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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. 3 (02/24/23)

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 third status update for the period February 11 to 24, 2023.

Settlement Meetings

On February 17, 2023, FirstLight held a full settlement group meeting with emphasis on negotiating variable flows to support conservation and recreation. Conceptual agreement was reached on this issue, and it is slated to be incorporated into a revised Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement.

Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement

As noted above, the Flows and Fish Passage Settlement Agreement is being revised to include establishing variable flows to support conservation and recreation.

Recreation Settlement Agreement

On January 27, 2023, a Draft Recreation Settlement Agreement was emailed to the full settlement group. Comments were received on the Draft Recreation Settlement Agreement and were consolidated into one document that was sent to the full settlement group. On February 23, 2023, a full settlement group meeting occurred to discuss the comments received on the Draft Recreation Settlement Agreement.

Turners Falls Impoundment Shoreline Erosion

There are no new status updates to report on shoreline erosion.

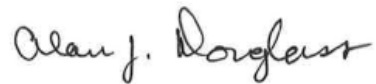
Cultural Resources

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

Whitewater Recreation

The full settlement group meeting on February 17, 2023, focused on flows for recreation and conservation purposes. As noted above, a conceptual agreement was reached to maintain variable flows to support recreation and conservation and is slated to be incorporated into a revised Flows and Fish Passage Agreement.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan J. Douglass".

Respectfully,
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