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Re: DOER Report and Recommendations (the "Report") for Charging Forward: Energy Storage in a Net Zero Commonwealth (the "Energy Storage Study")

I strongly endorse the comments, dated January 31, 2024, submitted by Professors Eve Vogel and Regine Amy Spector to DOER on the above-referenced Report.

Please urge DOER not to make policy decisions based on the Energy Storage Study which would incentivize increased operation of industrial hydropower facilities in the State, particularly operation of the Northfield pumped-storage hydroelectric facility owned by FirstLight Power. Facilities such as Northfield cause severe damage to river ecosystems and the owners of such facilities should NOT be incentivized to increase their operations and the environmental destruction they cause.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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-- Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass*