15.7 GW OF HYDROPOWER

AT RISK



THE PROBLEM

Active FERC licenses for 451 hydropower facilities will expire between 2020-2035.

On average, relicensing a hydropower facility takes **7 years** and the paperwork costs **\$3.5 million**, not including cost of new turbines, fishways, or dam safety. **2**

That's 10% of U.S. Conventional Hydro (7.9GW)

Or the equivalent of:

- 17.8 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent emissions avoided
- **3.9** million cars per year taken off the road
- Electricity for **3.4** million homes per year
- **41.1** million barrels of oil

EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator <u>3</u>

And 35% of U.S. Pumped Storage Hydro (7.8GW)

This is equivalent to **86%** of utility-scale battery capacity (2022)<u>1</u>

Pumped storage is the largest source of long duration energy storage.

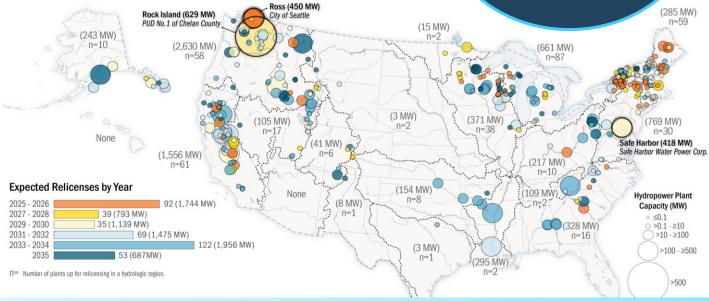
U.S. Hydropower Market Report: 2023 Edition <u>Oak Ridge National Laboratory</u>

LOST HYDROPOWER:

From 2010-2022, 68

licenses were
surrendered or
terminated, a loss of 322

MWs of carbon free
electricity





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