

Communications Memo

To: Public Files
From: Kenneth Hogan
Date: March 7, 2014
Dockets: P-1889-081 and P-2485-063
Project: Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project
Subject: Telephone communications between Commission staff and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

On March 6, 2014, Ken Hogan and Nick Ettema of the Commission's staff met, via teleconference, with Mr. Jesse Leddick and Ms. Misty-Anne Marold of the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (MADFW). The purpose of the call was to discuss the existence of newly discovered information that may be relevant to FirstLight Power Resources' (FirstLight) study plan for the relicensing of the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project. Mr. Leddick and Ms. Marold sought guidance from Commission staff as to how best make the new information available and what opportunities may exist to refine FirstLight's study plan in light of the new information.

Staff's guidance to MADFW suggested that MADFW file the new information with the Commission and include with its filing any suggestions/requests as to how this information should be utilized by FirstLight in its implementation of its study plan, and if MADFW seeks a modification to the study plan they should provide a detailed description of the modification(s) being sought.

A copy of the email, initiating this discussion is attached to this memo.

Kenneth Hogan

From: Leddick, Jesse (FWE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 3:44 PM
To: Kenneth Hogan
Cc: Marold, Misty-Anne (FWE)
Subject: FERC-Turner's Falls Aquatic Study Plan Determination - Additional Information

Ken,

I just left you a phone message and wanted to follow up via email. We have additional information that documents state-listed mussels in additional areas of the Connecticut River within the project area. This data may not have found its way into the study plan review to date, but it has the potential to affect/inform Study Plans 3.3.1, 3.3.11, and 3.3.16 (as they relate to state-listed mussels). I would appreciate your thoughts on the best way to get this information into the record and use it to inform the study plans.

I will be available via phone this afternoon (until 4PM), tomorrow (after 1PM), and Friday (all day), and would appreciate speaking with you to better understand the best way forward. Please give me a call – or let me know when you might be available for one – as soon as possible. If you don't reach me initially, please try Misty-Anne Marold at (978) 618-6688. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best regards,

... Jesse

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