

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PacifiCorp

Project No. 2381

NOTICE OF INTENT OF PACIFICORP TO FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE FOR THE
ASHTON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC NO. 2381)

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.5, PacifiCorp hereby gives notice to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) of its intent to file an Application for New License for the Ashton Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2381). The current FERC license for the Ashton Hydroelectric Project was issued on August 3, 1987, to PacifiCorp, and expires on December 31, 2027. PacifiCorp intends to file an application for a new license no later than December 31, 2025.

- (1) *The exact name and business address of the applicant is:*

PacifiCorp
825 N.E. Multnomah – Suite 1800
Portland, Oregon 97232

- (2) *Project number:*

FERC No. 2381

- (3) *License expiration date:*

December 31, 2027

- (4) *Unequivocal statement of intent to file an application for a new license:*

PacifiCorp hereby declares its intent to file an Application for New License for Major Water Power Project 10 Megawatts or Less for the Ashton Hydroelectric Project (Project), FERC Project Number 2381. PacifiCorp proposes to use the FERC Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) to provide the framework for its consultation with agencies, tribes, and other parties (relicensing participants) for the Project's relicensing. PacifiCorp's request and justification to relicense the Project using the TLP is attached to this notice.

- (5) *Principal project works to be licensed:*

The principal project features of the Project to be licensed include (1) a 56-foot high, 222-foot long earth and rock-filled dam covered with roller-compacted concrete on the

downstream slope and a crest elevation of 5156.6 feet;¹ (2) an 82-foot long reinforced concrete spillway that has six, 10-foot high radial gates; (3) a reservoir that has a gross storage capacity of 6,080 acre-ft and a surface area of 392.9 acres at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 5,155.9 feet; (4) a reinforced concrete powerhouse that contains, (a) two turbine-generator units currently rated at 2,000 kilowatts (kW) both are proposed to be upgraded as part of the final license application, and (b) one turbine-generator unit rated at 2,700 kW; (5) a tailrace; (6) a 46/2.3-kilovolt (kV) step-up transformer; (7) a 133-foot long, 46-kV transmission line; and, (8) appurtenant facilities.

(6) *Project location:*

State: Idaho
County: Fremont
Stream: Henry's Fork of the Snake River
Nearby city: Ashton, Idaho

(7) *Installed plant capacity:*

The current installed capacity is 6,700 kW. Units 2 and 3 have capacities of 2,000 kW each, and Unit 1 has a capacity of 2,700 kW.

(8) *The 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 in Fremont County, which has the following mailing address:

Board of County Commissioners
151 West 1st North
Saint Anthony, Idaho 83445

The Project occupies 15.6 acres of federal lands that are administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which has the following mailing address:

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Idaho State Office
1387 South Vinnell Way
Boise, ID 83709

¹ All elevations are in PacifiCorp's local datum, unless otherwise noted. To convert to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) add 2.972 feet.

- (ii) *Every city, town, or similar local 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;*

There are no cities, towns, or other similar local political subdivisions in which any part of the Project is located or is to be located. The Project occupies 15.6 acres of federal lands that are administered by BLM.

- (B) *That has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the project dam;*

Within 15-miles of the Project dam, there are no city, town, or other similar political sub-division with a population of 5,000 or more.²

- (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;*

Fremont-Madison Irrigation District
P.O. Box 15
St. Anthony, ID83445

Upper Snake River Water District
900 Skyline Dr., Ste. A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Yellowstone Soil and Water
Conservation District
1210 S. Industrial Park Rd.
St. Anthony, ID 83445

North Fremont Fire District
PO Box 846
Ashton, ID 83420

- (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;*

No irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision owns, operates, maintains, or uses any project facility or any Federal facility used by 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;*

² Based on the 2020 Decennial Census.

City of Ashton
PO Box 689
Ashton, Idaho 83820

City of Newdale
PO Box 70
Newdale, ID 83436

City of St. Anthony
420 North Bridge Street
St. Anthony, Idaho 83445

(v) *Affected Indian tribes.*

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort
Hall Reservation
PO Box 306
Fort Hall, ID 83203

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 5.5, PacifiCorp must distribute this notification of intent to appropriate Federal, state, and interstate resource agencies, Indian Tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A complete listing of appropriate agencies, tribes, local governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and individuals which are receiving this NOI is provided with the June 30, 2022, transmittal letter for this NOI.

Location of where the information required under 18 CFR §16.7 is available to the public.

All documents filed with the Commission related to this proceeding are available for public inspection and reproduction on the Project's relicensing website at:
<https://www.pacificorp.com/energy/hydro/ashton.html>.

The documents filed with the Commission can also be obtained from FERC's e-library filing system at: <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/> then searching Docket "P-2381."

Paper copies of this NOI, Pre-Application Document, and Authorization Request to use the Traditional License Process are also available at the Ashton Branch of the Fremont District Library, located at 925 Main Street, Ashton, ID 83420, during their normal business hours.

Correspondence and service of documents

All correspondence and service of documents relating to this Notice of Intent should be addressed or emailed to:

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Grace, ID 83241
Mark.stenberg@pacifiCorp.com

with a copy to:

Todd Olson, Director, Licensing & Compliance
PacifiCorp
825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1800
Portland, OR 97232
Todd.Olson@PacifiCorp.com

(9) *Designation as Non-Federal Representative and Authorization to Initiate Consultation*

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(e), PacifiCorp 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 C.F.R. Part 402, section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation and Management Act and the implementing regulations at 50 C.F.R. 600.920. In addition, PacifiCorp requests authorization to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and to implement regulations at 36 C.F.R. Section 800.2(c)(4).