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***VIA CERTIFIED MAIL***

April 24, 2014

Doug Harris  
Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
Narragansett Indian Tribe  
Narragansett Indian Longhouse  
4425-A South County Trail  
Charlestown, RI 02813

Re: Traditional Cultural Properties Study  
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FERC Project No. 2485  
Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1889

Dear Doug:

I am writing to follow up on my previous correspondence regarding FirstLight Hydro Generating Company's (FirstLight) Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) Study, to be conducted as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) relicensing process for FirstLight's Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project and Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project. In my August 14, 2013 letter, I indicated that in light of FirstLight's agreement to conduct the TCP Study in close consultation with the Narragansett Indian Tribe (Tribe), FirstLight felt that the extent of direct funding of tribal initiatives you proposed was unnecessary for purposes of the relicensing process. Subsequently, as a first step in moving forward with the TCP Study, I invited you, by letter dated January 31, 2014, to consult with FirstLight regarding the selection of the ethnographer for the TCP Study.

Although we have not yet heard from you, I understand, based on correspondence from FERC Staff and Joe Graveline's April 15, 2014 letter addressed to my attention, that funding concerns may be hampering the Tribe's ability to participate in the TCP Study. FERC Staff's April 11, 2014 letter indicates that while FERC cannot direct license applicants to fund or pay for tribal participation in the relicensing process, in some proceedings applicants have provided funding or assistance to tribes to carry out specific aspects of TCP investigations. FirstLight agrees with FERC Staff that the Tribe's participation in the TCP Study would be extremely beneficial. To that end, FirstLight is willing to discuss compensating tribal members for their time and expenses associated with participating in the TCP Study.

We therefore reiterate our request for a meeting to introduce you to our proposed ethnographer and discuss compensation issues. We can also discuss the Tribe's interest in participating in FirstLight's ongoing Phase IA archaeological reconnaissance survey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Howard".

John Howard  
FERC- Director Hydro Compliance

cc: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, FERC (filed electronically)  
Joe Graveline, President, Nolumbeka Project Inc. (via certified mail)

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