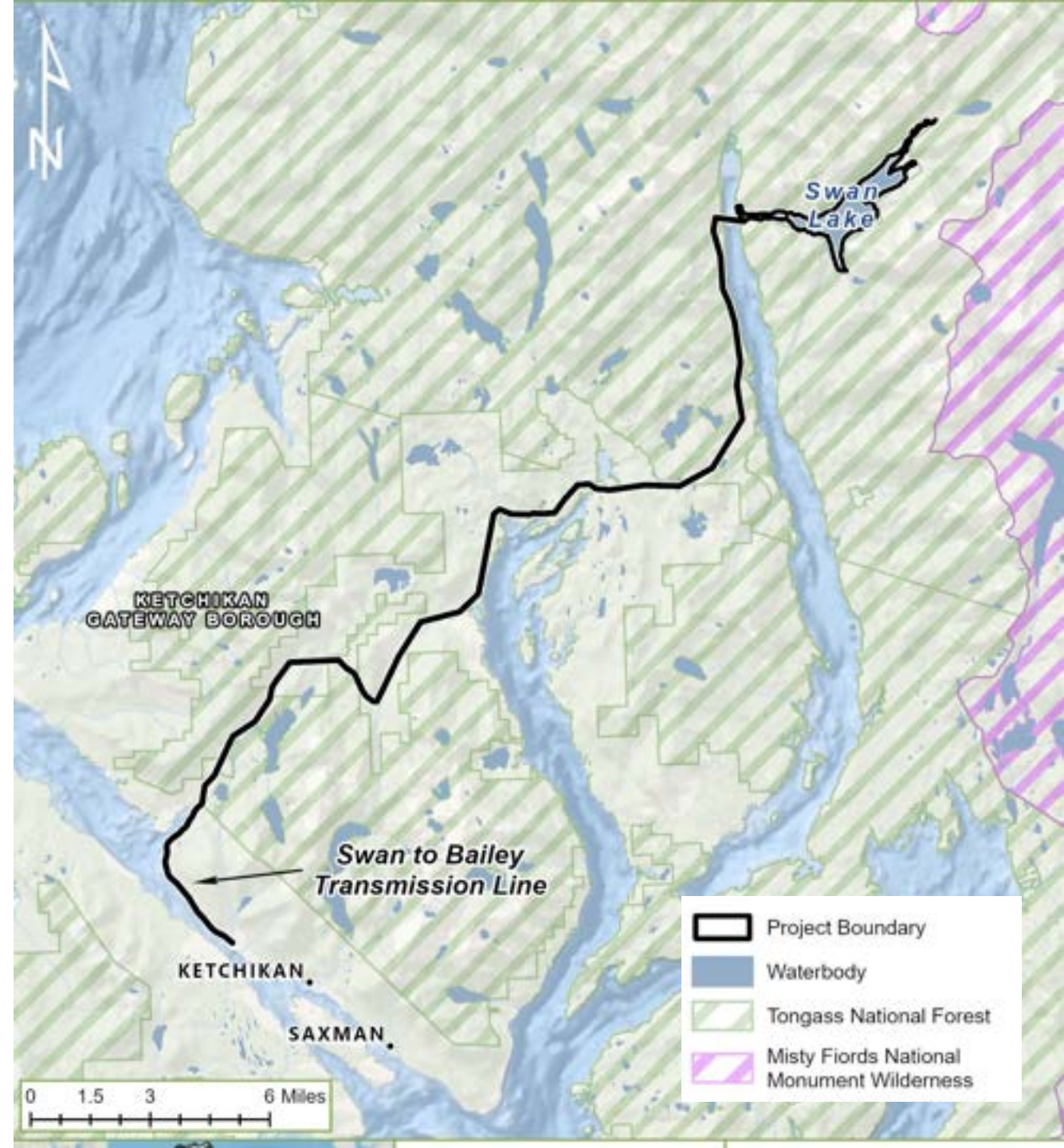
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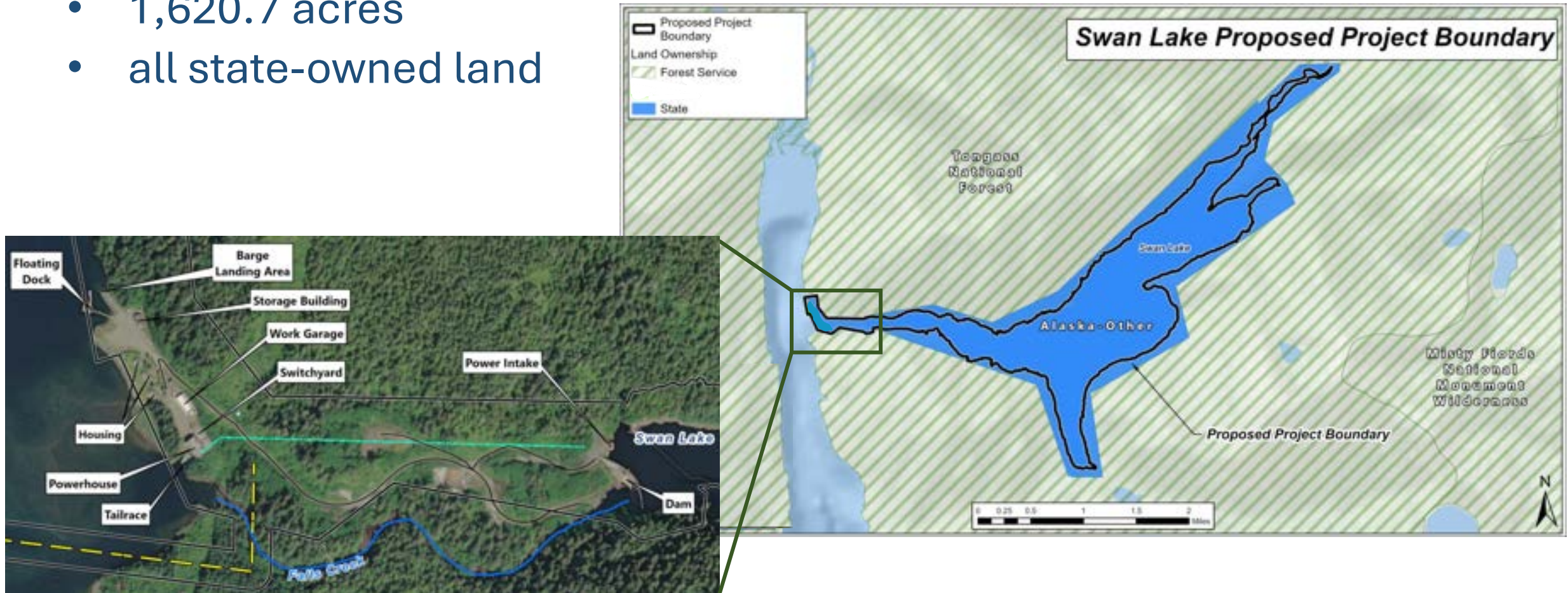


