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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
88 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889)
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485)
Filing of Recent Studies Referenced in the PAD

Dear Secretary Bose:

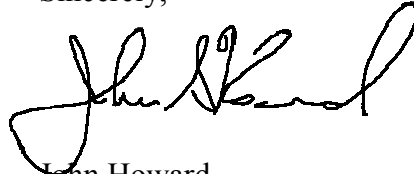
FirstLight Power Resources, LLC submits the enclosed studies on behalf of FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight) for the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project No. 1889) and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (Project No. 2485), located along the Connecticut River in Northfield, MA.

On October 31, 2012 FirstLight filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a Pre-Application Document (PAD) for the Turners Falls Project and Northfield Mountain Project. The PAD referenced four recently completed studies that had not been filed with FERC previously. Please find enclosed four studies which are referenced in Section 6 of the PAD:

- *Analysis of Erosion in Vicinity of Route 10 Bridge Spanning the Connecticut River* prepared by Simons & Associates (2012),
- *Riverbank Erosion Comparison along the Connecticut River* prepared by Simons & Associates (2012),
- *Freshwater Mussel Survey in the Connecticut River for the Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain Hydroelectric Projects* prepared by Biodiversity (2012), and
- *Aquatic Mesohabitat Assessment and Mapping* prepared by FirstLight (2012).

In accordance with the distribution protocol set forth in the PAD, FirstLight is making these documents available on its relicensing website, <http://www.northfieldrelicensing.com>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (413) 659-4489.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

John Howard
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Attachments