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RE: Pine Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2486 -044
Article 413
Purple Loosestrife Monitoring

Please find the enclosed results of monitoring for Purple Loosestrife at the Pine Project.

Wisconsin Electric is by this letter, filing one original and eight additional copies of these results with the Secretary of FERC in compliance with order 2486-018 issued August 17, 1997.

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

Please feel free to call me at (414) 221-2413, if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager, Hydro Licensing

cc: Mr. David Boergers, FERC (one original and eight copies)
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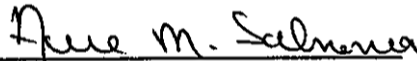
**Report for 1999 on Monitoring
for Purple Loosestrife
at the Pine Project - FERC 2486**

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 July 27, 1999. 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 26, 1999.



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