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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 No. 2 (02/10/23)

Dear Secretary Bose:

On January 12, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directed FirstLight to file bi-weekly updates on the status of settlement discussions on relicensing of the Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain Projects through March 31, 2023. FERC also requested that any settlement agreement(s) be filed by March 31, 2023, and indicated it would delay the Ready for Environmental Assessment (REA) notices until May 31, 2023. Please find below FirstLight's second status update for the period January 30 to February 10, 2023.

Settlement Meetings

As noted in our previous status update, on January 27, 2023, FirstLight emailed all settlement participants the current state of settlement relative to five resource areas including Flows and Fish Passage, Recreation, Erosion, Cultural Resources and Whitewater Recreation. On February 3, 2023, FirstLight held a full settlement group meeting to recap the state of negotiations, negotiate some of the resource area elements, and establish a schedule given FERC's deadline of March 31 to file any settlement agreement(s). FirstLight is having another full settlement group meeting on February 17, 2023.

Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement

There is no change in the status of the Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement. We are awaiting final signatures on this agreement pending consideration of whether the agreement may be combined with one or more of the other resource areas.

Recreation Settlement Agreement

On January 27, 2023, a Draft Recreation Settlement Agreement along with the Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement were emailed to the larger settlement group. FirstLight requested comments on the recreation settlement agreement by February 10, 2023.

<u>Turners Falls Impoundment Shoreline Erosion</u>

Counterproposals continue to be circulated; however, no agreement has been achieved to date.

Cultural Resources

There are no new status updates to report on cultural resources.

Whitewater Recreation
There are no new status updates to report on whitewater recreation.

If you have any questions regarding this status update, please feel free to contact me at the telephone number above.

Respectfully, Alan Douglass

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