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Mr. John Vigna  
King & MacGregor Environmental, Inc.  
2520 Woodmeadow SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**RE: Proposed replacement of McClure Dam penstock, Upper Peninsula Power Company**

Dear Mr. Vigna:

The location of the proposed project was checked against known localities for rare species and unique natural features, which are recorded in a statewide database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of existing data on Michigan's endangered, threatened, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, natural plant communities, and other natural features. Records in the database indicate that a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features at a site. The absence of records in the database for a particular site may mean that the site has not been surveyed. The only way to obtain a definitive statement on the status of natural features is to have a competent biologist perform a complete field survey.

Under Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, "a person shall not take, possess, transport, ...fish, plants, and wildlife indigenous to the state and determined to be endangered or threatened," unless first receiving an Endangered Species Permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. The presence of threatened or endangered species does not preclude activities or development, but may require alterations in the project plan. *Species may be present that have not been recorded in the database.*

The following is a summary of the results for the project in Marquette County, Section 7, T48N R25W and Sections 12, 13, 14, T48N R26W:

There are no known occurrences of federal- or state-listed endangered, threatened, or otherwise significant species, natural plant communities, or natural features at the location(s) specified.

Thank you for your advance coordination in addressing the protection of Michigan's natural resource heritage. Responses and correspondence can be sent to: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division – Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909. If you have further questions, please call me at 517-373-1263 or e-mail at [SargenL2@michigan.gov](mailto:SargenL2@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

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