## PETERSBURG BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission, on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at 12:00 pm will be holding a meeting and conducting a public hearing in the Assembly Chambers located at 12 South Nordic Drive. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the following:

**A.** Recommendation to the Borough Assembly regarding an application to rezone borough-owned property from Rural Residential to Single-family Residential at 1016 SANDY BEACH RD (PID: 01-014-010).

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# Notice of Filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Southeast Alaska Power Agency Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2911

On July 7, 1980, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued a 50-year license to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) for the Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2911 (Project). The operating license for this 22 MW Project will expire on June 30, 2030. SEAPA is applying for a new FERC license.

On or about May 7, 2025, SEAPA will begin the relicensing process by submitting to FERC a Notification of Intent (NOI), Pre-Application Document (PAD), and a request to use the Commission's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) for the Project. The Project is an existing hydroelectric facility, producing renewable energy, located on Swan Lake and Falls Creek near the city of Ketchikan in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough of Alaska.

Pursuant to the requirements of 18 CFR§5.3(d)(2), SEAPA is publishing notice of these filings and making the following information available to the public.

### **Summary of Documents:**

- 1. The NOI notifies the Commission of SEAPA's unequivocal intent to prepare and file an application for a new license for the Project.
- 2. The PAD provides existing and reasonably available information about the Project, including relevant engineering, environmental, operational, and economic information.
- 3. A request to use the TLP, which provides justification for use of the TLP as compared to the default Integrated Licensing Process (ILP), as the most efficient, effective, and least burdensome process for all parties and agencies interested in this licensing proceeding. The flexible nature and timelines of the TLP will allow SEAPA to continue to work collaboratively with resource agencies and interested parties.

#### **Applicant's Contact Information:**

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### Comments on Request to use the TLP:

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In accordance with 18 CFR§5.3(d)(2), comments on the applicant's request to use the TLP must be filed with the Commission no later 30 days of the filing date. Comments should refer to the Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2911). Comments on SEAPA's request to use the TLP should address the following, as appropriate to the circumstances of the request: (1) Likelihood of timely license issuance; (2) Complexity of the resource issues; (3) Level of anticipated controversy; (4) Relative cost of the traditional process compared to the integrated process; (5) The amount of available information and potential for significant disputes over studies; and (6) Other factors believed by the commenter to be pertinent.

Resource agencies, Alaska Native Tribes, municipalities, non-governmental organizations and members of the public with an interest in the Project may participate in the relicensing process and are welcome to comment on the PAD. The NOI, PAD, and associated reference materials for the Swan Lake Project will be available for review and reproduction online at <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/elibrary">https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/elibrary</a> as well as SEAPA's relicensing website at <a href="https://www.swanlakerelicensing.com/">https://www.swanlakerelicensing.com/</a>.

Comments submitted to FERC can be filed electronically via FERC's website (https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview) pursuant to 18 CFR§ 385.2003(c), or an original and eight copies can be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, FERC, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.



## PIA PUBLIC MEETING

**Public Meeting:** A public meeting will be held for the Petersburg Indian Association's Tribal Transportation Long Range Plan (LRTP) 2025 Update

When: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Where: PIA Conference Room at the Elizabeth Peratrovich

Building, 15 North 12th Street, Petersburg, AK

Who: The Public is invited to attend

For further information, visit the PIA website to download the LRTP at www.piatribal.org or write to the Petersburg Indian Association at PO Box 1410, Petersburg, Alaska

99833 for a copy of the LRTP document.

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