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Ms. Kimberly Bose
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Division of Licensing and Compliance
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Bose:

RE: 2008 REPORTS ON PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE AND EURASIAN MILFOIL SURVEYS

Way Dam – FERC No. 1759 – 151
Hemlock Falls – FERC No. 2074 – 193
Lower Paint – FERC No. 2072 – 088
Twin Falls – FERC No. 11831 – 082
Brule – FERC No. 2431 – 081
Pine – FERC No. 2486 – 079
Chalk Hill – FERC No. 2394 – 101
White Rapids – FERC No. 2357 – 110

The "Terrestrial Based Natural Resources Management Plan," filed in September of 1999 as part of the Wilderness Shores Settlement Agreement, which affects Way Dam (FERC No. 1759), Hemlock Falls (FERC No. 2074), Peavy Falls (FERC No. 11830), Michigamme Falls (FERC No. 2073), Lower Paint (FERC No. 2072), Twin Falls (FERC No. 11831), Kingsford (FERC No. 2131), and Big Quinnesec Falls (FERC No. 1980), and the "Order Modifying and Approving Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring Plan" issued on April 30, 1996, for the Pine (FERC No. 2486), August 14, 1997, for the Brule (FERC No. 2431), December 11, 1997, for the Chalk Hill (FERC No. 2394) and White Rapids (FERC No. 2357) projects, we are to provide the final reports on the required annual and biennial monitoring for those projects no later than 30 days after the monitoring is completed. Monitoring is scheduled each year for a portion of these twelve projects, with the field portion of the project to be completed by August 7. Eight projects were surveyed during 2008. A request for extension of the September 7, 2008, deadline to November 1, 2008, was submitted to your office on September 4, 2008, and approved by your office in the "Order Granting Extension of Time" issued October 17, 2008, which specifies a final due date of November 7, 2008.

Wisconsin Electric Power Company, doing business as We Energies (WE), is required to inspect and report on Eurasian Milfoil and Purple Loosestrife during 2008 for Chalk Hill, White Rapids, Pine, Brule, Way, Hemlock, Lower Paint, and Twin Falls at both the Annual Land Management Meeting and by providing a filing with your office. Attached are the results of the inspections conducted earlier this year. The results of the monitoring as well as testing several methods for control of these noxious weeds, was reviewed by our environmental staff. The Annual Land Management Meeting was held on October 13 and 14, with representatives from the Wisconsin and Michigan DNR, the Michigan DEQ, and two Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's), the River Alliance of Wisconsin, the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition.

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Hard copies, along with a CD, of the survey summaries and maps of each project showing the location and density of the noxious weeds will be sent to the resource agencies. A CD that contains the electronic files of the same is attached for the FERC's reference and files.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Todd Jastremski of our staff at 906-779-4099.

Sincerely,



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Hydroelectric Operations Division

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Attachment

cc: P. Harding – FERC-CRO
M. Donofrio – WDNR
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