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Ms. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 1st Street, N.E., Room 11-G1 Washington, D.C. 20426

Wisconsin River Division Project, FERC No. 2590 - Article 407 (Purple Loosestin Monitoring - 1997)

Dear Secretary Cashell:

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 annual monitoring.

Enclosed is an original and seven copies of the monitoring actions for 1997.

Sincerely,

CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY

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Enclosure: 1

Route: Ken Knapp - Dick Hilliker - File (WRIV - Article 407)

CC: Mr. Ronald A. Lesniak, Regional Director, Chicago Regional Office, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

Mr. James Fossum, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Green Bay, WI

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1. Introduction.

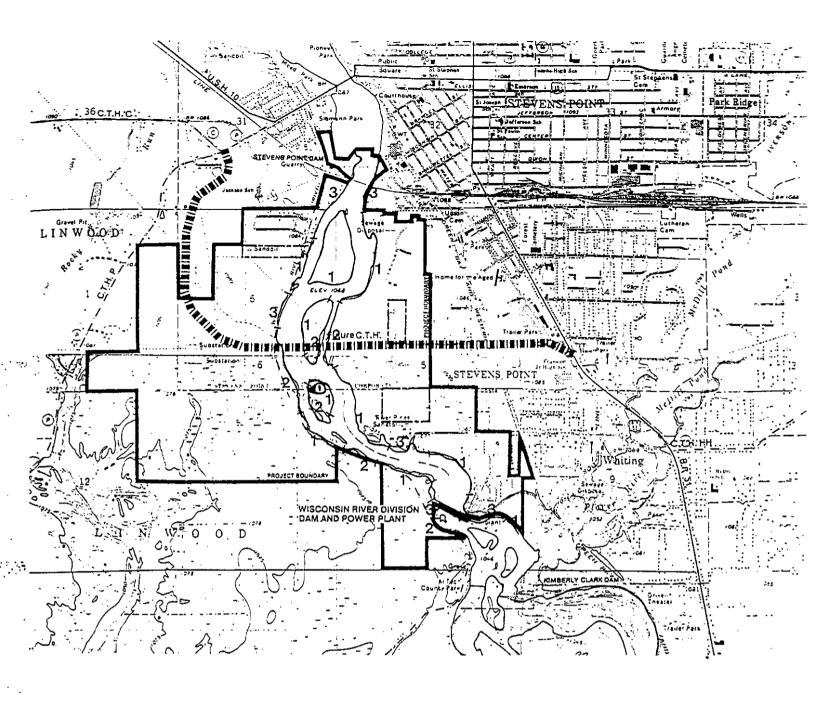
Consolidated Water Power Company (CWPCo.) conducted Purple Loosestrife monitoring on July 31, 1997. In accordance with the plan developed by CWPCo. and modified and approved by the FERC, small colonies would be mapped and removed to the best extent possible while larger colonies would be mapped only. Additionally, CWPCo. agreed to acquire through the state a one-page fact sheet for distribution with recreational maps the company offers to the public.

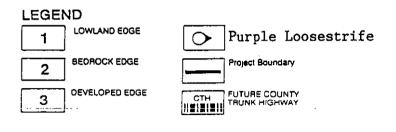
2. Flowage Monitoring.

One site was found within the project boundary. Attachment 1 depicts the location of the listed site. Site 1 is a medium density colony with an estimated twenty to thirty individual plants clustered along a ten-foot stretch of shoreline on an island. No action was taken to remove the colony at this time.

3. Information Distribution.

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





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