

load of 30,000 or less kilowatts. Executives of five or six small companies have applied for and been admitted to membership in the Council. (Tr. 334; Ex. 126).

(b) Mr. Cadwell also said that the positions of the municipal utilities and investor-owned utilities on certain policy issues, such as whether the United States should build the Dickey-Lincoln School project, are so fundamentally opposed that participation by the municipals in the organization would not be conducive to the achievement of its purposes (Tr. 336-340).

5. The Lack of a Comparable Alternative Planning Group

The municipals, of course, have their own planning groups. The Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts has had a Power Planning Committee for six years (Tr. 1269), and the Northeast Public Power Association has recently formed such a committee. But because the municipal systems are small and have limited generating capacity, and because they are scattered and are not interconnected (except, coincidentally, through their wholesale suppliers), their planning activities are necessarily of an entirely different order than those of the Planning Committee of the Electric Coordinating Council of New England.