

February 14, 2024

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Preliminary Permit Application – Saylorville Dam**

Dear Secretary Bose:

On behalf of Kram Hydro 4, LLC, please find enclosed a completed preliminary permit application for the Saylorville Dam Hydroelectric Project.

Kram Hydro 4, LLC has developed the application according to 18 CFR Section 4.32 of the Commission's regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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# Saylorville Dam Hydroelectric Project



## **Application for Preliminary Permit** Before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Submitted to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426

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## Statement of Application:

Kram Hydro 4, LLC hereby applies to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a preliminary permit for the proposed Saylorville Hydroelectric Project, as described in the attached exhibits. The Applicant may secure and maintain priority of licensing for the project under Part 1 of the Federal Power Act while obtaining the data and performing the required actions to determine the project's feasibility and support an application for the license.

### 1. Location of the proposed Project:

State:	Iowa
Counties:	Polk
Township or nearby town:	Des Moines, Iowa
Body of Water:	Des Moines River

### 2. The exact name, business address, and telephone number of the Applicant are:

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12333 Sowden Rd Ste B  
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Houston, Texas 77080-2059  
Phone: 772-418-2705

The exact name, address, and telephone number of persons authorized to act as agent for the Applicant in this application are:

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### 3. Preference under Section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act

Kram Hydro 4, LLC is a domestic limited liability company and does not claim a preference under section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act.

### 4. Term of Permit

The proposed term of the requested permit is 48 months.

### 5. Existing Dams or Other Project Facilities



The project will use the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Saylorville Lock and Dam Structure. The owner of the existing lock and dam is the United States of America. The project facilities are under the jurisdiction of the USACE, Rock Island District. The address for the USACE local office is:

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island  
Clock Tower Building  
1500 Rock Island Drive  
Rock Island, IL 61201

**Information Required by 18 C.F.R. § 4.32**

- 1) Identify every person, citizen, association of citizens, domestic corporation, municipality, or state that has or intends to obtain and will maintain any proprietary right necessary to construct, operate, or maintain the project:**

Kram Hydro 4, LLC is the only entity that intends to obtain proprietary rights necessary to construct, operate, or maintain the proposed project. It will maintain those rights for the 48-month permit term.

- 2) Identify:**

- a) Every county in which any part of the project, and any Federal facilities that would be used by the project, would be located:**

The project would span the Des Moines River and is in the following county:

Polk County  
Polk County Administration Building  
111 Court Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2298

- b) Cities, towns, or similar subdivisions of 5,000 or more people within a 15-mile radius of the project dam and cities, towns, or similar subdivisions in which any part of the project, and any federal facilities that would be used by the project, would be located:**

City of Johnson  
6221 Merle Hay Road  
Johnston, IA 50131

City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

City of Grimes  
101 North Harvey Street  
Grimes, IA 50111



City of Urbandale  
3600 86th Street  
Urbandale, IA 50322

City of Clive  
1900 N.W. 114th Street  
Clive, IA 50325

Waukee  
230 West Hickman Road  
Waukee, IA 50263

West Des Moines  
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50265  
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Pleasant Hill  
5160 Maple Drive, Suite A  
Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

City of Norwalk  
705 North Avenue  
Norwalk, IA 50211

Altoona  
900 Venbury Dr Suite A,  
Altoona, IA 50009

**c) Irrigation districts, drainage districts, or similar political subdivisions including federal facilities that would be used or located within the project area:**

There are no irrigation districts, drainage districts, or similar special-purpose political subdivisions in any part of the project or any Federal facilities that would be used by the project, nor any that own, operate, maintain, or use any project facilities, or any Federal facilities, that would be used by the project that we are aware of.

**d) Every other political subdivision in the project area that would likely be interested in or affected by the application:**

Proposed project is located in the third Congressional District of Iowa

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