

February 6, 2017

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20426

RE: Flambeau Pixley FERC Project Number 2395

Flambeau Hydro LLC

Final Report 2016 Purple Loosestrife Inventory Report

Dear Ms. Bose:

On behalf of Flambeau Hydro LLC, "Flambeau" (Licensee), Renewable World Energies, LLC (RWE) is submitting a copy of the *Final Report 2016 Purple Loosestrife Inventory Report* for the Flambeau Pixley Hydroelectric Project. The report is a requirement of Flambeau's Federal license pursuant to article 410. Monitoring was conducted on August 9, 2016. No out of the ordinary issues were encountered and no Purple Loosestrife was observed. The draft report was sent to the agencies by an attachment to an email sent on January 5, 2017 for review and comment. No comments have been received from the WDNR. No comments have been received from the USFWS. The next scheduled monitoring event will be conducted in 2017.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Brian Kreuscher at the Renewable World Energies, LLC offices @ 855-994-9376 Ext 230. He can also be reached by e-mail at bkreuscher@rwehydro.com.

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Sincerely,

Renewable World Energies, LLC Agent for Licensee

Mr. Jason Kreuscher Vice President

Attachment: Flambeau Pixley Final Purple Loosestrife Inventory Report

Cc:

Ms. Cheryl Laatsch, WDNR Mr. Nick Utrup, USFWS

RWE, Corporate

for
Flambeau Pixley Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project #2395
Flambeau Hydro, LLC
Price County, Wisconsin

Submitted by:



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Summary of Purple Loosestrife Inventory for Flambeau Pixley Hydroelectric Project, FERC #2395

On August 9, 2016, White Water Associates, Inc. performed an inventory of purple loosestrife at the Flambeau Pixley Project. The method of inventory approved and modified by a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order (June 18, 2003) was defined as follows:

While purple loosestrife is blooming in mid-July to early August, the inventory should be conducted using a boat to survey the impoundment above the dam within the Project Boundary and on foot or by boat below the dam within the Project Boundary. County wetland maps may be used to determine other areas where Purple Loosestrife could be found on lands owned by Flambeau Hydro, LLC (FHLLC) within the Project Boundary. Lands owned by FHLLC within the Project Boundary will be surveyed on foot. A pair of binoculars should be used to search for the purple flowered spikes of the plant. When plants are located, the person(s) inventorying should get close enough to make a positive identification without disturbing the plants or the immediate area around the plants as this could cause them to spread. A GPS will be used to establish a GPS coordinate for the location of the plants. If it is not possible to get close enough to establish an accurate location, an approximate location will be established with reference to an established GPS coordinate. The plants should be inventoried by marking and numbering the location on a project map along with notes approximating size of plants, stand area, percent cover, stem density, plant density, and location with reference to established GPS coordinates. Photos and/or videotape will be taken of the largest occurrences.

2016 Observations

The Flambeau Lower Project boundary was divided into three different areas; *the impoundment* (from HWY 13 bridge in Park Falls to the dam), *FHLLC-owned property within the project boundary* (FHLLC-owned property adjacent to the dam and powerhouse), and *the tailrace* (from the dam and powerhouse to approximately 500 feet downstream of the dam).

The impoundment was surveyed by boat and no purple loosestrife plants were observed.

The FHLLC-owned property within the project boundary was surveyed on foot and no purple loosestrife plants were observed.

The tailrace was surveyed by boat and no purple loosestrife plants were observed.

Appendix A provides scans of field data sheets.

Appendix A Scans of Datasheets

Purple Loosestrife Survey

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