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

Re: FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, FERC Project Nos. 2485-063 and 1889-081
Drawings and Photographs requested as part of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Notice of Study
Dispute

Dear Secretary Bose:

On April 8, 2014, FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight), licensee of the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, attended a Study Dispute Meeting between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC, Commission) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The study dispute pertains to USFWS requesting a study to quantify the level of entrainment of early life stage of American shad during the first year of studies.

At the meeting, the Study Dispute Panel asked whether pump samples could be safely collected from the Northfield intake tunnel service port. FirstLight addressed the question at the meeting and now encloses a series of drawings and pictures from the tailrace/intake location to the service port. Because these enclosures include specific engineering and detailed design information, **FirstLight has designated the drawings and photographs as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information in accordance with Sections 388.112 and 388.13 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R §§ 388.112, 388.113, and the Commission's "Guidelines for Filing Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII)".** FirstLight therefore requests that these documents be placed in the non-public file for the Projects.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Howard", written in a cursive style.

John Howard
FERC- Director Hydro Compliance
Enclosed: Drawings and Photographs of Service Port

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