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Ms. Jessica Mistak Michigan Department of Natural Resources Marquette State Fish Hatchery and Station 488 Cherry Creek Road Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Ms. Mistak:

## AuTrain Hydroelectric Project Annual Erosion Surveys

As per the approved Comprehensive Land Management Plan for the AuTrain Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project # 10856) dated May 3, 1999, Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is required to monitor the reservoir annually for non-natural erosion and file a report with your office every three years.

UPPCO surveyed the reservoir for erosion not attributable to natural conditions during the summer surveys in 2005, 2006 and 2007. The surveys were conducted by foot or boat.

During the 2005 and 2006 field survey activities the AuTrain Hydroelectric Project was well below normal water elevations. The erosion sites and the reservoir bottom where not distinguishable due to this low water elevation. Therefore no photographs were collected.

A survey for non-natural erosion was completed in 2007. One site was identified. The site is a campsite associated with the MDNR campground on the northwest side of the AuTrain Hydroelectric Project.

The site identified has a minimal slope and vegetation was established at the toe of the site. UPPCO will continue to monitor the erosion site during the summer surveying activities.

A photograph of the area is included in Appendix 1.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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