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Acting Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Subject: Results of the 2003 Purple Loosestrife Monitoring on the Chippewa Falls Flowage (Chippewa Falls Hydro Project - FERC Project No. 2440). — 052

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is an original and eight copies of the letter transmitting the monitoring results of the purple loosestrife survey which was conducted on the Chippewa Falls Flowage pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) order of July 24, 1994, approving the purple loosestrife management plan.

The shoreline of the Chippewa Falls Flowage was surveyed by boat on September 5, 2003 and purple loosestrife was not found. Special attention was given to the shoreline area in the upper part of the flowage because of the presence of wetlands and suitable growing conditions for purple loosestrife. The findings from the 2003 survey were consistent with previous surveys conducted on the shorelines of the Chippewa Falls Flowage.

If you have any questions in regards to the survey results or the techniques used, please feel free to give me a call at (715) 839-2692 or Mr. Robert Olson of my staff at (715) 839-1353.

Very truly yours,

Lloyd Everhart
Administrator, Hydro Licensing

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