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Re: 2013 Full River Reconnaissance – 2015 Addendum

Dear All,

On January 22, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued their Determination on Requests for Study Modifications and New Studies for the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-1889) and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (P-2485). Included in the FERC determination letter was the recommendation for FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight) to file an addendum to the 2013 Full River Reconnaissance (FRR, Study No. 3.1.1) final report. Specifically, FERC recommended that the addendum include: (1) a comparison of the specific riverbank features and characteristics from data logging files, or field data sheets, collected during the field surveys to a photograph of that segment of riverbank captured from the digital geo-referenced video; and (2) a comparison of 2007 and 2014 photo logs. The addendum is to be filed with FERC within 90 days of the issuance of the determination letter (April 22, 2015).

Furthermore, FERC requested that FirstLight consult with the Connecticut River Streambank Erosion Committee (CRSEC) and the Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC) prior to filing the final addendum. In accordance with this request, enclosed please find the following DRAFT documents for your review and comment:

- Attachment A – Riverbank Segment QA Comparison; and
- Attachment B – 2007 to 2014 Photo Comparison

FirstLight will be hosting a meeting for interested Stakeholders on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 at the Hampton Inn in Greenfield, MA to discuss the draft addendum. Following the meeting, Stakeholders will have the opportunity to file comments with FirstLight until Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Upon receipt of all comments, FirstLight will review the submittals, update the addendum (as appropriate) or provide responses to comments, and file with FERC by Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

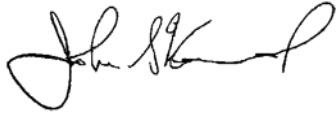
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If you have any questions in advance of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, please feel free to contact me at (413) 659-4489 or via email at [john.howard@gdfsuezna.com](mailto:john.howard@gdfsuezna.com).

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