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RE:

Chalk Hill Project FERC 2394

Article 410

Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring

Please find the enclosed results of monitoring for purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil at the Chalk Hill Project.

Wisconsin Electric is by this letter, filing one original and eight additional copies of these results with the Secretary of FERC in compliance with order 2394-013 issued December 11,1997.

In addition to annual monitoring, Wisconsin Electric has posted information on identifying and preventing the spread of purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil on bulletin boards at recreation Areas 3 and 4. A copy of these posters is included in this filing.

Please feel free to call me at (414) 221-2413, if you have any questions on this matter.

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cc: Mr. David Boergers, FERC (one original and eight copies)

## Report for 1998 on Monitoring for Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil at the Chalk Hill Project - FERC 2394

The entire shoreline of the Chalk Hill impoundment was visually surveyed by Wisconsin Electric Power Company scientific staff (John Hrobar and Noel Cutright) in a boat. All waters and wetlands within the project boundary were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on July 28, 1998. NO purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants or Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) were found.

Inspections of the information on purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil posted a the Chalk Hill recreation sites 3 and 4 were made on July 28, and all signage is present and weathering well.