

NOTICE
NOTICE OF INITIAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND
JOINT AGENCY AND PUBLIC MEETING
ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY
BRADLEY LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
(FERC NO. 8221)

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is pursuing a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license amendment associated with the existing 120-megawatt (MW) Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project (Bradley Lake Project, FERC No. P-8221). The purpose of the amendment is to gain authorization to divert water from the Dixon Glacier to generate additional power. AEA owns the Bradley Lake Project, which is operated on behalf of AEA by Homer Electric Association. The Bradley Lake Project is located on the Bradley River in the Kenai Peninsula Borough northeast of the town of Homer in Southcentral Alaska.

AEA's Initial Consultation Document (ICD) for the proposed amendment describes the potential Dixon Diversion Project to be investigated using FERC's consultation process described at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 4.38(b). With this ICD, AEA is initiating first-stage consultation for a proposed capacity license amendment for the Bradley Lake Project. AEA is distributing this ICD to FERC, federal and state resource agencies, local governments, Indian tribes, and other parties potentially interested in the proposed amendment proceeding. AEA invites resource agencies, Indian tribes, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceedings to participate in the licensing and to comment on this notice and related matters. The ICD and a Team link is available online at <https://www.akenergyauthority.org/What-We-Do/Railbelt-Energy/Bradley-Lake-Hydroelectric-Project/Dixon-Diversion-Project> and the ICD only at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>.

AEA will host a Joint Agency and Public Meeting in Homer, Alaska to provide information and receive public input regarding AEA's proposal to amend the license for the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project. The public meeting will be held on June 14, 2022, from 5 to 7 pm. at the Aspen Suites Hotel in Homer, Alaska. The agenda for the Joint Meeting will consist of: (a) a description of the existing project and proposed action, (b) an explanation of the FERC amendment process, (c) a discussion of the anticipated study program, and (d) obtaining input from the public regarding resource aspects to be addressed in the amendment application.

To assist with meeting planning and logistics, AEA requests that all agency stakeholders planning to attend the agency site tour **RSVP to Bryan Carey at bcarey@akenergyauthority.org or by phone at (907) 771-3065 by May 27, 2022.**

Comments on the ICD and requests for studies are due within 60 days of the June 14, 2022, meeting (i.e., August 15, 2022).