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Projects Nos. 1889/2485--Massachusetts
Turners Falls/Northfield Projects
Northeast Utilities Service Co.

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Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is in response to your letter filed February 16, 1999, in which you addressed comments received on the **EROSION CONTROL PLAN FOR THE TURNERS FALLS POOL OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER** (Plan) filed September 15, 1998, and public noticed on October 15, 1998.

In addition to the changes to the Plan agreed to at the March 3, 1999, Connecticut River Streambank Erosion Committee meeting, the following modifications shall be incorporated into the Plan:

1. Include an ad hoc committee to assist in planning the work to be done under this plan. This committee shall serve in an advisory group only. Any changes to the plan, after it has been approved by the FERC, can be done only with FERC's approval. All work to be done under this plan must be submitted for approval to the Commission's headquarters and the New York Regional Office.
2. NUSCO and the committee shall meet on sufficient intervals to evaluate and prioritize the following years erosion control work.
3. On page 12, item 7.0 first paragraph delete everything after the end of the second sentence. Sufficient expenditure must be made each year to satisfactorily remedy the erosion in a reasonable manner.
4. The Plan would be easier to read and understand if the illustrative figures were placed in appendices following the text.

The FERC may require changes to the plan after it has been in effect for several years. The changes may be required if it is apparent the plan is not controlling erosion, that the in-

place erosion control measures are not effective, or the erosion control measures are not advancing at a rate that will not alleviate the moderate to severe erosion sites.

Within 90 days from the date of this letter please submit the revised Plan for review and approval. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. W. Flint at (202) 219-2667.

Sincerely,



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Chief
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cc: Public Files