

Table 2.1-1: Proposed Process Plan and Schedule

Activity	Responsibility	Required Time Frame	Citation	Deadline
File Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD)	Licensee	At least 5 (but no more than 5 1/2) years before existing license expires	18 CFR § 5.5(d)	February 21, 2024
Hold Initial Tribal Consultation Meeting	FERC	Within 30 days of filing of NOI & PAD	18 CFR § 5.7	March 22, 2024
Notice NOI/PAD and Issue Scoping Document 1 (SD1)	FERC	Within 60 days of filing of NOI & PAD	18 CFR § 5.8(a)	April 21, 2024
Hold Scoping Meeting and Site Visit	FERC	Within 30 days of issuance of SD1	18 CFR § 5.8(b)(3)	May 21, 2024
Comments on PAD and SD1; Submit Study Requests	Stakeholders	Within 60 days of issuance of SD1	18 CFR § 5.9(a)	June 20, 2024
File Proposed Study Plan (PSP)	Licensee	Within 45 days of deadline for filing comments on PAD and SD1	18 CFR § 5.11	August 4, 2024
Hold Study Plan Meeting	Licensee	Within 30 days of deadline for filing PSP	18 CFR § 5.11(e)	September 3, 2024
Comment on Proposed Study Plan	Stakeholders	Within 90 days of filing PSP	18 CFR § 5.12	November 2, 2024
File Revised Study Plan (RSP)	Licensee	Within 30 days of deadline for filing comments on PSP	18 CFR § 5.13(a)	December 2, 2024
Comment on Revised Study Plan	Stakeholders	Within 15 days of filing of RSP	18 CFR § 5.13(b)	December 17, 2024
FERC Issues Study Plan Determination (SPD)	FERC	Within 30 days of filing of RSP	18 CFR § 5.13(c)	January 1, 2025
Initiate Formal Study Dispute Resolution Process (if necessary)	Agencies with mandatory conditioning authority	Within 20 days of issuance of Study Plan Determination	18 CFR § 5.14(a)	January 21, 2025
File Response to Study Dispute(s) (if necessary)	Licensee	Within 25 days of Notice of Study Dispute	18 CFR § 5.14(i)	February 15, 2025
FERC Dispute Panel Issues Finding (if necessary)	Dispute Panel	Within 50 days of Notice of Study Dispute	18 CFR § 5.14(k)	March 12, 2025
FERC Issues Determination on Study Dispute (if necessary)	FERC	Within 70 days of Notice of Study Dispute	18 CFR § 5.14(l)	April 1, 2025
Conduct Field Studies	Licensee	Pursuant to approved SP	18 CFR § 5.15	May - Oct 2025
File Initial Study Report	Licensee	Pursuant to approved SP or no later than 1 year after approval of SP	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(1)	January 1, 2026
Hold Initial Study Report Meeting	Licensee	Within 15 days of filing of initial study report	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(2)	January 16, 2026
File Initial Study Report Meeting Summary	Licensee	Within 15 days of study results meeting	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(3)	January 31, 2026
File Meeting Summary Disagreements (if necessary)	Stakeholders	Within 30 days of filing of study results meeting summary	10 CFR § 5.15(c)(4)	March 2, 2026

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File Responses to Disagreements (if necessary)	Licensee	Within 30 days of filing of meeting summary disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(5)	April 1, 2026
Resolve Disagreements (if necessary)	FERC	Within 30 days of filing of responses to disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(6)	May 1, 2026
Conduct Second Season Field Studies (if necessary)	Licensee	Pursuant to approved Study Plan Determination	18 CFR § 5.15	May - Oct 2026
File Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP) or Draft License Application (DLA)	Licensee	No later than 150 days before final application is filed	18 CFR § 5.16(a)	October 1, 2026
Comment on DLA, Additional Information Requests (if necessary)	Stakeholders	Within 90 days of filing of DLA or draft license application	18 CFR § 5.16(e)	December 30, 2026
File Updated Study Report (if applicable)	Licensee	Pursuant to approved SP or no later than 2 years after approval of SP	18 CFR § 5.15(f)	January 1, 2027
Hold Updated Study Report Meeting (if applicable)	Licensee	Within 15 days of Updated Study Report	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(2)	January 16, 2027
File Updated Study Report Meeting Summary (if applicable)	Licensee	Within 15 days of Study Results Meeting	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(3)	January 31, 2027
File License Application	Licensee	No later than 24 months before existing license expires	18 CFR § 5.17(a)	February 28, 2027
File Meeting Summary Disagreements (if necessary)	Stakeholders	Within 30 days of filing of study results meeting summary	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(4)	March 2, 2027
File Responses to Meeting Summary Disagreements (if necessary)	Licensee	Within 30 days of filing of meeting summary disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(5)	April 1, 2027
Resolve Updated Study Report Meeting Disagreements (if necessary)	FERC	Within 30 days of filing of response to disagreements	18 CFR § 5.15(c)(6)	May 1, 2027