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Debbie Anne Reese, Acting Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1889-085  
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FERC No. 2485-071  
Connecticut River; Windham County, VT; Cheshire County, NH; and Franklin  
County, MA  
Administrative Record for the Preliminary Prescription for Fishways**

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

On May 16, 2024, the U.S. Department of the Interior filed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Preliminary Prescription for Fishways (PPF) for the Turners Falls (FERC No. 1889) and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage (P-2485) projects. Enclosed is the Service's Administrative Record for the PPF.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this information. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Melissa Grader at (413) 239-2138, or via email at [melissa\\_grader@fws.gov](mailto:melissa_grader@fws.gov).

Sincerely yours,

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### TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR LETTER PROVIDING COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ATTACHED DECISION DOCUMENT WITH PRELIMINARY PRESCRIPTION FOR FISHWAYS

This is the Index to the Administrative Record for the Department of the Interior (Department) letter providing comments, recommendations, and attached Decision Document with Preliminary Prescription for Fishways. This Administrative Record supports the Department's Preliminary Prescription for Fishways made pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Power Act, and submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) with the Department's Decision Document for the Turners Falls Project (FERC No. 1889) and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage (NMPS) Project (FERC No. 2485), located on the Connecticut River in Franklin County, Massachusetts; Cheshire County, New Hampshire; and Windham County, Vermont.

All public records, scientific studies, documents, references, or other information cited, referenced, considered or relied upon in support of the Department's Preliminary Prescription for Fishways and indexed below are contained in the Commission's formal dockets for the Turners Falls and NMPS projects, and may be accessed through the Commission's e-Library records information system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>.

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