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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2689-038 – Wisconsin
Lower Oconto Falls Project
N.E.W. Hydro, Inc.

Project No. 2523-026 – Wisconsin
Upper Oconto Falls Project
N.E.W. Hydro, Inc.

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FEDERAL ENERGY
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Re: Water Quality Monitoring

Dear Mr. Alsberg:

This acknowledges receipt of your March 11, 2010, filing of your 2009 water quality monitoring reports for the Lower Oconto Falls (FERC No. 2689) and Upper Oconto Falls (FERC No. 2523) Projects. Your filing was made pursuant to your approved water quality monitoring plan¹ and article 404 of the license² for the Lower Oconto Falls Project; and your approved water quality monitoring plan³ and article 405 of the license⁴ for the Upper Oconto Falls Project. You are required to monitor dissolved oxygen concentrations, water temperature, and other parameters in the projects' impoundments and tailraces once every five years for the duration of the license.

Your reports indicate that all required monitoring was performed at the two projects during 2009. Your reports include summaries of the data, calibration

¹ See Order Modifying and Approving Water Quality Monitoring Plan, 85 FERC ¶ 62,114, (issued November 19, 1998).

² See Order Issuing New License, 67 FERC ¶ 62,118 (issued May 11, 1994).

³ See Order Accepting Water Quality Monitoring Plan Per Article 405, 98 FERC ¶ 62,095 (issued February 12, 2002).

⁴ See Order Issuing Subsequent License and Denying Competing License Application, Petition for Declaratory Order, and Complaint, 81 FERC ¶ 61,238 (issued November 20, 1997).

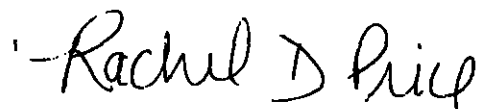
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information, field data forms, and all raw data for the 2009 monitoring season. You indicate that you submitted monthly data and a final report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review and comment. You state that you did not receive any comments on the data or reports.

Your March 11, 2010 filing of your water quality monitoring reports fulfills the 2009 reporting requirements for the Lower and Upper Oconto Falls Projects. You are required to monitor water quality again in 2014 and your report should be filed with the Commission by March 1, 2015. Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (202) 502-8907.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel D Price". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "P".

Rachel D. Price
Aquatic Ecologist
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and Administration