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Mr. David Boergers, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20426

PINE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FERC NO. 2486 -048+051
ARTICLE 413
PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE MONITORING

Wisconsin Electric is hereby filing with the Commission one original and eight additional copies of the annual monitoring report for purple loosestrife at the Pine Project for year 2000 in compliance with order 2486-018 issued August 17, 1997.

By this letter, Wisconsin Electric is also filing a request to suspend filing annual monitoring reports with the Commission. Wisconsin Electric proposes to continue sharing these annual reports with the resource agencies. In the event that during any year of monitoring, purple loosestrife is found within the shoreline of the Pine impoundment, Wisconsin Electric will notify the Commission and resume yearly reports.

In addition to annual monitoring, Wisconsin Electric continues to post information on identifying and preventing the spread of purple loosestrife on bulletin boards at the Pine project recreation Areas 24 and 34.

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

Sincerely,

William Rauscher, Manager
Hydroelectric Operations Division

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cc: Ms. Carlisa Linton, FERC
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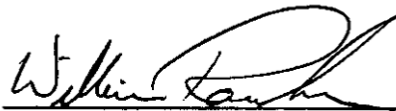
**Report for 2000 on Monitoring
for Purple Loosestrife
at the Pine Project - FERC 2486**

The entire shoreline of the Pine Impoundment was visually surveyed by Wisconsin Electric Power Company scientific staff (John Hrobar and Noel Cutright) in a boat. All waters and wetlands within the project boundary and the Pine River for 0.25 mile downstream of the Pine powerhouse were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on August, 4, 2000. NO purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants were found.

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 Thursday, August 24, 2000.



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