



**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FACT SHEET
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Taum Sauk Upper Reservoir
Docket No. P-2277**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has authorized Ameren UE to begin construction of the upper reservoir of the Taum Sauk Pumped Storage Project in Missouri. Prior to construction, Ameren UE must submit final design plans and specifications to the Commission for review and approval as well as a plan and schedule for refilling the reservoir, among other things.

The critical nature of the dam construction regarding the public's safety makes it essential that communication prior to, and during, construction is clear. Commission staff, as always, will closely monitor the progress of construction to ensure that all required conditions are met.

Ameren UE must implement various mitigation measures to minimize the impact of the reconstruction on the environment. These measures are consistent with those outlined in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) issued August 14 by Commission staff.

The FEA analyzes the environmental effects of the reconstruction of the upper reservoir and contains measures to minimize those effects. The FEA concludes that the proposed reconstruction, with recommended mitigation measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number "P-2277" in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).