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Wisconsin River Division Project, FERC No. 2590 - Article 407 (Purple Loosestrife Monitoring - 1999)

The order approving and modifying Consolidated Water Power Company's (CWPCo.) Purple Loosestrife Monitoring Plan required annual monitoring of the noxious plant within project waters. Additionally, an annual report must be filed with the Commission and copies provided to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service detailing the monitoring.

Enclosed are an original and seven copies of the monitoring actions for 1999.

Sincerely,

CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY

Resources Coordinator

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Mr. Bob Martini, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Rhinelander, WI

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1. Introduction.

Consolidated Water Power Company (CWCPo.) conducted Purple Loosestrife monitoring on August 10, 1999. In accordance with the plan developed by CWPCo. and modified and approved by the FERC, small colonies would be mapped and removed to the best extent possible while larger colonies would be mapped only. Additionally, CWPCo. agreed to acquire through the state a one-page fact sheet for distribution with recreational maps the company offers to the public.

Flowage Monitoring.

The one site that was found within the project boundary in 1997 is still present. Attachment 1 depicts the location of the listed site. Site 1 remains a medium density colony with an estimate twenty to thirty individual plants clustered along a ten foot stretch of shoreline on an island. The plants were pulled and disposed of in plastic bags in the local landfill. Size of composition has not changed from the 1997 observation.

3. Information Distribution.

CWPCo. acquired through the WDNR, the small pamphlet <u>Purple Loosestrife</u>, An Attractive <u>But Serious Threat to Wisconsin's Wetlands and Waterways</u>. This pamphlet is being distributed along with any requests for our recreation maps.

