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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2485-063--Massachusetts
Project No. 1889-081--Massachusetts
FirstLight Hydro Generating Company

Reference: Concurrence on the Area of Potential Effects for the Turner Falls and Northfield Mountain Projects.

To the parties addressed:

We consulted with the Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), along with the Narragansett Indian Tribe, Nolumbeka Project, FirstLight, and others with regard to the areas of potential effects (APEs) involving the relicensings for the Turner Falls Hydroelectric Project and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (projects). Based on those consultations, we determine that the APEs should include all lands within the current project boundaries of the two projects, in addition to any other lands outside the project boundaries where historic properties could be affected by project-related adverse effects.

The projects' APEs include lands within Franklin County, Massachusetts, Windham County, Vermont, and Cheshire County, New Hampshire. On lands adjacent to the project boundaries, the APEs would also include an additional 10 meters (33 feet) of lands inland from the top of banks of the Connecticut River and associated tributaries. The enclosed maps demarcate the general geographic and topographic coverage of the APEs for these projects. (See enclosure maps).

At this time, we seek formal concurrence from the Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire SHPO on our defined APEs for the Turner Falls and Northfield Mountain projects.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Frank Winchell at 202-502-6104.

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Enclosures: APE maps

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