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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2485-071 – Massachusetts/New  
Hampshire/Vermont  
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project  
Northfield Mountain LLC

VIA FERC Service

Mr. Nick Hollister  
Senior Operations Manager  
Northfield Mountain LLC  
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Northfield, MA 01360

**Reference: Additional Information Request**

Dear Mr. Hollister:

On January 14, 2021, Commission staff requested that Northfield Mountain LLC (Northfield Mountain), the licensee for the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project No. 2485, provide additional information and resolve deficiencies for the license application that it filed on April 29, 2016, and amended on December 4, 2020. On March 15, 2021, Northfield Mountain filed a response to Commission staff's January 14, 2021 letter.<sup>1</sup>

We have reviewed the March 15, 2021 filing, and request additional information in Schedule A. Please provide this information within 60 days from the date of this letter, pursuant to section 5.21 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Northfield Mountain's March 15, 2021 filing did not include responses to items 3 and 4 of Schedule B of Commission staff's January 14, 2021 letter. On March 25, 2021, Northfield Mountain stated that it needed an additional 90 days to file this information.

<sup>2</sup> Northfield Mountain's filing should include responses to items 3 and 4 of Schedule B of Commission staff's January 14, 2021 letter. To the extent Northfield Mountain is unable to provide responses to these outstanding items within 60 days of the date of this letter, Northfield Mountain should provide a progress report on its analysis and the date by which it will file the information.

If the requested information causes another part of the application to be inaccurate, that part must be revised and refiled by the due date. Please be aware that further requests for additional information may be sent to Northfield Mountain at any time before final action on the license application.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file the requested information using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlinesupport@ferc.gov); call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. In lieu of electronic filing, Northfield Mountain may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2485-071.

If Northfield Mountain has any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131, or via email at [stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

Nicholas Tackett, Chief  
New England Branch  
Division of Hydropower Licensing

Enclosure: Schedule A — Request for Additional Information

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Project Boundary**

1. Item 12 of Schedule B of Commission staff’s January 14, 2021, letter requested additional information on lands that were identified in Exhibit G as lands “to be acquired,” including an explanation of what the acquisition will entail (e.g., fee ownership, land rights, flowage rights) and how the lands will be used for project purposes. In its March 15, 2021 response, FirstLight only provided information about lands that it is proposing to add to the current project boundary. However, the Exhibit G maps identify several additional parcels of land within the current project boundary as lands “to be acquired.” The following table lists the sheets in Exhibit G on which this occurs:

Sheet #	Description
1	Sheet same as TF #3, no issues.
2	Sheet same as TF #4, Parcel(s) along Millers River
3	Parcel(s) on east side of CT River
4	Parcel(s) along Millers River
5	No issues
6	Sheet same as TF #6, Parcel(s) on both sides of CT River
7	Sheet same as TF #7, Parcel(s) on west side of CT River
8	Sheet same as TF #8, Parcel(s) on both sides of CT River
9	Sheet same as TF #9, Parcel(s) on west side of CT River
10	Sheet same as TF #10, Parcel(s) on west side of CT River
11	Sheet same as TF #11, Parcel(s) on both sides of CT River
12	Sheet same as TF #12, Parcel(s) on both sides of CT River
13	Sheet same as TF #13, Parcel(s) on both sides of CT River

If any of these lands have been acquired, the Exhibit G maps should be revised to reflect the current status of the lands. If these lands have not been acquired, please provide an explanation of what the acquisition would entail (e.g., fee ownership, land rights, flowage rights) and how the lands are, or would be, used for project purposes.