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*Via Electronic Filing*

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

Re: Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889), FirstLight MA Hydro LLC, Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485), Northfield Mountain LLC, Status Update

Dear Secretary Bose:

On October 31, 2022, FirstLight Power Services LLC (FirstLight), as agent for Northfield Mountain LLC, the current licensee for Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (Northfield Mountain Project, No. 2485-MA) and FirstLight MA Hydro LLC, the current licensee for Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (Turners Falls Project, No. 1889-MA), sent the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an update on the status of settlement discussions relative to the Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain Projects. As noted in the October 31, 2022 letter, FirstLight was targeting a comprehensive agreement by December 31, 2022.

Although a comprehensive settlement on all issues has not yet been reached, FirstLight is pleased to announce that it has finalized a settlement agreement on future operations, fish passage, and protected, threatened and endangered species ("Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement") at the Projects. The Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement is a significant milestone and represents a substantial commitment by FirstLight to invest in improvements for fish and wildlife at the Projects and to alter operations of the Projects to achieve a more natural river flow. The document is being circulated for signature among the following parties: FirstLight, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and The Nature Conservancy. Once the signatures are obtained, FirstLight will file the document with FERC. FirstLight appreciates FERC's willingness to allow the parties the additional time needed to achieve the Flow and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement.

FirstLight continues to engage stakeholders and make progress on other outstanding issues including Recreation, Whitewater Boating, Cultural Resources, and Turners Falls Impoundment Shoreline Erosion. FirstLight will provide an update on the status of these negotiations by March 31, 2023.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan J. Douglass".

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