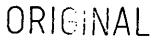
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**Dear Secretary Bose:** 

#### Invasive Species Monitoring for the Alexander Hydroelectric Project

As per the order approving the Invasive Species Monitoring Plan for the Alexander Hydroelectric Project (Project No. 1979) issued on March 4, 2005, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) is submitting results of the purple loosestrife, Eurasian watermilfoil and zebra mussel surveys.

The purple loosestrife survey was conducted on July 25, 2007. Purple loosestrife was identified within the Alexander Hydroelectric Project. A total of 80 colonies of purple loosestrife were identified at the project, an increase of 8 colonies from the 2006 survey. However, of the 80 colonies identified, only 23 colonies where identified with a population greater than 5 plants, that is a decrease of 18 colonies from the 2006 survey. The information indicates that some colonies have decreased in population. WPSC believes this could be attributed to the spraying of colonies, which includes colonies greater than 1 to 5 plants.

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Documentation of submittal of these results to the resource agencies can be found in Appendix D.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact James Nuthals at (920) 433-1460

Sincerely,

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# APPENDIX A PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE SURVEY - 2007

### Purple Loosestrife Survey - 2007

	Alexander					
Number	Latitude	Longitude	Amount			
1	45 13.24042	89 47.25771	1-5 Plants			
2	45 13.23168	89 47.22639	50+ Plants			
3	45 13.23927	89 47.13952	1-5 Plants			
4	45 13.16724	89 46.80859	1-5 Plants			
5	45 13.15137	89 46.71370	1-5 Plants			
6	45 13.13815	89 46.68780	1-5 Plants			
7	45 13.17378	89 46.50861	50+ Plants			
8	45 13.17440	89 46.48351	50+ Plants			
9	45 13.15745	89 45.44846	50+ Plants			
10	45 13.10511	89 46 49150	1-5 Plants			
11	45 13.09413	89 46.49646	6-50 Plants			
12	45 13.06183	89 46.53759	50+ Plants			
13	45 13.08548	89 46.32754	1-5 Plants			
14	45 12.94052	89 46.20625	1-5 Plants			
15	45 12.87702	89 46.10790	50+ Plants			
16	45 12.86472	89 46.06694	6-50 Plants			
17	45 12.84809	89 46.23742	1-5 Plants			
18	45 12.85583	89 46.43021	1-5 Plants			
19	45 12.85910	89 46.69719	1-5 Plants 1-5 Plants			
20	45 13.08340	89 47.03068	1-5 Plants			
21	45 12.95928	89 46.14066	1-5 Plants			
22	45 13.02993	89 46.11927	1-5 Plants			
23	45 13.00567	89 48.02561 89 46.00698	1-5 Plants			
24	45 13.00163		50+ Plants			
25	45 12.95400	89 45.90502 89 45.74967	1-5 Plants			
26	45 12.87734 45 12.86875	89 45.73285	6-50 Plants			
27		89 45.70735	1-5 Plants			
28	45 12.84181 45 12.63328	89 45.49063	1-5 Plants			
29	45 12.63326 45 12.62126	89 45.47058	1-5 Plants			
30	45 12.16810	89 45.23106	1-5 Plants			
31	45 12.00727	89 45.05826	1-5 Plants			
32	45 12.00412	89 45.04209	1-5 Plants			
33	45 11.50585	89 44.82190	1-5 Plants			
35	45 11.47751	89 44.88105	1-5 Plants			
36	45 11.46254	89 44.92146	1-5 Plents			
37	45 11.50265	89 45.00366	1-5 Plants			
38	45 12.15891	89 45.81012	50+ Plants			
39	45 12.15736	89 45.72540	6-50 Plants			
40	45 12.06027	89 45.40701	1-5 Plents			
41	45 12.07584	89 45.40114	1-5 Plants			
42	45 12.18306	89 45.40476	1-5 Plants			
43	45 12.22545	89 45.42425	1-5 Plants			
44	45 12.51677	89 45.58304	50+ Plants			
45	45 12.55000	89 45.61948	1-5 Plants			
46	45 12.56616	89 45.66813	1-5 Plants			
47	45 12.64663	89 45.91843	1-5 Plants			
48	45 12.65536	89 45.93721	1-5 Plants			
49	45 12.66070	89 45.98039	1-5 Plents			
50	45 12.70126	89 45.17656	1-5 Plents			
51	45 12.72505	89 46.55212	1-5 Plants			
52	45 12.72687	89 46.59799	1-5 Plants			
53	45 12.74497	89 46.64714	1-5 Plants			
54	45 12.76320	89 46.75885	1-5 Plants			
55	45 12,74743	89 47.18383	1-5 Plants			

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Number	Latitude	Longitude	Amount
56	45 12.96475	89 47.22498	1-5 Plants
57	45 13.20486	89 47.35178	1-5 Plants
58	45 13.81152	89 48.22455	1-5 Plants
59	45 13.83967	89 48.25810	1-5 Plants
60	45 13.88049	89 48.28530	1-5 Plants
61	45 14.01593	89 48.34074	1-5 Plants
62	45 14.09293	89 48.30476	6-50 Plants
63	45 14.27683	89 48.28775	1-5 Plants
64	45 14.31856	89 48.24193	50+ Plants
65	45 14.26413	89 48.21032	6-50 Plants
66	45 14.24604	89 48.20463	1-5 Plants
67	45 14.23049	89 48.20274	6-50 Plants
68	45 14.20587	89 48.20325	6-50 Plants
69	45 14.17786	89 48.20455	6-50 Plants

45 14.14796

45 13.98355

45 13.95688

45 13.85698

45 13.73230

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### Alexander Hydroelectric Project Purple Loosestrife Survey 2007

Size	Locations identified in 2006	Locations identified in 2007	Control Method
1 to 5	31	57	cut/spray
6 to 50	31		
50+	10	12	
Total	72	80	

## APPENDIX B EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL SURVEY - 2007

#### Eurasian Milfoil Survey - July 25, 2007 Alexander Transect # 0 - 0 5 M 05-15M 1.5 - 3 0 M > 3.0 M Origin 0 NA NA 45 13.266 1A 0 18 NA 89 47.399 0 0 NA 10 0 0 NA 0 45 11.460 0 NA 2A NA 89 44.957 28 0 Đ NA NA **2**C 0 NA NA 0 3A NA 45 11.401 0 NA NA 38 0 NA NA NA 89 45.488 0 NA NA 3C

N/A: Not Applicable

Abundance Scale: 0-Absent, 1-Present, 2-Presence Less Than Half, 3-Equal Presence Compared to Other Species, 4-Dominant Species Present, 5-Total Infestation

Note: All transects are 40 feet in length and proceed away from shore in a direction perpondicular to the shoreline

# APPENDIX C ZEBRA MUSSEL SURVEY - 2007

### ZEBRA MUSSEL INSPECTION RESULTS WESTERN HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

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# APPENDIX D DOCUMENTATION OF SUBMITTAL - 2007



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October 24, 2007

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5301 Rib Mountain
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