

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

April 10, 2024

FirstLight MA Hydro LLC

Project No. 1889-085  
Massachusetts/Vermont/New Hampshire  
Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project

Northfield Mountain LLC

Project No. 2485-071  
Massachusetts/Vermont/New Hampshire  
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project

Great River Hydro, LLC

Project No. 1904-078  
Vermont/New Hampshire  
Vernon Hydroelectric Project

Project No. 1855-050  
Vermont/New Hampshire  
Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project

Project No. 1892-030  
Vermont/New Hampshire  
Wilder Hydroelectric Project

NOTICE GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

On February 22, 2024, the Commission issued notices that the above referenced projects were ready for environmental analysis and solicited motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions. On March 22, 2024, FirstLight MA Hydro LLC and Northfield Mountain LLC filed amendments to the applications for the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 1889 (Turners Falls Project) and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project No. 2485 (Northfield Mountain Project). On April 2, 2024, the Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) filed a request to extend the public comment deadline for the Turners Falls Project and Northfield Mountain Project from April 22, 2024, until May 22, 2024. On April 4, 2024, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (Franklin County Council) also requested a 30-day extension of the comment period. CRC and the Franklin County Council state that this additional time is necessary to review the filings made by FirstLight MA Hydro and Northfield Mountain on March 22, 2024.

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In order to allow CRC, the Franklin County Council, and all other participants time to review and comment on the March 22, 2024 filings, which are relevant to several resource issues of interest to multiple stakeholders, this notice extends the deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions for the Turners Falls Project and Northfield Mountain Project to May 22, 2024. The deadline for filing reply comments is extended from June 6, 2024, to July 8, 2024.

Because the Turners Falls Project and Northfield Mountain Project are located on the same river and include similar issues to Great River Hydro, LLC's Vernon Hydroelectric Project No. 1904 (Vernon Falls Project), Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 1855 (Bellows Falls Project), and Wilder Hydroelectric Project No. 1892 (Wilder Project), it is Commission staff's intent to continue to process these relicense applications concurrently. Therefore, this notice also extends the deadlines for the Vernon Falls Project, the Bellows Falls Project, and the Wilder Project.

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