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Mr. Terry P. Jensky
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RE: 2005 – Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring Report

Dear Mr. Jensky:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the 2005 Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring Report filed on October 11, 2005, pursuant to ordering paragraph (A) of the Order Amending Approved Noxious Plants Monitoring Plans, issued May 10, 1999 (1999 Order).¹ Measures regarding purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil plants were originally required pursuant to article 409 of the Escanaba Project license.² The Escanaba Project is located on the Escanaba River in Delta and Marquette Counties, Michigan.

The 1999 Order Amending the Plan,³ requires tri-annual monitoring for Eurasian water milfoil and submittal of monitoring results and associated maps to the resource agencies and the Commission within 30-days following each tri-annual study period. The filings are also required to include agency comments from the previous study period.

According to your 2005 report, Eurasian water milfoil surveys were conducted on August 4, 2005. There were no Eurasian water milfoil plants identified during the 2005 surveys.

¹ See 87 FERC ¶ 62, 163 (1999).

² See 72 FERC ¶ 61, 159 (1995).

³ The Original Plan was approved on July 1, 1998, see 84 FERC ¶ 62,003 (1998).

This report satisfies your tri-annual filing requirement with the Commission. Please be reminded that your next tri-annual monitoring report for Eurasian watermilfoil is due to the Commission within 30-days of the 2008 study completion pursuant to the 1999 Order.

Thank you for your report. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 502-8416.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CarLisa M. Linton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

CarLisa M. Linton
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