



# Comprehensive Plans

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# Applicable Regulation

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- Section 10(a)(2)(A) of the FPA
  - Part of Comprehensive Development Standard
  - Requires consistency review
- 18 CFR § 2.19
  - Codifies Order No. 481-A issued 4/27/1988
  - Establishes who can file a Comprehensive Plan
  - Defines criteria that must be met to be approved as a Comprehensive Plan



# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

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- Comprehensive Plans must be approved by the Commission in order to be considered under 10(a)(2)(A)
- Comprehensive Plans must meet the following criteria:
  - Be prepared by a federal agency or state agency of the state in which the plan would be considered
  - Be a comprehensive study of one or more of the beneficial uses of a waterway(s)
  - Specify the standards, data, and methodology used
  - Be filed with the Secretary of the Commission



# Comprehensive Plan Contents

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- A comprehensive plan should contain the following:
  - Description of the waterway(s) that are the subject of the plan
  - Description of the significant resources of the waterway or waterways
    - Examples: fish and wildlife, recreation, navigation, power development, energy conservation, irrigation, flood control, water supply
  - Description of the various existing and planned uses for these resources
  - Discussion of goals, objectives, and recommendations for improving, developing, or conserving the waterway(s)
  - Examination of how the different uses will promote the overall public interest



# Comprehensive Plan Approval Process

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- Agency files plan with the Secretary
- Commission staff reviews the plan
- Commission staff issues letter approving, rejecting, or requesting additional information
- ❖ Changes/amendments to existing approved plans must also be approved by the Commission
- ❖ Plans that are not approved as Comprehensive Plans may still be considered in individual licensing proceedings under section 10(a)(1). These plans must be filed under the individual Project (Docket) Number.



# Consistency Review

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- Commission staff determines project consistency with Comprehensive Plans during:
  - Licensing/Relicensing
  - Major Post-License Amendments
- Discuss consistency in the EA/EIS and Order
- Attempt to resolve conflicts
- May recommend measures to avoid/reduce conflicts



# List of Approved Comprehensive Plans

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- The list of currently-approved comprehensive plans is available on [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov):  
<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/gen-info/licensing/complan.pdf>
- The list is updated approximately twice per year.



# Accessing Comprehensive Plans

- Comprehensive plans are available on eLibrary
- Will be listed as “Submittals”
- Can search using the “Document Type” feature
- To narrow, add title of plan into the “Text Search” box, in quotation marks

General Search

Date Range:  Filed Date  Posted Date  
 From  To   
 During the previous  year(s).  
 During the previous  month(s).  
 During the previous  days(s).  
 All

Category:  Submittal  
 Issuance

Library:  All Listed Below  
 Electric  Hydro  
 Gas  Rulemaking  
 Oil  General

Docket Number:  Example: ER01-12-, GP99-19, P-1324-\*, ER03\*  
An asterisk (\*) specifies a wildcard search. [Docket Prefix Info](#)

Sub Docket:  All  
 List:   
Note: To enter several sub docket numbers, separate values with a comma.

Document Type: [Class/Type Info](#)  
Class:   
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Text Search:   Description  Full Text

Results Per Page:



# How to File a Comprehensive Plan

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- eFiling preferred
  - Choose subdocket ZZ09-5-000
- Include a cover letter:
  - Requesting the document be considered as a comprehensive plan under section 10(a)(2)(A) of the FPA;
  - Explaining how the plan meets the criteria for approval as a comprehensive plan; and
  - Stating if the plan is being filed in conjunction with a specific proceeding include the project name and number.
- Individual files must be less than 50 megabytes in size.  
Divide larger files into multiple files (submit together)



Questions?