

## **H. Massachusetts Historic Commission Letter of Findings**

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY  
Secretary of State

June 13, 1983

Kevin Shea  
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RE: Collins Hydroelectric Project, Chicopee River, North Wilbraham

Dear Mr. Shea:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission have reviewed the Environmental Notification Forms and additional project information you submitted concerning the proposed Collins hydroelectric project in Wilbraham and Ludlow.

The proposed hydroelectric project includes the rehabilitation and repair of the existing Collins dam and power facilities located on the Chicopee River. The dam, canal and tailraces, which were probably originally built for the Collins Manufacturing Company Paper Mill, do not appear to be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Review of MHC files does not reveal the presence of any significant historic or archaeological properties within the proposed project areas.

This initial consultation to identify resources in the project area has been undertaken in accordance with 36CFR 800, the Advisory Council Regulations for the Protection of Cultural Resources. Since no significant resources were identified in the vicinity of the proposal, no further compliance with Council Procedures is required.

If you should have any questions, please contact Brona Simon of this office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Valerie Talmage*

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