

## **Notice of Intent (FERC No. 3015)**

**Before the United States of America  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Southeast Alaska Power Agency    Project No. 3015**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE  
TYEE LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC No. 3015)**

APRIL 28, 2026

Pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) regulations at Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (18 CFR), Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) hereby gives notice and declares its intent to file an Application for a New License for the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project (No. 3015) (Tyee Lake Project or Project).

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of 18 CFR § 5.5 and § 16.6(b):

**1. The potential Applicant or existing Licensee's name and address:**

Southeast Alaska Power Agency  
55 Don Finney Lane  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

The Licensee requests that all correspondence and service of documents related to this notification and subsequent proceedings be addressed to:

Mark Hilson  
Southeast Alaska Power Agency  
55 Don Finney Lane  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901  
Phone: 907-228-2017  
Email: [mhilson@seapahydro.org](mailto:mhilson@seapahydro.org)

Betsy McGregor  
11901 Circle Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507  
Phone: 907-885-3418  
Email: [betsy.mcgregor@kleinschmidtgroup.com](mailto:betsy.mcgregor@kleinschmidtgroup.com)

## **2. Project number:**

FERC Project No. 3015.

## **3. License expiration date:**

The Commission issued a 50-year license to operate the Tyee Lake Project. The license was issued on August 5, 1981, and expires on July 31, 2031.

## **4. Unequivocal statement of intent:**

SEAPA hereby unequivocally declares its intent to file an Application for a New License for the Tyee Lake Project (FERC No. 3015). As set forth in the cover letter filed with this Notice of Intent (NOI), SEAPA also requests the Commission's approval to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) for the relicensing of the Project.

## **5. Description of principal project works to be licensed:**

The Tyee Lake Project features consist of a spillway weir, lake tap intake, power tunnel, penstock, powerhouse, switchyard, and appurtenant structures. The Tyee Lake Project does not include a dam but diverts water to the powerhouse from the naturally impounded Tyee Lake through a lake tap intake. The powerhouse includes two Pelton-type turbine generating units with an installed capacity of 22.5 megawatts (MW). By order dated April 14, 2026, FERC has authorized the installation of a third unit in 2027, which will increase the total installed capacity to 33.75 MW (Accession Number 20260414-3027). The Project has 52,400 acre-feet of usable storage within its operating range, from reservoir elevation of 1,250 feet to 1,396 feet mean lower low water. Power is transmitted from the powerhouse along non-primary transmission lines to Wrangell and Petersburg, and to Ketchikan via the Swan-Tyee Intertie and Swan-to-Bailey transmission lines.

A description of all Project facilities and dimensions is available in the Pre-Application Document (PAD).

## **6. Location of the Project:**

The Tyee Lake Project is located on Tyee Lake in the Hidden Creek watershed at the head of Bradfield Canal, approximately 40 miles southeast of Wrangell, 70 air miles southeast of Petersburg, and 60 miles northeast of Ketchikan, Alaska.

## 7. The authorized installed capacity of the Project:

The Project currently has a total installed capacity of 22.5 MW. The Project has a total authorized capacity of 33.75 MW, as of April 14, 2026.

## 8. Names and mailing addresses of:

i. *Every county in which any part of the project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the project is located:*

The Project is located within the Borough of Wrangell and occupies United States Forest Service lands.

Borough of Wrangell  
P.O. Box 531  
Wrangell, Alaska 99929  
Phone: 907-874-2381

Tongass National Forest  
648 Mission Street, Suite 110  
Federal Building  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901  
Phone: 907-225-3101

ii. *Every city, town, or similar political subdivision:*

A. *In which any part of the project is or is to be located and any Federal facility that is or is to be used by the project is located:*

B. *That has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing or proposed project dam:*

There are no cities or towns in which any part of the Project is located or within 15 miles of the Project lake tap.

iii. *Every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision:*

A. *In which any part of the project is or is proposed to be located and any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the project is located:*

B. *That owns, operates, maintains, or uses any project facility or any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the project:*

There are no irrigation districts, drainage districts, or other similar special purpose political subdivisions associated with the Project.

*iv. Every other political subdivision in the general area of the project or proposed project that there is reason to believe would be likely to be interested in, or affected by, the notification.*

There are no other political subdivisions that are likely to be interested in, or affected by, the notification.

*v. Affected Alaska Native Tribes:*

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| <b>Central Council of the Tlingit &amp; Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska</b><br>Richard J. Peterson, President<br>Native Lands & Resources Department<br>P.O. Box 25500<br>Juneau, Alaska 99802 | <b>Metlakatla Indian Community</b><br><b>Annette Islands Reserve</b><br>Albert G. Smith, Mayor<br>P.O. Box 8<br>Metlakatla, Alaska 99926            |
| <b>Craig Tribal Association</b><br>Justna Cook, Administrator<br>P.O. Box 828<br>Craig, Alaska 99921                                                                                         | <b>Organized Village of Kake</b><br>Joel M. Jackson, President<br>P.O. Box 316<br>Kake, Alaska 99830                                                |
| <b>Hydaburg Cooperative Association</b><br>Sidney Edenshaw, President<br>P.O. Box 349<br>Hydaburg, Alaska 99922                                                                              | <b>Organized Village of Saxman</b><br>Joe Williams Jr., President<br>2706 S Tongass Highway<br>Route 2 Box 2, Saxman<br>Ketchikan, Alaska 99901     |
| <b>Ketchikan Indian Community</b><br>Gloria Burns, President<br>429 Deermount St<br>Ketchikan, Alaska 99901                                                                                  | <b>Petersburg Indian Association</b><br>Jaylyn Pomrenke, Tribal Administrator<br>P.O. Box 1410<br>15 North 12th St.<br>Petersburg, Alaska 99833     |
| <b>Klawock Cooperative Association</b><br>P.O. Box 430<br>Klawock, Alaska 99925                                                                                                              | <b>Wrangell Cooperative Association</b><br>Albert Rinehart, Tribal Administrator<br>P.O. Box 2021<br>1002 Zimovia Highway<br>Wrangell, Alaska 99929 |

**9. Whether the Application is for a power or a non-power license:**

The Tyee Lake Project license application is for a power license.

**10. Designation as Non-Federal Representative and Authorization to Initiate Consultation:**

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.5(e), SEAPA requests that FERC designate it as the non-federal representative for purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402, § 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation and Management Act and the implementing regulations at 50 CFR § 600.920. In addition, SEAPA requests authorization to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and to implement regulations at 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(4).

**11. Distribution:**

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.5, SEAPA must distribute this NOI to appropriate federal, state, and interstate resource agencies, Tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. The Distribution List includes a complete listing of appropriate agencies, Tribes, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and individuals receiving this NOI.

The information required to be made available to the public pursuant to 18 CFR § 16.7 can be obtained from the SEAPA offices (by appointment only), located at:

Southeast Alaska Power Agency  
55 Don Finney Lane  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901  
Phone: 907-228-2017

## SUBSCRIPTION

This Notice of Intent to File a License Application for the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 3015, is executed in the State of Alaska, City of Ketchikan, by Mark Hilson, P.E., Project Manager, Chief Dam Safety Engineer, Southeast Alaska Power Agency, 55 Don Finney Lane, Ketchikan, Alaska, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the contents of this Notice of Intent are true to the best of his knowledge or belief and that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of SEAPA. The undersigned has signed this Notice of Intent this 28 day of April 2026.

## APPLICANT

By 

Mark Hilson, P.E., Project Manager, Chief Dam Safety Engineer  
Southeast Alaska Power Agency