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Margie Salas
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Division of Licensing and Compliance
888 First Street N.E.
Washington D.C. 20426

RE: Brule Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2431-069
Notification of Omission of Annual Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil
Monitoring for Year 2005 - Article 410 -

Wisconsin Electric Power Company, doing business as We Energies (We Energies), is hereby requesting permission to omit the exotic plant surveys for the Brule project for the year 2005.

Article 410 of the Brule project license requires annual surveys for purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil. In addition to annual monitoring, We Energies continues to post information on identifying and preventing the spread of purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil on bulletin boards at the project boat launches (recreation areas 23 and 28).

During late July/early August 2005 when the exotic plant surveys are required to be done, the Brule impoundment was in the midst of a 12-foot drawdown to facilitate dike repairs. The drawdown was approved by FERC and a drawdown permit was issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Due to the dewatering of the impoundment, the boat launches were unusable and were closed. The impoundment could not be accessed by boat to conduct the surveys, the shoreline of the impoundment is not accessible by any other means, and therefore, we were unable to do the survey for 2005.

We Energies will resume the annual surveys in 2006 when the impoundment is once again filled and can be accessed via the boat launches.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 779-2547, if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

William Rauscher

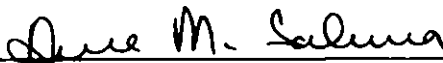
William Rauscher, Manager
Hydroelectric Operations Division

CC Ms. Janet Smith
Ms. Jessica Mistak
Mr. Robert Martini
Mr. Michael Donofrio

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all entities specified in the order to issue license to be consulted on matters related to the Commission filing. Service was done pursuant to Rule 2010 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure 18 CFR, Section 385.2010

Dated this day Friday, August 19, 2005



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