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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: FirstLight MA Hydro LLC, Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889) and Northfield Mountain LLC, Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485). Updated Schedule for Amended License Application

Dear Secretary Bose:

FirstLight MA Hydro LLC (FERC No. 1889) and Northfield Mountain LLC (FERC No. 2485) (collectively, "FirstLight") are in the process of relicensing their facilities with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC or Commission").

On April 12, 2019, FirstLight filed a letter with FERC proposing to file an amended license application by April 30, 2020, following completion of all FERC-required studies as well as certain additional fish passage studies being conducted by FirstLight. In addition, FirstLight noted that it was continuing to meet with federal and state resources agencies and other stakeholders on a variety of issues.

FirstLight has since determined that it will file separate license applications for each of its projects, necessitating some additional preparation. FirstLight has been conducting informal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as FERC's nonfederal representative with both the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is in the process of preparing draft Biological Assessments for review and comment by those agencies. Based on these factors, FirstLight wishes to revise its schedule for filing its amended license applications and now intends to file the applications by August 31, 2020.

At Commission Staff's request, FirstLight has coordinated with Great River Hydro, LLC (Great River Hydro), licensee for the upstream Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon Hydroelectric Projects. On February 5, 2020, Great River Hydro filed a letter with FERC stating it intends to file license applications for these projects on or before July 31, 2020.

FirstLight understands that the Commission intends to continue processing these various applications on the same general schedule and that FirstLight's filing of its applications within a month of Great River Hydro's applications will facilitate the Commission's coordinated treatment of the applications.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call me at 781-653-4247.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Trudell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "T".

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