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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company) Project No. 2444-009

ORDER APPROVING PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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On December 2, 1996, Northern States Power Company (licensee) filed a purple loosestrife management plan, pursuant to article 408 of the license for the White River Project. The White River Project is located on the White River in Ashland County, Wisconsin. Article 408 requires the licensee to file a plan to monitor for purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) in project waters.

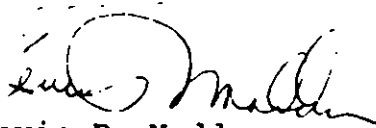
The shoreline of the White River Flowage will be surveyed by boat during late July/early August of each year. Purple loosestrife populations will be quantified and mapped. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the surveys so that they may participate. The results of the survey will be forwarded to the WDNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service, for review by the end of September. The licensee will cooperate with the resource agencies to control purple loosestrife populations. If it is determined that there are populations that require eradication, the licensee will follow the recommendations of the WDNR to ensure that consistent and effective control methods are implemented on a statewide basis.

In a letter dated November 21, 1996, the WDNR concurred with the licensee's plan. The licensee's purple loosestrife management plan satisfies the requirements of article 408. Implementation of the plan described herein should identify potential populations of purple loosestrife and help ensure the populations are controlled; this plan should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) The purple loosestrife management plan, filed on December 2, 1996, pursuant to article 408, 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 issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.713.



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