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Director
U. S. Water Resources Council
Washington, D. C. 20037

Dear Sir:

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.

In particular, note our treatment of floodplain considerations in Sections 2.5.1.4 and 4.1.4.

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

Sincerely,

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Division of Site Safety
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Enclosure:
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Applicant: New England Power Company

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