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Dear Dr. Cota:

The Department of Energy, Region I, has completed their review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, "New England Power Units 1 & 2 (NEP 1 & 2)", Docket Numbers STN 50-568 and STN 50-569. We have the following comments:

- Page 4-20, second paragraph It is estimated that 90% of the laborers will commute daily to the work site.
  - a) What is the average travel distance?
  - b) What effect upon energy (gasoline) consumption will this mass movement have?
  - c) Can mass transit be provided to reduce energy consumption?
- Page 9-4, fourth paragraph, second line An indication should be made that FPC is now FERC, part of DOE.
- Page 9-5, second paragraph, first line Change Federal Power Commission to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Page 9-96, sections 9.3.1.8 and 9.3.1.9 These sections should include a statement evaluating the energy needed to operate these cooling alternatives.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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