

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
FERC grants extension of time until November 19, 2024		§5.21	May 31, 2024
NorthWestern files response to AIRs with request for 180-day extension		§5.21	Nov 19, 2024
FERC grants extension of time until May 18, 2025		§5.21	Nov 21, 2024
NorthWestern files response to FERC D2SI AIR #2		§5.21	Jan 14, 2025
NorthWestern files request for extension of time		§5.21	Feb 18, 2025
FERC grants extension of time until December 31, 2025		§5.21	Feb 27, 2025
FERC issues Notice of Acceptance/Ready for Environmental Analysis Notice (REA)	Target date	§5.22	Jan 2026
Comments, interventions, and preliminary recommendations and agency conditions and prescriptions due	60 days after REA	§5.23	March 2026
401 Water Quality Certification Request submitted by the Applicant	No later than 60 days after REA	§5.23	March 2026
Applicant files Comments on Agency Conditions	105 days from REA	§5.23	April 2026
FERC Issues NEPA Document	120 days from REA	§5.24, 5.25	May 2026
Comments on NEPA Document Due	No more than 60 days	§5.23	July 2026
FWS issues ESA BO, if needed	Target date		Sept 2026
Modified recommendations, agency conditions and prescriptions due	No later than 60 days from NEPA document comment due date	§5.24, 5.25	Sept 2026
FERC Issues Final NEPA Document	Target date	§5.24, 5.25	Dec 2026
Thompson Falls Project FERC License Expires			Dec 2026
FERC Licensing Decision	Target date		Feb 2027