## BEFORE THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Western Massachusetts Electric Company ) Project No. 1889

The Connecticut Light and Power Company )
The Hartford Electric Light Company )
Western Massachusetts Electric Company )

## COMMISSION STAFF BRIEF ON EXCEPTIONS

## I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Presiding Examiner in his initial decision of
September 12, 1967, granted the application of The
Connecticut Light and Power Company, The Hartford Electric
Light Company, and the Western Massachusetts Electric
Company for a license under Part I of the Federal Power
Act for the proposed Northfield Mountain pumped storage
development, Project No. 2485, on the Connecticut River in
northern Massachusetts. The Examiner also granted the application of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company to amend
its license for the existing Turners Falls development,
Project No. 1889, to authorize the raising of the Turners
Falls reservoir so that it may be used as the lower pool of
the pumped storage development. Since no application had
been filed for the Northfield Mountain project transmission