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Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Stevens Point Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2110 – Article 405, Exotic Species Monitoring Report – 2016

Dear Secretary:

In accordance with the order approving the Exotic Species Control Plan, Consolidated Water Power Company (CWPCo) is filing the monitoring report for 2016.

CWPCo conducted monitoring during the summer of 2016 on the above Project. Inspections were completed by vehicle and boat (where necessary); vehicle during July 31st week and and boat July 25th week. No observances of curly-leaf pondweed or zebra mussels were noted. One observance for Eurasian milfoil was located in the 1st Lake area (site #10, 16T 0288814, 4938947 coordinates or Google Earth coordinates 44 degrees, 34', 21" North and 89 degrees, 39', 35" West) with no change from the 2013-15 population observance.

The 2016 purple loosestrife plant count was similar to the 2014-15 observations, of which were slightly higher than 2013 but similar to the 2012 field observations without any new sites located. Overall, the 2016 purple loosestrife plants were observed with beetle activity at over 80% of the observed sites. It was noted for the Stevens Point tailrace site live beetles again were observed feeding on the plants. This location is a biocontrol site with beetles planted in 2011, 2012 and 2014 (six plant pots with beetles in 2014). Efforts will continue with the beetle introduction to help control the spread of purple loosestrife.

For smaller plant count sites (1 to 5 plants), the plants were removed down to the root system. For larger colonies (5 to 50 plants), the flower plant tops were removed. A Purple Loosestrife publication (PUBL-WM-250-95) provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is provided to the public when they request copies of our recreation map. These will continue to be distributed.

CWPCo operating and maintenance personnel informally monitor for the presence of zebra mussels during the course of their normal work duties. No zebra mussel observations were reported in 2016 during such activities as hydro turbine repairs, trashrack intake cleaning, gate operations (May – November 2016), safety bouy usage or along the dry, exposed shoreline. CWPCo will continue with the

annual monitoring and formal biennial reporting. The next formal report including tabular data is due to the FERC by December 31, 2017.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact CWPCo at (715)-422-3927 or e-mail us at tom.witt@versoco.com.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Witt
Resources Manager

Attachments: none

File (Stevens Point, LG-90-30, Article 405)

cc:

Ms. Cheryl Laatsch, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wausau, WI (email)

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Mr. Thomas Scharff and Mr. Gary Romanski (CWPCo)

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***Biron Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2192 – Article 405, Exotic Species Annual Monitoring
Report – 2016***

Dear Secretary:

In accordance with the order approving the Exotic Species Control Plan, Consolidated Water Power Company (CWPCo) is filing the annual monitoring report for 2016.

CWPCo conducted monitoring during the summer of 2016 (vehicle July 31st week and boat July 25th week). No observances of curly-leaf pondweed were noted during the annual period. CWPCo operating and maintenance personnel informally monitor for the presence of zebra mussels during the course of their normal work duties. No zebra mussel observations were reported within the annual period during duties involving hydro turbine repairs, trashrack intake cleaning, gate operations and riprap improvements. Additionally there was no observances along the dry, exposed shoreline at the dam or our recreation sites.

Eurasian water milfoil continued to be observed in 2016 during boat monitoring within Love Creek at dispersed levels. Current milfoil levels do not demonstrate any significant negative effects towards fish or wildlife populations with the Project.

SUMMARY – Purple Loosetrife

Overall, the total number of observed purple loosetrife plants observed was lower than 2015, with all plants observed having beetle activity. The purple loosetrife history has trended lower from 2010 to 2013 time period, with 4 observed sites in 2012 and three in 2013. This trend continued with the 2014/15 biennial period, with 2 observed sites (#1 and #9), both with very low plant counts. The decreasing site

trend and greater observed beetle activity demonstrates there aren't significant negative purple loosestrife effects on the Project fish or wildlife populations.

Information about invasive species (PUBL-WM-250-95) is provided along with the distribution of our recreational brochures which are free to the public.

Sincerely,

CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY

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Attachments: none

File: (Biron, LG-90-30, Article 405)

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