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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: FirstLight MA Hydro LLC, Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889)
 and Northfield Mountain LLC, Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485)
 Third Monthly Progress Report for Massachusetts Phase II Archaeological Report

Dear Secretary Bose:

FirstLight MA Hydro LLC (FERC No. 1889) and Northfield Mountain LLC (FERC No. 2485) (formerly both projects under FirstLight Hydro Generating Company) (collectively, “FirstLight”) hereby submits its third monthly progress report in accordance with FERC’s May 13, 2019 letter granting an extension of time to file the Phase II archaeological study report for Massachusetts by October 18, 2019.

FirstLight received approvals for the Phase II fieldwork from the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (MA NHESP) on July 1, 2019, and from the Conservation Commissions of the towns of Gill, Northfield, and Greenfield in June 2019.

FirstLight initiated the Phase II fieldwork on July 8, 2019. Out of the seventeen sites, the Phase II fieldwork has been completed at ten sites and is in progress at other sites. Artifact processing and lab analysis is ongoing concurrent with fieldwork. Assuming favorable weather conditions, completion of fieldwork is anticipated in late August 2019.

Table 1 sets forth the updated anticipated schedule for completion of Phase II evaluations.

Table 1: Updated Schedule for Completing Phase II Evaluations

| Project Element/Task | Date |
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| ➤ Submitted local permit applications to the Conservation Commissions of the towns of Gill, Northfield, and Greenfield | May 28, 2019 (Gill) June 4, 2019 (Greenfield) June 12, 2019 (Northfield) |
| ➤ Conservation Commission hearings on local permit applications | June 4, 2019 (Gill) June 25, 2019 (Greenfield) June 26, 2019 (Northfield) |
| ➤ Gill Conservation Commission approved the Phase II Fieldwork | June 4, 2019 |
| ➤ Submitted Archaeology Accountability Policy Compliance Requirement Package to Town Historical Commissions | June 4, 2019 |
| ➤ Submitted Tribal Notification Letters of pending Phase II Fieldwork | June 4, 2019 |

| Project Element/Task | Date |
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| ➤ Submitted rare plant assessment report to MA NHESP | June 11, 2019 |
| ➤ Mailed Landowner Notification Letters of pending Phase II Fieldwork | June 14, 2019 |
| ➤ Greenfield Conservation Commission approved the Phase II Fieldwork | June 25, 2019 |
| ➤ Northfield Conservation Commission approved the Phase II Fieldwork | June 26, 2019 |
| ➤ Received MA NHESP approval to commence Phase II Fieldwork | July 1, 2019 |
| ➤ Began Phase II Fieldwork | July 8, 2019 |
| ➤ Complete Phase II Fieldwork | Late August, 2019 |
| ➤ Submit Phase II Report to the MHC and FERC | October 18, 2019 |

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

Sincerely,



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 Director of MA Hydro Operations