



December 31, 2014

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, FERC Project Nos. 2485 and 1889  
Completed Study Reports for Study Nos. 3.7.1 and 3.7.2 (Cultural Resource Reports)

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) regulations, Title 18 Code of Federal Regulations (18 C.F.R.) § 5.15(c)(1), FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight) filed its Initial Study Report (ISR) for the relicensing of its Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889) and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485) on September 15, 2014.

Two of the studies being conducted in connection with the relicensing of these Projects are Study No. 3.7.1 *Phase IA, IB, and II Archaeological Surveys* and Study No. 3.7.2 *Survey and Evaluation of Historic Architectural Resources*. The ISR for Study No. 3.7.1 reported that the study report for the *Phase IA Archaeological Survey* would be completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2014. The ISR for Study No. 3.7.2 reported that the study report for this survey would be filed in the fourth quarter of 2014. Accordingly, FirstLight encloses the completed reports for the *Phase IA Archaeological Survey* and the *Survey and Evaluation of Historic Architectural Resources*. Both reports are being filed separately with the State Historic Preservation Offices for Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire in accordance with each state's guidelines governing the filing of the reports of surveys of archaeological and historic architectural resources.

Because the cultural resource reports contain sensitive information about the nature and location of historic properties which is not to be disclosed to the public, FirstLight requests that the reports be accorded privileged treatment and placed within FERC's non-public files. As set forth in 18 C.F.R. § 388.112, FirstLight has designated both reports accordingly.

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".

John Howard

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