

**BEFORE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Southeast Alaska Power Agency

Project No. 2911

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE
SWAN LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC No. 2911)**

MAY 13, 2025

Pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) regulations at Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) hereby gives notice and declares its intent to file an Application for a New License for the Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project (No. 2911). 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

Laura Cowan
1500 NE Irving Street, Suite 550
Portland, Oregon 97232
Phone: 717-983-4056
Email: Laura.Cowan@kleinschmidtgroup.com

2. Project number:

FERC Project No. 2911

3. License expiration date:

The Commission issued a 50-year license to operate the Swan Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project). The license was issued on July 17, 1980, and expires on June 30, 2030.

4. Unequivocal statement of intent:

SEAPA hereby unequivocally declares its intent to file an Application for a New License for the Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2911). As set forth in the cover letter filed with this Notice of Intent, 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 Project consists of Swan Lake Dam (a 174-foot-tall concrete arch dam), creating a 102,476 acre-feet active storage reservoir (from reservoir elevation of 271.5 feet to elevation 345.0 feet mean sea level). Water passes through a concrete power tower located on the right abutment upstream of the dam and passes through a 2,221-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter power tunnel to the powerhouse. The tunnel feeds an indoor-type powerhouse fitted with two 12,500 kilovolt ampere (kVA) Francis turbine generating units having an authorized installed capacity of 25 megawatts (MW). Power is transmitted from the powerhouse along non-primary transmission lines to Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg, Alaska via the Swan-to-Bailey transmission line and Swan-Tyee Intertie.

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

6. Location of the Project:

The Project is located on Revillagigedo Island in the Swan Lake–Falls Creek drainage basin near the northern end of Carroll Inlet, in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, approximately 22 air-miles northeast of Ketchikan, Alaska.

7. The authorized installed capacity of the Project:

The Project has a total authorized capacity of 25 MW.

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 Ketchikan Gateway Borough and occupies United States Forest Service lands.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough
1900 First Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Phone: 907-228-6625

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 dam. However, a portion of the FERC Project Boundary is located within the city of Ketchikan, Alaska.

City of Ketchikan
334 Front Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Phone: 907-225-3111

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:*

Ketchikan Indian Community Norman Skan, President Jennifer Hanlon, Cultural Resources Director 429 Deermount St. Ketchikan, Alaska, 99901	Metlakatla Indian Community Annette Islands Reserve Albert G. Smith, Mayor P.O. Box 8 Metlakatla, Alaska 99926
Organized Village of Saxman Joe Williams Jr., President 2706 S Tongass Highway Route 2 Box 2, Saxman Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Village of Kake Joel M. Jackson, President Organized P.O. Box 316 Kake, Alaska 99830

Wrangell Cooperative Association Edward Rilatos, President Esther Reese, Tribal Administrator P.O. Box 2021 1002 Zimovia Highway Wrangell, Alaska 99929	Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Richard J. Peterson, President Native Lands & Resources Department P.O. Box 25500 Juneau, Alaska 99802
Petersburg Indian Association Debra O’Gara, President Jaylyn Pomrenke, Tribal Administrator P.O. Box 1410 15 North 12th St. Petersburg, Alaska 99833	Craig Tribal Association P.O. Box 828 Craig, Alaska 99921

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

The Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project license application is for a power license.

10. 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 Finny Lane
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Phone: 907-228-2017

11. Designation as non-federal representative and authorization to initiate consultation:

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.5(e), SEAPA requests the Commission 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).

SUBSCRIPTION

This Notice of Intent to File a License Application for the Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2911, is executed in the State of Alaska, City of Ketchikan, by Robert Siedman, Chief Executive Officer, 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 8th day of May, 2025.

By: 

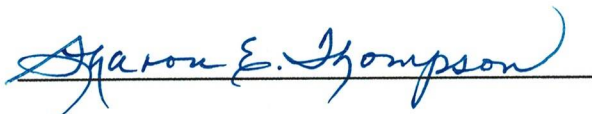
Robert Siedman, Chief Executive Officer
Southeast Alaska Power Agency

VERIFICATION

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public of the State of Alaska this 8th day of May, 2025.

/SEAL/





Notary Public for the State of Alaska

(My Commission Expires 08/08/2025)