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FirstLight Hydro Generating Company

Mr. John S. Howard
Director- FERC Hydro Compliance
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Reference: Request for Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Howard:

On September 13, 2013, we issued our study plan determination for 20 of FirstLight Hydro Generating Company's (FirstLight) proposed 36 studies for the relicensing of the Turners Fall's Hydroelectric Project and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project. The study plan determination required FirstLight to modify three of the 20 study plans (studies 3.5.1, 3.6.3, and 3.6.7), and file them for Commission approval no later than December 12, 2013.

On October 25, 2013, FirstLight filed with the Commission a request for an extension of time (until January 13, 2014) to file modified study plans for studies 3.5.1 and 3.6.3. FirstLight notes that the study plan determination required FirstLight to consult with federal resource agencies on the modification of these two studies, and that the federal government shutdown from October 1 through October 16 has hindered the required consultation process.

Given the effect of the government shutdown and that the requested extension would not prohibit the studies' implementation during the 2014 field season, I am approving the request and extending the due date for FirstLight to modify and file with the Commission studies 3.5.1 and 3.6.3 to January 13, 2014.

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If you have any questions please contact Ken Hogan at: (202) 502-8434, or email me at: Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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