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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Dairyland Power Cooperative

Project No. 1960-024

ORDER APPROVING PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 401

(Issued March 29, 2005)

On December 30, 2004, the Dairyland Power Cooperative (licensee) filed a Purple Loosestrife Management Plan (plan) pursuant to article 401 of the project license<sup>1</sup> for the Flambeau Project (FERC No. 1960). The project is located on the Flambeau River near the City of Ladysmith, in Rusk County, Wisconsin.

Article 401 requires the implementation of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) water quality certification conditions<sup>2</sup>, which require the licensee to file a number of plans and reports with the Commission. The licensee shall submit to the Commission documentation of consultation with the WDNR, copies of comments and recommendations and a description of how the plan accommodates the comments. If the licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing shall include the licensee's reasons based on project-specific information. The Commission reserves the right to make changes to these plans as necessary. Condition Q of the license appendix requires the licensee to annually inspect the entire shoreline and project waters for purple loosestrife. A report of the monitoring results to the WDNR by December 31 of each year.

## DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The licensee's plan satisfies the requirements of article 401 and water quality Condition Q. There is only one known stand of purple loosestrife within the project boundary that is now controlled with the release of *Galerucella* beetles. Annual inspections for purple loosestrife will be conducted in August when the plants are flowering, and monitoring of biological control efforts will take place every spring. Small, isolated populations and low density infestations will be controlled by digging, hand pulling or stem cutting with basal herbicide. High density areas with more than 1000 stems will be considered for biological control. The licensee will annually submit a

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<sup>1</sup> See 107 FERC ¶62,043, issued on April 15, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> The WDNR conditions are located in Appendix A of the project license.

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report, documenting the past year's monitoring results and control efforts no later than December 31 of each year

#### AGENCY CONSULTATION AND CONCLUSION

The licensee incorporated all of the WDNR's comments into the plan and provides measures to properly monitor and control the spread of purple loosestrife. This plan should be approved.

#### The Director's orders:

(A) The purple loosestrife management plan filed December 30, 2004, pursuant to article 401 of the project license, is approved.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

John E. Estep  
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