

## **Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant Joins in Historic Purchase of Clean, Green Massachusetts-made Hydropower**

Rowley, Ma Nov. 13th 2020—Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant has joined 20 public power utilities from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont in the largest municipal electric department purchase of "green power" in New England history, a contract for hydropower generated in Western Massachusetts that will lower RMLP's customers' bills and greenhouse-gas emissions.

The purchase agreement, structured and executed by Energy New England with hydro generator Firstlight Power, will cover the year-round electric power demands of 23,000 typical homes across the region. By relying on clean hydropower from the Turners Falls and Cabot generating facilities on the Connecticut River in Montague instead of electricity produced by natural gas or oil, the contract will deliver carbon-dioxide emissions reductions equal to taking 30,000 cars off the road by 2023. Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant is pleased and honored to be part of this history-making purchase by public power entities of reliable, affordable energy.'

"Never before have so many municipal light plants, municipal electric departments, and other public power utilities come together to buy emissions-free renewable power on this scale," said Energy New England president and CEO John G. Tzimorangas. "We are honored to have had the chance to connect our 'munis' with one of Massachusetts' premier energy suppliers, Firstlight Power, for this landmark transaction that will deliver environmental and economic benefits for years to come."

Firstlight CEO Alicia Barton said: "This landmark transaction demonstrates that New England municipal utilities are leading the charge nationally when it comes to delivering clean, locally-produced and low-cost power to their customers. Firstlight's Turners Falls and Cabot hydroelectric generating stations have been generating renewable power for more than a century and help support more than 110 great jobs in Western Massachusetts and across the state. With this transaction we amplify those local benefits to help communities across Massachusetts and New England reach their carbon reduction goals."