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Project No. 1889 -
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Mr. Robert E. Barrett, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Barrett:

C Commission staff is presently preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Turners Falls Project (No. 1889) and requests the following information:

O (1) In the revised Exhibit W of the application (page 43, second paragraph), reference is made to the continuing resident fish study being conducted in Turners Falls Reservoir. Please provide a copy of the results obtained since the last Progress Report. If the study has not been completed, please indicate the date you expect a report to be available.

P (2) In Exhibit W (pages 19, 20, and Figure 5), the conditions expected to produce flow reversals in Turners Falls Reservoir as a result of Northfield operation were set forth. Since the Northfield Mountain Project became operational, which of the conditions described have been observed to produce reverse flows? Based on operational experience, are there any observed or anticipated changes in the patterns, durations, or velocities of the flows described therein?

Y Your early response in providing this information would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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