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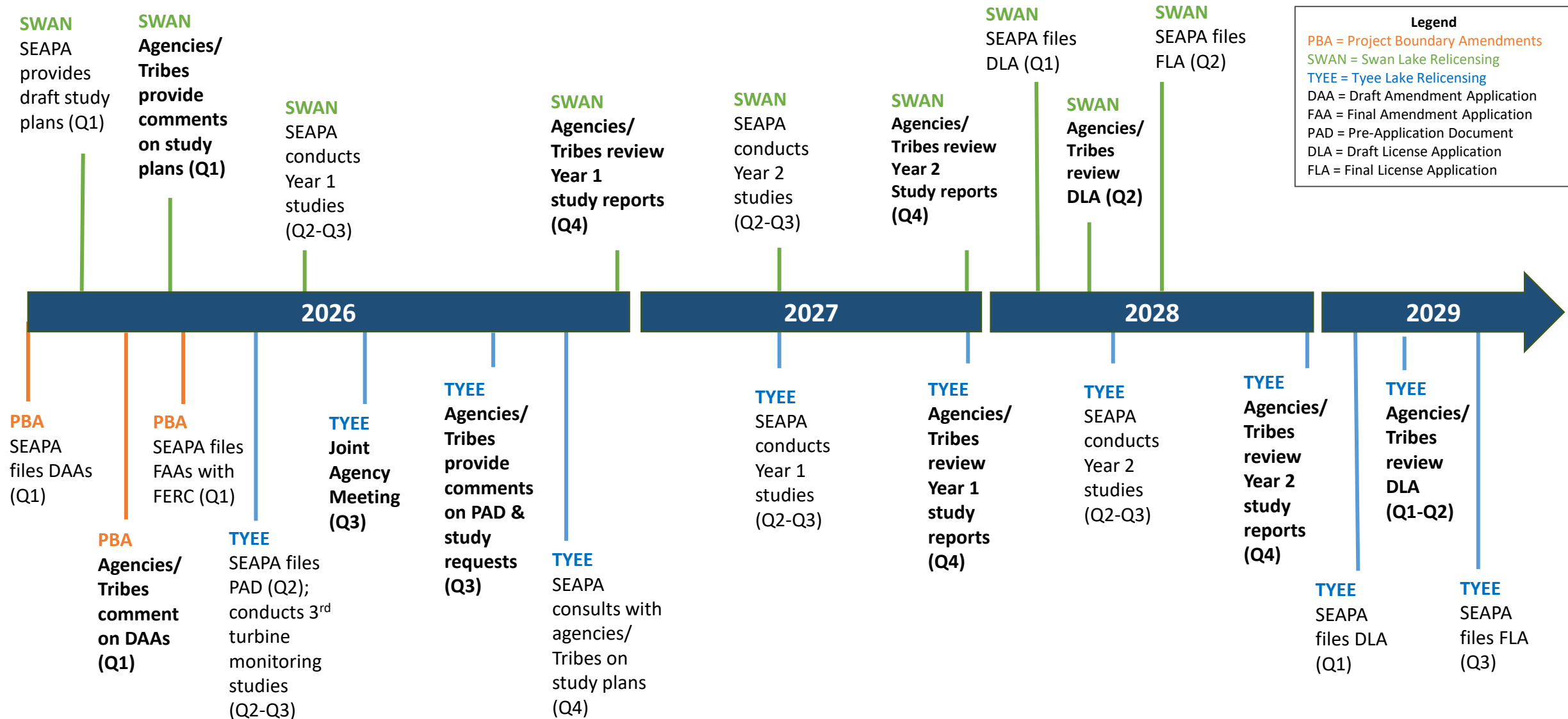
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2742-038—Alaska  
Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Project  
Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc.

