

# Email Communications Memo

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**To:** Public Files  
**From:** Adam Beeco  
**Date:** January 31, 2014  
**Dockets:** P-1889-081 and P-2485-063  
**Project:** Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project  
**Subject:** Communications between Commission staff and Bob Nasdor of the American Whitewater

On January 30, 2014, Adam Beeco of the Commission's staff emailed with Bob Nasdor of American Whitewater. Specifically, Dr. Beeco sought clarification from Mr. Nasdor on the comments he submitted to FirstLight concerning FirstLight's Modified Revised Study Plan for the whitewater boating study. Mr. Nasdor clarified that the three gates of Turners Falls dam his listed as "Bascule Gates #5-7" were intended to identify tainter gates 1-3.

Those emails are attached to this memo.



Adam Beeco &lt;adam.beeco@ferc.gov&gt;

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## Whitewater Flow study on Connecticut River

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**Adam Beeco** <adam.beeco@ferc.gov>

Thu, Jan 30, 2014 at 4:15 PM

To: bob@americanwhitewater.org, John.Howard@gdfsuezna.com

Hi Bob,

I am writing you to clarify your comments on FirstLight's Modified Revised Study Plan for the whitewater boating study that you submitted to FirstLight dated December 4, 2013.

On page 4, you requested "that FirstLight test at least one flow from Bascule Gate #4 and Bascule Gates #5-7 to determine whether releases from those gates will have any recreational benefit." However, the Turners Fall dam consists of two individual concrete dams on either side of Great Island. On river left of this island there are four bascule type gates. On river right of this island there are three tainter gates. Is your reference to Bascule Gates #5-7 actually the three tainter gates on river right?

I would appreciate it if you could clarify this issue. Thanks,

Adam

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**Bob Nasdor** <bob@americanwhitewater.org>

Thu, Jan 30, 2014 at 6:11 PM

To: Adam Beeco &lt;adam.beeco@ferc.gov&gt;

Cc: John Howard &lt;John.Howard@gdfsuezna.com&gt;

Hi Adam,

Thank you for writing to ask for clarification of our comments. I inadvertently referred to the three tainter gates as Bascule gates 5-7. My intent was to ask that FirstLight perform releases from each of the Bascule gates as well as the tainter gates during the flow study. There are ledges on river right that could be affected by releases from the tainter gates and it would be helpful to identify what features may be present there. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Best regards,

Bob

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