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Via Certified Mail

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Doug Harris
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Re: FirstLight's Revised Study Plan, Traditional Cultural Properties Study Plan
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FERC Project No. 2485-063
Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1889-081

Dear Doug,

FirstLight is in receipt of your July 14, 2013 e-mail in which you attach a proposal to FirstLight and TransCanada to enter into a one-year agreement, to be renegotiated annually, to fund tribal initiatives and participation in the FirstLight and TransCanada relicensing processes, for a total one year cost of \$159,200. It is proposed that FirstLight and TransCanada would share this one year agreement cost proportional to their percentages of the linear Area of Potential Effect (APE) mileage of the five FirstLight and TransCanada hydroelectric projects.

By letter dated July 14, 2013, The Nolumbeka Project filed a study request with FERC requesting that FirstLight conduct a Traditional Cultural Properties study (TCP). As part of its Revised Study Plan (RSP), which is being filed on August 14, 2013, FirstLight has agreed to conduct a TCP study. (See Study No. 3.7.3.) FirstLight proposes to conduct the TCP study in 2014 in close consultation with the Narragansett Indian Tribe and other interested stakeholders, although we would begin consultation on definition of the APE in the fall of 2013. In light of FirstLight's agreement to conduct the TCP study in close consultation with the Tribe, we believe direct funding of Tribal participation is unnecessary.

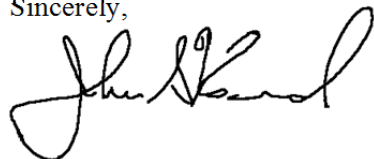
The purpose of the TCP study will be to document known TCPs (as defined by National Register Bulletin 38, Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties (Parker and King, 1990) listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP) within the Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain Projects' APE and to document any potential adverse effects to such properties from the continuing operation and maintenance of the Projects. The tasks contained in the TCP study plan generally consist of consultation, background research, tribal interviews, a field visit, and

preparation of a report, which documents the identification of the TCPs. The report will also contain recommendations regarding the eligibility of the TCPs for listing in the NRHP.

You also have the opportunity to file comments with FERC on the RSP. A hard copy of the RSP is being sent separately to you by certified mail. The full RSP is also electronically available as an Adobe pdf file at the following weblink: <http://www.northfieldrelicensing.com>. In accordance with FERC's relicensing schedule, comments on the RSP must be filed with FERC by August 29, 2013. FERC then has until September 13, 2013 to review all comments received on the RSP and issue its Study Plan Determination. FERC's Study Plan Determination letter sets forth exactly what studies are being conducted and the methodologies associated with the studies.

We look forward to initiating consultation with you on the TCP study. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

John Howard
FERC- Director Hydro Compliance

cc: Kimberly Bose, Secretary, FERC (filed electronically)
Joe Graveline, The Nolumbeka Project
John Ragonese, TransCanada

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