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Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
88 First Street N. E.
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary,

I would like to submit a comment on FERC's Study Plan Determination for P-1889, Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project.

I am in favor of Study 4.2.3 " Hydraulic study of the Turners Falls Power Canal and in linking this hydraulic study with another Study 3.3.2: Evaluate upstream and downstream passage of adult American Shad. Both studies need to be expanded from their present state.

Since 1980, American Shad (a public resource) have been allowed to pass upstream in the Cabot Station Fish Ladder into a private power canal. Yet after more than 30 years, even as agencies consider placing even more shad into the canal using a fish lift, there is no understanding about the present fate or use of the canal by shad, other than 10-20% successfully exit the canal upstream. What happens to the 80-90%? As part of the studies for the Turners Falls project license, an intensive telemetry tracking study on shad (movements, fate, and spawning) in the canal that is linked to canal hydraulics should be done.

Sincerely,
Boyd Kynard, PhD

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