

APPENDIX A

LAWRENCE PROJECT PROCESS PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Shaded milestones are unnecessary if there are no study disputes. If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the following business day. **Early filings or issuances will not result in changes to these deadlines.** As appropriate, the process plan and schedule may be revised in the future.

Responsible Party	Pre-Filing Milestone	Date	FERC Regulation
Essex	File NOI/PAD with FERC	6/16/23	5.5, 5.6
FERC	Tribal Consultation	TBD	5.7
FERC	Issue Notice of Commencement of Proceeding; Issue Scoping Document 1	8/15/23	5.8
FERC	Environmental Site Review and Scoping Meetings	9/13 and 9/14/23	5.8
All Stakeholders	PAD/SD1 Comments and Study Requests Due	10/14/23	5.9
FERC	Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)	<i>11/28/23^a</i>	5.10
Essex	File Proposed Study Plan	11/28/23	5.11(a)
All Stakeholders	Proposed Study Plan Meeting	<i>1/11/24</i>	5.11(e)
All Stakeholders	Proposed Study Plan Comments Due	<i>3/11/24</i>	5.12
Essex	File Revised Study Plan	<i>4/10/24</i>	5.13(a)
All Stakeholders	Revised Study Plan Comments Due	<i>4/25/24</i>	5.13(b)
FERC	Director's Study Plan Determination	<i>5/10/24</i>	5.13(c)
Mandatory Conditioning Agencies	Any Study Disputes Due	<i>5/30/24</i>	5.14(a)
Dispute Panel	Third Dispute Resolution Panel Member Selected	<i>6/14/24</i>	5.14(d)(3)
Dispute Panel	Dispute Resolution Panel Convenes	<i>6/19/24</i>	5.14(d)
Essex	Applicant's Comments on Study Disputes Due	<i>6/24/24</i>	5.14(i)
Dispute Panel	Dispute Resolution Panel Technical Conference	<i>6/29/24</i>	5.14(j)

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Dispute Panel	Dispute Resolution Panel Findings Issued	7/19/24	5.14(k)
FERC	Director's Study Dispute Determination	8/8/24	5.14(l)
Essex	First Study Season	Spring/ Summer/Fall 2024	5.15(a)
Essex	Initial Study Report	4/26/25	5.15(c)(1)
All Stakeholders	Initial Study Report Meeting	5/11/25	5.15(c)(2)
Essex	Initial Study Report Meeting Summary	5/26/25	5.15(c)(3)
All Stakeholders	Any Disagreements/Requests to Amend Study Plan Due	6/25/25	5.15(c)(4)
All Stakeholders	Responses to Disagreements/Amendment Requests Due	7/25/25	5.15(c)(5)
FERC	Director's Determination on Disagreements/Amendments	8/24/25	5.15(c)(6)
Essex	Second Study Season	Spring/ Summer/Fall 2025	5.15(a)
Essex	Updated Study Report Due	4/26/26	5.15(f)
All Stakeholders	Updated Study Report Meeting	5/11/26	5.15(f)
Essex	Updated Study Report Meeting Summary	5/26/26	5.15(f)
All Stakeholders	Any Disagreements/Requests to Amend Study Plan Due	6/25/26	5.15(f)
All Stakeholders	Responses to Disagreements/Amendment Requests Due	7/25/26	5.15(f)
FERC	Director's Determination on Disagreements/Amendments	8/24/26	5.15(f)
Essex	File Preliminary Licensing Proposal (or Draft License Application)	7/3/26	5.16(a)

Responsible Party	Pre-Filing Milestone	Date	FERC Regulation
All Stakeholders	Preliminary Licensing Proposal (or Draft License Application) Comments Due	10/1/26	5.16(e)
Essex	File Final License Application ^b	11/30/26	5.17
Essex	Issue Public Notice of License Application Filing	12/14/26	5.17(d)(2)

a. The process plan and schedule included in the Scoping Document issued on August 14, 2023, incorrectly listed October 14, 2023, as the date staff would issue Scoping Document 2.

b. Pursuant to the Federal Power Act section 15 and 18 C.F.R. § 5.17, any application for a license for this project must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license. Because the current license expires on November 30, 2028, all applications for license for this project must be filed by November 30, 2026.