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December 19, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St NE Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Attn: Frank Winchell, Hydro Power

RE: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Relicensing of the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project
And Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, Franklin County, MA. MHC # RC.1099.
FERC No. 1889-081 and No. 2485-063.

Dear Ms. Bose:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer have reviewed your determination of the area of potential effect, received by the MHC on December 12, 2013, for the project referenced above.

The MHC concurs with FERC's determination of the project area of potential effect, to include all lands within the current project boundaries as shown on attached figures 3.7.2.1-4, including within 10 meters of the top of the Connecticut River and tributaries, and any other lands outside the project boundaries where potential effects to historic properties may occur.

As project planning is refined, the MHC looks forward to reviewing additional information, including scaled existing and proposed conditions project plans, for any proposed new construction, demolition, rehabilitation or other activities, at the existing facilities, if any, that may cause effects to significant historic and archaeological resources.

The MHC looks forward to reviewing scopes for the proposed identification and evaluation efforts proposed as part of the revised Proposed Study Plan, including the State Archaeologist's permit application and archaeological research design and methodology, and the proposed scope for the historic properties identification effort, the research design and methodology, and CVs of the qualified professional historic preservation consultants on the research team.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800). Please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office if you have any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brona Simon in cursive.

Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director
State Archaeologist
Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc: see attached

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