July 29, 2025

**VIA FERC Service**

Travis Million, CEO  
Copper Valley Electric Association  
P.O. Box 45  
Mile 187 Glenn Highway  
Glennallen, AK 99588

Subject: Applicability of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to the  
Application to Amend the Project Boundary, Modify the Project Description,  
and Update Annual Charges

Dear Mr. Million:

This letter is in reference to your October 31, 2022 application to amend the license for the Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Project No. 2742<sup>1</sup> to remove 108.16 miles of transmission line from the project boundary.<sup>2</sup> Your application states that the portion of the project transmission line proposed for removal extends from the Petro Star Switch Building on the south side of the Port of Valdez to Glennallen, Alaska, and no longer meets the definition of a primary transmission line under section 3(11) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Copper Valley Elec. Assoc., Inc.*, 3 FERC ¶ 61,250 (1978).

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<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 796(11).

By letter dated June 8, 2023, Commission staff indicated that an initial review of cultural resource surveys completed for the transmission line showed that historic properties could be adversely affected by removal of lands from federal jurisdiction pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Accordingly, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c)(4), we encouraged you to request designation as our non-federal representative for the purpose of conducting consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (Alaska SHPO), appropriate Indian Tribes, and other consulting parties. We stated that this designation would allow you to perform tasks in support of our compliance with section 106 and suggested that these tasks may include developing a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to memorialize any proposed mitigation. On July 7, 2023, you requested designation as our non-federal representative and, on August 8, 2023, we approved your request. On December 5, 2024, you filed a draft MOA with the Commission. On July 15, 2025, Commission staff met with your contractor to discuss the draft MOA and the Commission's section 106 obligations for the proposal.

Upon further review, we have determined that any order amending the license to remove from the project boundary a non-primary transmission line, over which the Commission has no jurisdiction, would be a non-discretionary, ministerial action that would have no ground-disturbing, environmental, or other effects.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, we find that the proposed action is not an undertaking, as defined in 36 C.F.R. § 800.16(y), and that the Commission has no further obligations under section 106 of the NHPA or its implementing regulations in 36 C.F.R. Part 800 for this action. We confirm that we have all of the information needed to process your October 31, 2022 amendment application.

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<sup>4</sup> See *Washington Water Power Co.*, 73 FERC ¶ 62,110, at 64,277 (1995) (finding that because the Commission did not have jurisdiction over a non-primary transmission line, an amendment to delete such line was a “non-discretionary, ministerial action” and would not be considered an undertaking under NHPA section 106); see also *Sugarloaf Citizens Ass’n v. FERC*, 959 F.2d 508, 515 (4th Cir. 1992) (affirming the Commission’s determination that the “ministerial act” of certifying a qualifying facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act was not an undertaking under NHPA, stating that “[a]s various courts have explained, NHPA, ‘by its terms, has a narrow reach and is triggered only if a federal agency has the authority to license a project or approve expenditures for it.’”).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Shawn Halerz at (202) 502-6360 or [Shawn.Halerz@ferc.gov](mailto:Shawn.Halerz@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

Alicia Jackson, Chief  
Land Resources Branch  
Division of Hydropower Administration  
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Cathy Coon

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**Subject:** Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 3015) Relicensing  
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**Cc:** [Carissa Shoemaker](#); [Mark Hilson](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 1:29:32 PM

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Hi Ann Marie.

Thank you for your support for use of the TLP.

As part of the relicensing, SEAPA is considering potentially lowering the lower draft limit of the Tyee Lake reservoir from 1,250 feet elevation to 1,235 feet elevation. There would be a study to evaluate the potential effects of lowering the lower draft limit. There would be no change in the water rights (total annual volume and maximum instantaneous discharge rate) associated with the lower draft limit.

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Please contact Mark or I if you have any additional questions or concerns.

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Hi Betsy,

Thanks for the summary.

- Do you anticipate the applicant will be proposing any project changes or operational changes in the relicensing process? Or not necessarily because they are addressing changes via the two amendments?
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ADF&G supports use of the TLP process for Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project relicensing. Let me know if you want me to submit that as a separate email or comment.

Thank you,

Ann Marie Larquier  
Statewide FERC Hydropower Coordinator  
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Hi Betsy,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide input. I have nothing to pass along from the State of Alaska Dept of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land & Water, Lands section at this time, but would like to be kept in the loop on the notices for the upcoming NOI & PAD. Thank you!

Regards,

*Kaitlyn Raffier*

Southeast Regional Manager

Division of Mining, Land and Water | Department of Natural Resources

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