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Bloomington, MN 55425

**Subject: 2019 Purple Loosestrife Monitoring Report
Cedar Falls Hydro (P-2697) and Menomonie Hydro (P-2181)**

Dear Ms. Laatsch and Mr. Utrup:

Pursuant to the 2002 Red Cedar River Settlement Agreement, and the subsequent FERC licenses, Xcel Energy (licensee) is required to monitor its riparian ownership for purple loosestrife every three years at the Cedar Falls and Menomonie Hydroelectric Projects. A report shall be filed with the resource agencies by October 30 summarizing the results. If purple loosestrife is documented, the pioneering plants will be eradicated and the monitoring will subsequently become an annual task.

Initial monitoring for purple loosestrife at the two projects began in 2007. This year's monitoring was conducted on October 2, 2019. Licensee inspected its riparian ownership (Attachment A) on Lake Tainter and Lake Menomin on foot and by boat with the aid of binoculars. Licensee also inspected its property immediately downstream of both dams. No loosestrife was observed consistent with previous surveys. Monitoring is next scheduled for 2022.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact me at (715) 737-1353 or matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Matthew J. Miller'.

Matthew J. Miller
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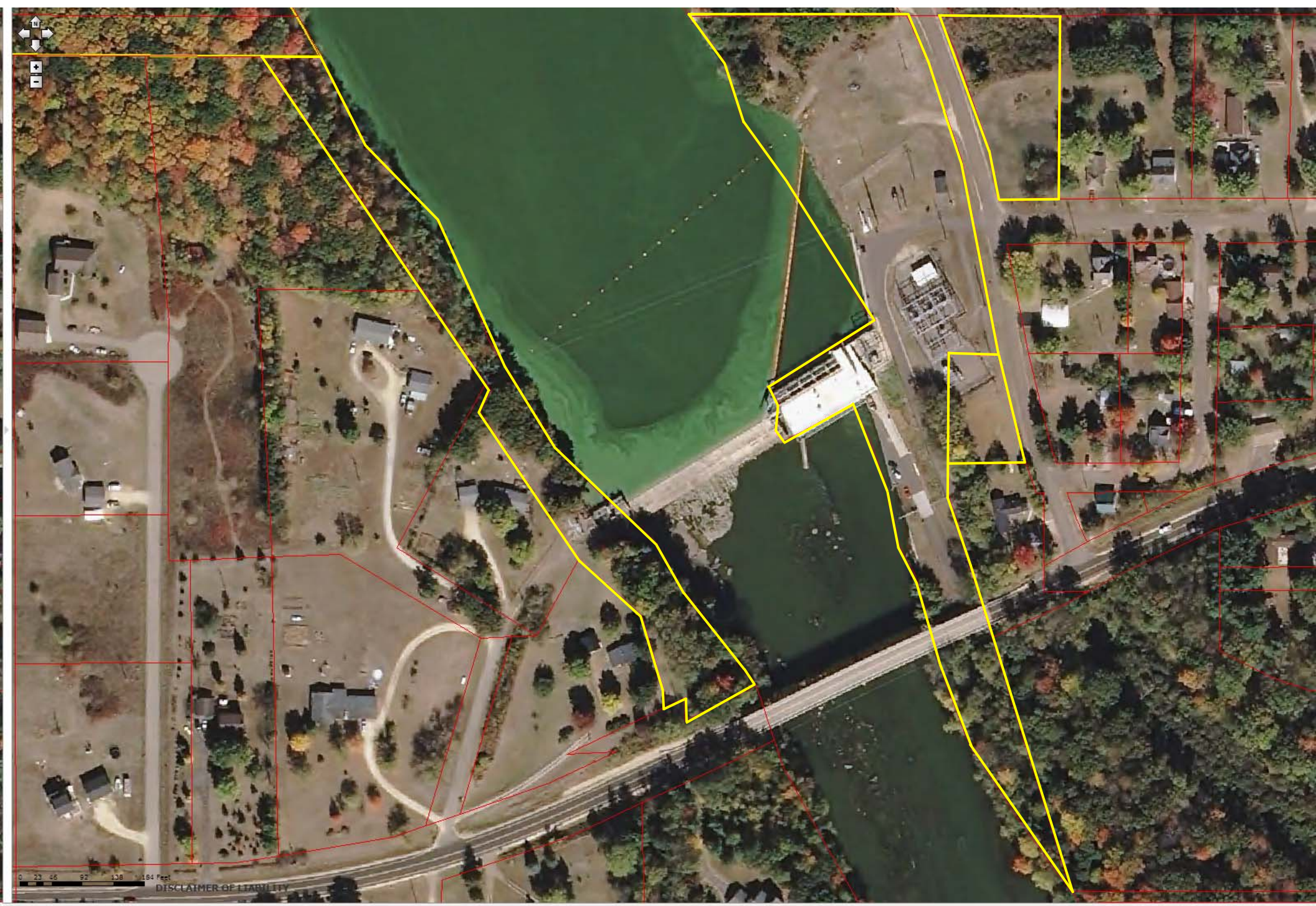
Attachment

c: General Correspondence Project Files

Attachment A

**Map of Xcel Energy Property at the Cedar Falls
and Menomonie Hydro Projects**

Xcel Energy Ownership at Cedar Falls Hydro (P-2697)



0 23 46 92 138 184 Feet

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

100%

Xcel Energy Ownership at Menomonie Hydro (P-2181)



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