



February 12, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, FERC Project Nos. 2485 and 1889;
Notification of Study Report Meeting, March 16, 2016

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to the schedule set forth in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Study Plan Determination issued February 21, 2014, and the Revised Process Plan and Schedule for relicensing the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight), licensee of the Projects, intends to file several recreation and land use, aquatic and terrestrial study reports on March 1, 2016. In accordance with the Revised Process Plan and Schedule, FirstLight notifies Commission staff and relicensing participants that FirstLight will be holding a meeting on March 16, 2016 to discuss the study reports to be filed March 1, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Northampton (36 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060), from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Attached is the agenda for the March 16, 2016 meeting, which will cover only those studies for which completed reports will be filed on March 1, 2016 with the exception of the Mussel Study (Study No. 3.3.16). A study report for Study No. 3.3.16 will not be filed on March 1, 2016; however, FirstLight plans to provide a status update on the mussel habitat suitability index curve development at the March 16 meeting.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gus Bakas".

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FirstLight – Agenda¹ for Updated Study Report Meeting, March 16, 2016

Times	Study
9:00-9:30 am	Introductions, Review of Meeting Purpose, Meeting Objectives, Schedule
	Fish and Aquatic
9:30 am-Noon	3.3.4- Evaluate Upstream Passage of American Eel at the Turners Falls Project
	3.3.6- Impact of Project Operations on Shad Spawning, Spawning Habitat and Egg Deposition in the Area of the Northfield Mountain and Turners Falls Projects
	3.3.20- Study to Evaluate Entrainment of Ichthyoplankton at the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project
	3.3.11- Fish Assemblage
	3.2.1-Water Quality Monitoring Study
	3.3.12- Evaluate Frequency and Impact of Emergency Water Control Gate Discharge Events and Bypass Flume Events on Shortnose Sturgeon Spawning and Rearing Habitat in the Tailrace and Downstream from Cabot Station
Noon-1:00 pm	Lunch on your own
	Modeling
1:00-5:00 pm	3.3.8-Computational Fluid Dynamics Modeling in the Vicinity of the Fishway Entrances and Powerhouse Forebays
	3.3.9-Two-Dimensional Modeling of the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project Intake/Tailrace Channel and Connecticut River Upstream and Downstream of the Intake/Tailrace.
	Odonates and Mussels
	3.3.10-Assess Operational Impacts on Emergence of State-Listed Odonates in the Connecticut River
	3.3.16-Habitat Assessment, Surveys, and Modeling of Suitable Habitat for State-listed Mussel Species in CT River below Cabot Station
	RTE and Terrestrial
	3.4.1-Baseline Study of Terrestrial Wildlife and Botanical Resources
	3.5.1-Baseline Inventory of Wetland, Riparian and Littoral Habitat in the Turners Falls Impoundment, and Assessment of Operational Impacts on Special-Status Species
	Recreation and Land Use
	3.6.1-Recreation Use/User Contact Survey
3.6.5-Land Use Inventory	

¹ NOTE: this agenda is subject to change pending the pace of reviewing the USRs at the meeting.

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