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U. S. Department of the Army
Corps of Engineers, New England District
424 Trapelo Road
Waltham, Massachusetts 02154

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding for your review and comment the draft environmental impact documentation identified in the enclosure to this letter.

The Draft Environmental Statement was prepared by my staff in accordance with the statement of general policy and procedure on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as set forth in the Commission's regulations, 10 CFR Part 51. The statement has today been sent to the Environmental Protection Agency and notice of its availability is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. Comments will be due within 60 days after publication in the Federal Register of the Environmental Protection Agency's listing notifying the public of issuance of the impact statement. Please send a copy of your comments directly to the applicant. His address is:

New England Power Company
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In particular, we solicit your comments on Sect. 4.3.2, which discusses construction impacts of the intake and discharge structures and the barge unloading facility.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Dr. Phillip C. Cota (FTS 492-8432), who is the environmental project manager for our review of this application.

Sincerely,

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