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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 10854-009—Michigan
Cataract Hydroelectric Project
Upper Peninsula Power Company

December 15, 2009

Mr. Terry P. Jensky
Vice President – Energy Supply
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
700 North Adams Street
Green Bay, WI 54307-9001

Re: 2009 – Eurasian watermilfoil monitoring report

Dear Mr. Jensky:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the 2009 Eurasian watermilfoil monitoring report filed on September 17, 2009, pursuant to ordering paragraph (B) of the Order Modifying and Approving Noxious Plant Monitoring Plan, issued on September 30, 1998, for the Cataract Project (1998 Order).¹ Measures regarding purple loosestrife and Eurasian watermilfoil plants were originally required pursuant to article 408 of the Cataract Project license.² The Cataract Project is located on the Middle Branch Escanaba River in Marquette County, Michigan.

Ordering paragraph (B) of the 1998 Order, requires annual survey monitoring of Eurasian watermilfoil and purple loosestrife plants and filing annual monitoring results with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MI DNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) by September 30 every year and with the Commission by November 30, 1999 and 2000. Subsequently, you are required to file annual monitoring results with the resources agencies and tri-annual results with the Commission starting November 30, 2003.

¹ See 84 FERC ¶ 62,285 (1998).

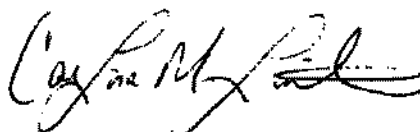
² See 78 FERC ¶ 62,100 (1997).

According to your September 17, 2009 report, Eurasian watermilfoil surveys were conducted at the Cataract Project on August 19, 2009. No Eurasian watermilfoil plants were identified at the transects surveyed or along any of the visually inspected areas. The results of the 2009 survey were reported to the resource agencies and no comments were filed.

In summary, the filed material adequately fulfills the 2009 filing requirements of the 1998 Order. Please be reminded that your next tri-annual Eurasian watermilfoil monitoring report is due to the Commission, along with agency comments, on November 30, 2012.

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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

CarLisa M. Linton

Ecologist

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and Compliance