



Initial Study Report

- The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Initial Study Report (ISR) for the Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 14873-001.
- The ISR is a progress report summarizing the Cooperative's overall progress in implementing the study plan to date. The ISR should also include:
 - Variances from approved study plan
 - Any applicant proposals to modify or implement new studies



ISR Meetings

- Goals:
 - Discuss the study results.
 - Discuss the Cooperative's and any other participant's proposals to modify the study plan or develop new studies based on the data collected during the first study season.
 - If any agreements are reached, they would be documented in the Cooperative's ISR meeting summary.



Comments on ISR

- Stakeholder comment period on ISR is intended to specifically focus on disagreements about the need to modify the study plan moving forward.
- No requirement for the Cooperative to formally respond to or edit and refile the ISR.
- FERC will only act on requests to modify the study plan or new studies.

ISR Comment Period and Schedule



- Per the approved process plan that was last updated on Feb. 15, 2023, the Cooperative must file a meeting summary by **December 31, 2023**.
- Stakeholder disagreements or other requests to modify the study plan or develop new studies are due within 30 days of the ISR meeting summary due date [**by January 30, 2024**].
- Reply comments from any stakeholder due 30 days later [**February 29, 2024**].
- FERC study modification determination to follow 30 days after, if necessary [**March 30, 2024**].

Study Plan Modification



- Study Modification Requests – 18 CFR 5.15(d)(1)-(2)
- Must be accompanied by showing of good cause why the modification should be approved, and demonstrate:
 - Study was not conducted as approved; or
 - Study was conducted under anomalous environmental conditions.

New Study Requests



- New Study Requests – 18 CFR 5.15(e)
- Must Explain:
 - **(1)** Any material changes in the law or regulations applicable to the information request;
 - **(2)** Why the goals and objectives of any approved study could not be met with the approved study methodology;
 - **(3)** Why the request was not made earlier;
 - **(4)** Significant changes in the project proposal or that significant new information material to the study objectives has become available; and
 - **(5)** Why the new study request satisfies the study criteria in § 5.9(b) (e.g., project nexus, study need, accepted scientific practices)



Questions?

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