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*Via Electronic Filing*

April 5, 2013

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

Re: Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FERC Project No. 2485-063  
Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1889-081  
Schedule for Meetings after formal meeting to discuss Proposed Study Plan

Dear Secretary Bose:

FirstLight is using the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) for the relicensing of its Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (Northfield Mountain Project) and Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (Turners Falls Project). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued its Scoping Document 1 (SD1) on December 21, 2012 and held its public scoping meetings on January 30 and 31, 2013. Stakeholders submitted comments on SD1 and study requests by March 1, 2013. FirstLight will be filing its Proposed Study Plan (PSP) by April 15, 2013.

FirstLight received over 200 study requests, although many were duplicative and several had common elements. Where possible, FirstLight consolidated common themes and elements into the same study plan resulting in 30+ individual PSPs. Per Commission regulation, 18 C.F.R § 5.11(e), FirstLight is required to hold a meeting(s) to discuss the PSP within 30 days of filing the PSP. FirstLight will host meetings on May 14 and 15 to begin discussion of the PSP. FirstLight recognizes, however, that 1-2 days to discuss the 30+ individual PSPs is not enough time to review them at the appropriate level of detail. Given this, FirstLight is reserving several additional meetings, as outlined below.

On May 14, 2013 from 9:00 am to noon, FirstLight will provide a broad overview of all of the studies, as required by 18 C.F.R § 5.11(e). The purpose of the "morning" meeting is to present the studies proposed, and the studies not being proposed. The intent is to provide a brief overview of the studies; it is not intended to discuss each study.

The afternoon of May 14 and the meeting schedule thereafter is designed to review and discuss, in greater detail, the individual study plans with the goal of reaching agreement on the methodology and level of effort. The schedule below may be modified, pending progress on reviewing the PSPs. For example, pending progress, some meetings may be cancelled, added to, or held via conference call in lieu of a meeting. If changes to the schedule occur, you will be notified accordingly, as explained below.

We organized “Working Group” meetings along similar resource areas such that not all parties need to attend each meeting.

Resource Area	Meeting Date & Times
Broad Overview of All Studies	May 14, 9:00 am-Noon
<b>Working Group 1:</b> Geology and Soils, Water Resources, Developmental Resources	May 14, 1:00-4:00 pm May 15, 9:00 am-Noon May 15, 1:00-4:00 pm
<b>Working Group 2:</b> Aquatic Resources, Terrestrial, Wetlands, Riparian Resources	May 21, 9:00 am-4:00 pm May 22, 9:00 am-4:00 pm June 4, 9:00 am-4:00 pm June 5, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
<b>Working Group 3:</b> Recreation and Land Use Resources, Aesthetic Resources , Cultural Resources	June 11, 9:00 am-4:00 pm June 12, 9:00 am-4:00 pm June 13, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

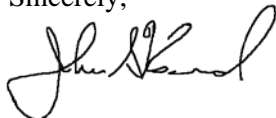
As shown in the table above, Working Group 1 will discuss study plans on May 14<sup>1</sup> in the afternoon. FirstLight suggests that during this time, Working Groups 2 and 3 convene to develop agendas for the upcoming meetings.

FirstLight respectfully requests any person interested in attending any of these meetings to conduct the following, which will help facilitate our planning and logistics:

- Go to <http://www.northfieldrelicensing.com> website and click “join our mailing list”, if you have not joined already. FirstLight plans on providing meeting agendas and communicating any potential changes to the schedule above via this website. If you join the mailing list (which requests your email address), you will automatically be notified via email of any changes to the meeting dates, times, location or changes to the schedule.
- **Please RSVP to [firstlight@gomezandsullivan.com](mailto:firstlight@gomezandsullivan.com) no later than April 19, 2013 for any of the above meetings you plan to attend.** Please identify which meetings you are interested in attending. This will allow FirstLight to determine if there is sufficient space at the Northfield Mountain Visitors Center to hold the meeting, and if not, to identify a different meeting location. Ideally, we are seeking to hold the meetings at the Visitors Center; however, if the number of people attending exceeds capacity, a different venue will be identified and you will be notified accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting logistics, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> The May 14 afternoon meeting will focus on water resources (water quality and hydraulic model) and developmental resources (operations model); the May 15 meeting will finish discussion of water resources and developmental resources issues from the May 14 meeting as well as discuss geology and soils.