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

**Subject: ERRATA NOTICE** 

Turners Falls, P-1889-085

Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage, P-2485-071

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

The U.S. Department of the Interior submits the attached Errata Notice on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Preliminary Prescription for Fishways for the Turners Falls (FERC No. 1889-085) and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage (FERC No. 2485-071) Projects.

Thank you for your attention to this notice. Please contact me at (617 223-8565) if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

ANDREW RADDANT Date: 2024.06.10 13:23:34 -04'00'

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RE: Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1889-085 Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FERC No. 2485-071 Errata Notice

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

On May 16, 2024, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) filed its Preliminary Prescription for Fishways in the above-noted dockets. Section 9 of the Preliminary Prescription proposes to reserve the authority of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 18 of the Federal Power Act over the term of the licenses, and reads:

The Department, pursuant to Section 18 of the FPA, herein requests that the Commission include the following reservation of authority in any licenses issued for the Projects:

Authority is reserved to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require the Licensee to construct, operate, and maintain, or provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance, of such fishways as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior during the term of the license pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Power Act, consistent with the terms of the FFP Agreement filed with the Commission on March 31, 2023 (FERC Accession Number 20230331-56002019).

For purposes of clarification concerning the specific portions of the FFP Agreement referred to, the Service hereby amends this section to read:

The Department, pursuant to Section 18 of the FPA, herein requests that the Commission include the following reservation of authority in any licenses issued for the Projects:

Authority is reserved to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require the Licensee to construct, operate, and maintain, or provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance, of such fishways as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior during the term of the license pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Power Act, consistent with the terms of the FFP Agreement filed with the Commission on March 31, 2023 (FERC Accession Number 20230331-56002019), including, but not limited to, Section 3.1.3 of the Agreement and those terms contained in Draft License Articles A320, A330, and B220.

(added language in bold). Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Grader at 413-239-2138, or via email at melissa\_grader@fws.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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