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April 22, 2024

*Via Electronic Filing*

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

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

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

As you know, the above-referenced matters pertain to FirstLight Power's ongoing relicensing matters that are pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 797(e). In accordance with 40 CFR 121.6, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is providing this notice to confirm that on April 22, 2024, FirstLight Power filed with MassDEP an Application for Hydroelectric Power Generation Project 401 Water Quality Certification. MassDEP has determined that the application received on April 22, 2024 meets the content requirements in 40 CFR 121.5(a)(1) and the additional content requirements identified by MassDEP in accordance with 40 CFR 121.5(c). Therefore, the one-year reasonable period of time for MassDEP to issue or deny the Water Quality Certification begins on April 22, 2024. *See* 18 CFR § 4.34(b)(5)(iii) and 18 CFR § 5.23(b)(2).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stefanik  
Wetlands Environmental Analyst  
Bureau of Water Resources

Cc (via email): Jen Daloisio, FirstLight Power  
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