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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION V 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604

July 17, 2008

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE – Room 1-A Washington, DC 20426

Re: Au Train Hydroelectric Project, Alger County, Michigan – Shoreline Management Plan Environmental Assessment (FERC No. 10856-061)

Dear Ms. Bose:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has received the document listed above. U.S. EPA reviews and comments on major federal actions in accordance with our authority under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. Typically, these reviews focus on Environmental Impact Statements, but we have the discretion to review and comment on other environmental documents prepared under NEPA if interest and resources permit.

We did not undertake a detailed review of the document you sent to this office and will not be generating comments because other workload priorities have precluded us from detailed review and comment. We reserve the right to reconsider undertaking a review at future planning stages, or if significant new data on the project is made available by the sponsoring agency or other interested parties. Thank you for providing information on the project.

Sincerely,

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