



November 18, 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  
Study No. 3.1.2 Northfield Mountain/Turners Falls Operations Impacts on Existing Erosion and Potential  
Bank Instability Addendum

Dear Secretary Bose:

As part of the relicensing of FirstLight Hydro Generating Company's (FirstLight) Northfield Mountain and Turners Falls Hydroelectric Projects (FERC Nos. 2485 and 1889, respectively), FirstLight filed a Proposed Schedule and Process Plan for Remaining Study Reports on March 1, 2016 with the Commission. Included in this filing was the proposed methodology FirstLight would employ to examine the impacts, if any, of increasing the useable storage volume in the Upper Reservoir on streambank erosion throughout the Turners Falls Impoundment (TFI). This additional analysis was proposed in response to comments received from the National Marine Fisheries Service following their review of FirstLight's Draft License Application. In its March filing, FirstLight proposed to file an addendum to relicensing Study No. 3.1.2 *Northfield Mountain/Turners Falls Operations Impacts on Existing Erosion and Potential Bank Instability* (Study No. 3.1.2) by December 1, 2016.

In order to evaluate the potential impact, if any, of increasing the useable storage volume in the Upper Reservoir on streambank erosion in the TFI, FirstLight proposed to conduct a number of modeling runs using HEC-ResSim, HEC-RAS, and BSTEM. Due to unanticipated delays in this modeling, FirstLight will not be filing the addendum to Study No. 3.1.2 on December 1, 2016 as originally planned. Instead, FirstLight will be filing the addendum on March 1, 2017 at the same time as a number of other outstanding study reports. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this modification to the schedule.

Sincerely,

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

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