

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2485-071
Northfield Mountain LLC

Project No. 1889-085
FirstLight MA Hydro LLC

VIA USPS FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Reference: Consultation with Tribe

To the Tribal Leaders Addressed:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites your participation in the licensing processes for the existing Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project No. 2485 (Northfield) and Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 1889 (Turners Falls). The Commission's licensing process is an opportunity for the license applicant, interested agencies, tribes, and other stakeholders to consider the project's operation and protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures, and evaluate the need for any changes to the project's operation or additional measures to be implemented over the term of any subsequent license issued for the project.

The 1,166.8-megawatt (MW) Northfield Project and 67.7-MW Turners Falls Project are located on the Connecticut River in Windham County, Vermont; Cheshire County, New Hampshire; and Franklin County, Massachusetts. Northfield Mountain LLC (Northfield Mountain) and FirstLight MA Hydro LLC (FirstLight) respectively filed relicensing applications for the Northfield Project and Turners Falls Project on April 29, 2016, and amended the applications on December 4, 2020.

It is very important that a tribe whose interests could be affected by either the Northfield Project or Turners Falls Project to participate in the process so that tribal issues are addressed. For this reason, please inform us if you have an interest in participating in the relicensing process for either project. In addition, please indicate if you would like to meet with Commission staff to discuss the Commission's licensing process, how your tribe can participate to the fullest extent possible, your interests and concerns in the affected area, and how to establish procedures to ensure appropriate communication between Commission and tribal staffs. The meeting can be limited to Commission staff and your tribal staff, or can be open to FirstLight and/or Northfield Mountain.

If at all possible, we would appreciate a response by October 29, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file your response using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2485-071 and/or P-1889-085.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gill at (202) 502-6773, or at amanda.gill@ferc.gov. Ms. Gill will contact your office shortly to follow up on this letter.

Sincerely,

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