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Project No. 2546-088—Wisconsin
Sandstone Rapids Hydroelectric Project
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

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Mr. Gil E. Snyder
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
700 North Adams Street
P.O. Box No. 19001
Green Bay, WI 54307-9001

Subject: 2017 Triennial Invasive Species Monitoring Report

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your invasive species monitoring report, filed December 22, 2017, pursuant to the Order Approving Comprehensive Land and Wildlife Management Plans (Plan)¹ and Article 411 of the license for the Sandstone Rapids Project.² The Plan also covers the Johnson Falls Project No. 2522, Caldron Falls Project No. 2525, Potato Rapids Project No. 2560, Peshtigo Project No. 2581, and High Falls Project No. 2595, located on the Peshtigo River.

In your report, you say that zebra mussels were found attached to a headwater instrument cable at the Sandstone Rapids dam intake during the February 2017 monthly inspection. No zebra mussels were observed at any of the other projects during sampling events. In accordance with the Plan, you will discontinue zebra mussel monitoring at the Sandstone Rapids Project.

Your 2017 report satisfies the filing requirement of Article 411 of the license for the Sandstone Rapids Project and the approved Plan. We acknowledge your intent to discontinue monitoring for zebra mussels at the project. As a reminder, the Plan states that if suitable zebra mussel control methods are developed by the agencies, you will cooperate with the agencies to control zebra mussels at the project.

¹ *Wisconsin Public Service Corporation*, 84 FERC ¶ 62,160 (1998), which was subsequently updated by 114 FERC ¶ 62,325 (2006), and 139 FERC ¶ 62,214 (2012).

² *Wisconsin Public Service Corporation*, 79 FERC ¶ 62,221 (1997).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Shawn Halerz at (202) 502-6360 or Shawn.Halerz@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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