



February 23, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, FERC Project Nos. 2485 and 1889
Notification of Study Report Meeting, March 16, 2017

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to the schedule set forth in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Study Plan Determination issued February 21, 2014, and the Revised Process Plan and Schedule (May 5, 2016) for relicensing the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight), licensee of the Projects, intends to file five reports on March 1, 2017 as follows:

- *Study No. 3.3.10 Assess Operational Impacts on Emergence of State-Listed Odonates (2nd Year)
- *Study No. 3.3.20 Ichthyoplankton Entrainment Assessment at the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (2nd year)
- Study No. 3.3.5 Evaluate Downstream Passage of American Eel
- Study No. 3.3.19 Evaluate the Use of an Ultrasound Array to Facilitate Upstream Movement to Turners Falls Dam by avoiding Cabot Tailrace
- Study No. 3.8.1 Evaluate Impacts of Modes of Operation on Flow, Water Elevation and Hydropower Generation

*These reports were filed with FERC on December 28, 2016.

In accordance with the Revised Process Plan and Schedule, FirstLight notifies Commission staff and relicensing participants that FirstLight will be holding a meeting on March 16, 2017 to discuss the five study reports. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Northampton (36 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060), from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Attached is the agenda for the March 16, 2017 meeting, which will cover the five study reports.

In addition to the five study reports, as required by FERC in its February 17, 2017 Study Plan Determination Letter, FirstLight would like to consult with stakeholders on a process for developing the Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) curves for Sea Lamprey at this meeting.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gus Bakas", is written over a white rectangular area.

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Agenda for Study Report Meeting, March 16, 2017

Times	Study
9:00-9:30 am	Introductions, Meeting Objectives, Schedule
9:30-10:15 am	<i>Study No. 3.3.10</i> 2 nd Year Assess Operational Impacts on Emergence of State-Listed Odonates
10:15-10:30 am	15-minute break
10:30-11:15 am	<i>Study No. 3.3.20</i> 2 nd Year Ichthyoplankton Study
11:15-Noon	<i>Study No. 3.3.19</i> Evaluate the Use of an Ultrasound Array to Facilitate Upstream Movement to Turners Falls Dam by avoiding Cabot Station Tailrace
Noon-1:00 pm	Lunch- on your own
1:00-2:00 pm	<i>Study No. 3.3.5</i> Evaluate Downstream Passage of American Eel (2-Year Study)
2:00-2:30 pm	Discuss Process for Developing HSI Curves for Sea Lamprey (as required in FERC's February 17, 2017 Study Plan Determination Letter
2:30-3:00 pm	<i>Study No. 3.8.1</i> Operations Model