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2023 NHA NE REGIONAL MEETING

Springfield, Massachusetts

July 25, 2023

Tour of FirstLight Power Northfield Mountain

7:15 – 12:15 PM

Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility

FirstLight Power

Buses depart from the Springfield Marriott Downtown at 7:15 AM sharp.

12:15 – 1:15 PM

Lunch (included in registration); boxed lunches available

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Basin Scale Planning: Uncommon Dialogue Working Group 3/5

Any Regional Meeting registrant is welcome to participate; attendance by asset owners is highly encouraged.

Discussion Leaders:

- **Cheryl Laatsch**, FERC Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- **John Suloway**, Senior Energy Regulatory Advisor, Gomez and Sullivan Engineers

4:30 – 6:30 PM

*Networking Reception @ Springfield Marriott Downtown
Light hors d'oeuvres and beer & wine included in registration.*

July 26, 2023

Northeast Regional Meeting

Springfield Marriott Downtown

8:00 AM

Registration Opens and Networking Coffee with Light Pastries

8:30 – 8:35 AM

Opening Remarks

8:35 – 8:50 AM

Welcoming Remarks

FirstLight Power

8:50 – 9:50

Innovative Approaches and Emerging Trends in FERC Licensing

Three companies that own and operate hydro projects on the Connecticut River share insights and lessons learned regarding agreements with stakeholders involving fish passage and streamflow.

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9:50 – 10:15 AM

10:15 – 11:15 AM

11:15 – 11:45 AM

11:45 – 12:15 PM

12:15 – 1:15 PM

1:15 – 1:30 PM

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Moderator: **Steve Leach**, Senior Fishery Biologist, FirstLight Power

- **Richard (Rich) F. Murray, Jr.**, Dam Safety/Compliance Engineer, Holyoke Gas & Electric
- **John Ragonese**, FERC License Manager, Great River Hydro, LLC
- **Mark Wamser**, Senior Water Resources Engineer, Gomez & Sullivan Engineers, D.P.C.

Morning Networking Break

Fish Passage: The Latest Trends, Developments, and Initiatives in the Northeast

Updates on the latest projects, settlements and developments will be shared, including new technologies and guidance documents.

Moderator: **Kari Sparks**, Environmental Specialist, Great River Energy

- **Paul Matson**, Aquatic Ecologist and Research Scientist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
- **Dana McCoskey**, Environmental Technologies Manager, Water Power Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Jessica Pica**, Fish Passage Engineer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- **Drew Trested**, Vice President, Normandeau Associates, Inc.
- **Abe Schneider**, Co-Founder, President and CTO, Natel Energy

What Environmental Justice (EJ) Means for FERC Relicensing
Speaker: **Kelly MacVane**, Regulatory Section Manager, HDR

Climate Change – Impacts Specific to the Northeast

Special Guest Speaker: Sunny Wescott, Lead Meteorologist, Infrastructure Security Division, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Networking Lunch

Presentation from Endicott College Hydropower Collegiate Competition Team

- **John Duggan**, Associate Dean, Science and Tech and Chair, Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics
- **Leticia Midoes Julio**, Student, Engineering, Class of 2023
- **Gavin Emenaker**, Student, Applied Mathematics, Class of 2024
- **Michael Hardiman**, Adjunct Professor

Shake Up! Wake Up! Time to Adjust Our Collective Mindset

Challenging traditional thinking, mindsets, and dialogues is always difficult. Change can be hard and uncomfortable. Yet, change can lead to great progress. Hear from individuals who have become comfortable with the uncomfortable and will share real-life examples of how thinking differently is leading to progress and positive results.

**OTHER NHA EVENTS YOU
DON'T WANT TO MISS:**



Clean Currents 2023, the official waterpower event organized by the non-profit National Hydropower Association, brings the industry together in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 10-13 for a comprehensive trade show and conference.



Waterpower Week 2024, hosted in Washington, D.C. on March 13-15, 2024, will provide a unique opportunity for attendees to concentrate on regulatory, policy, markets, and legislative aspects of their work. Additionally, they will have the chance to hear from and network with others who affect the industry – regulators, resource agencies, and environmental communities.

2:30 – 3:00 PM

3:00 – 4:00 PM

4:00 – 5:00 PM

5:00 PM

Moderator: **Emily Schwartz**, Dams Deputy Business Line Director, Black & Veatch

- **Preston Wilson**, CEO, Resilience Solutions Consulting
- **Jillian Lawrence**, Director of Civil Engineering, Patriot Hydro
- **Andy Qua**, Principal Consultant, Kleinschmidt

Afternoon Networking Break

Building New Hydro in the Northeast

Developers will share the latest, relative to adding new hydropower generation at existing infrastructure, including incorporation of new technologies and fish passage.

Moderator: **Morgan Gerard**, Associate, Troutman Pepper

- **Michael Kerr**, Founder and CEO, New England Hydropower Company
- **Ushakar Jha**, Vice President, Project Engineering, Rye Development
- **Michael N. Lazorchak**, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Stowe Electric

Electric Power Markets in the Northeast -- Integration, Ancillary Services, and Equipment Impacts

Two system operators will provide a market update and discuss trends while an asset owner will describe impacts on equipment reliability. Advancements in technology will be shared by an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) relative to supporting a wider range of flexibility.

Moderator: **Justin Trudell**, COO, FirstLight Power

- **Andrew Copland**, Economist, ISO New England
- **Sai Vijay Kaki**, Market Design, NY ISO
- **Chris Carey**, Operations Superintendent, New York Power Authority (NYPA)
- **David Havard**, Head of Product Marketing, GE Renewable Energy

Closing Remarks & Meeting Wrap-up