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Via Electronic Filing: timothy.m.jones@mass.gov

Mr. Timothy M. Jones
Legal and Policy Analyst
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100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889), FirstLight MA Hydro LLC,
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485), Northfield Mountain LLC
Application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Dear Mr. Jones:

FirstLight MA Hydro LLC is the owner and operator of the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (Turners Falls Project, FERC No. 1889). Northfield Mountain LLC is the owner and operator of the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (Northfield Mountain Project, FERC No. 2485). The Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain Projects are collectively referred to herein as the Project or Projects. FirstLight Hydro LLC and Northfield Mountain LLC are collectively referred to herein as FirstLight. The Projects are currently undergoing relicensing proceedings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). On February 22, 2024, FERC issued its Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis (REA) for the Projects.

FirstLight is seeking Water Quality Certifications from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) under Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1341) for the Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain Projects. Please find attached a single Application for the Projects; although separate BRP WW28 Forms are being provided for the Turners Falls and Northfield Mountain Projects. The Application includes numerous documents, which are accessible via hyperlinks in Appendix A of the Application or via the following public website: [401 WQC Documents - List | Northfield Relicensing \(northfield-relicensing.com\)](https://www.northfield-relicensing.com).

Please confirm receipt of the Application via email and follow-up with a letter. We look forward to MDEP's processing of the Application.

If you have any questions regarding the Application, please contact me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan J. Douglass".

Alan Douglass
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