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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Mail Code: DTCA, HL 21.3
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

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Dear Secretary Bose:

2005 and 2006 Noxious Plants Monitoring Reports Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project #1999 and Project #2476) and submittal of Amendments to the Order Approving Purple Loosestrife Monitoring Plan issued July 14, 1997

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) is responding to a letter received from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) dated April 24, 2007 concerning WPSC's filing of the 2005 and 2006 purple loosestrife survey results for the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects (FERC project #1999 and #2476).

The letter in part, refers to the increase in number and size of purple loosestrife clusters identified at the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects from 2005 to 2006. The letter also includes FERC's recommendation for WPSC to consult with the resource agencies on an effective control measure.

WPSC has been involved with organized efforts to control purple loosestrife on property owned in fee. The control method involved releasing *Galerucella* Beetles into the infested area over the course of several years. The *Galerucella* Beetle release was a success; the purple loosestrife population continues to remain controlled on the property.

The *Galerucella* beetles have been proven as an economically sound biological control for purple loosestrife. Several resource agencies, municipalities and utilities have used the beetles to control purple loosestrife.

Based on these results, WPSC would like to submit proposed amendments to the Order Approving Purple Loosestrife Monitoring Plan to include conducting biological control efforts at the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Project. The proposed amendments to purple loosestrife control plan for the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects is included in Appendix A.

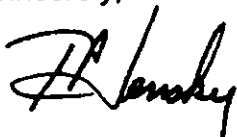
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WPSC has provided a draft of this plan to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The resource agencies were provided thirty (30 days) for comments. No comment was received from the resource agencies. Documentation of consultation with the resource agencies is provided in Appendix B.

WPSC feels the purple loosestrife control plan satisfies the recommendation from the FERC to address purple loosestrife population concerns at the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed control plan, please contact Jamie Nuthals at (920) 433-1460.

Sincerely,



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	Mr. Bruce Crocker, WPSC - D2	Ms. Peggy Harding, FERC-Chicago
	Mr. Gil Snyder, WPSC - D2	Ms. Carlisa Linton, FERC - DC
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APPENDIX A

WAUSAU AND JERSEY HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PURPLE
LOOSESTRIFE CONTROL PLAN**

Proposed Amendments to the Purple Loosestrife Control Plan for the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects, FERC Project # 1999 and 2476

Objective: To control the spread of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum Salicaria*) on the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects. Surveys completed annually have indicated that purple loosestrife is present throughout the hydroelectric projects.

Methods: Based on purple loosestrife locations, each project will be separated into five sections. Provided WPSC can obtain property owner permission on areas not owned in fee, *Galerucella* beetles will be released into an individual section, until a release has been completed for each of the five sections.

Monitoring: WPSC will conduct purple loosestrife surveys annually in late June or July at the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects for the next six years.

If after six years of purple loosestrife surveys, a decrease in purple loosestrife cluster size and overall population is observed, WPSC would reduce the purple loosestrife surveys to once every five years. If a decrease is not observed, WPSC will consult with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services (USFWS) on an appropriate monitoring schedule.

Documentation of Existing Colonies: The results of the survey will be completed as outlined in the order approving the purple loosestrife monitoring plan issued July 14, 1997 for the Wausau and Jersey Hydroelectric Projects.

Documentation: WPSC will provide annual updates on *Galerucella* beetles release sites and purple loosestrife populations for the next six years to the WDNR, USFWS and to FERC no later than October 31st of each year.

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Implementation: The surveys and *Galerucella* beetle release will be conducted in the spring and/or summer of 2008 and for the next five years, thereafter.

Public Awareness: WPSC will ensure that noxious plant information signs and/or informational pamphlets are placed at all public access areas near the project.

APPENDIX B
WAUSAU AND JERSEY HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS
DOCUMENTATION OF CONSULTATION



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October 24, 2007

FERC Project No. 1999 & 2476

Mr. Scott Watson
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Division of Water
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Wausau, WI 54401

Dear Mr. Watson:

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The *Galerucella* beetles have been proven as an economically sound biological control for purple loosestrife. Several resource agencies, municipalities and utilities have used the beetles to control purple loosestrife.

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Please review the proposed amendment and provide comment within thirty (30) days of receiving the information. If comments are not received, WPSC will submit the proposed amendment with a response of "no comment" from your agency.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above project, please contact me at (920) 433-1460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Nuthals", written in a cursive style.

James D. Nuthals
Environmental Consultant
for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

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Mr. Scott Watson
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

NO COMMENTS SUBMITTED



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