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September 7, 2000

Mr. David P. Boergers, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Subject: Results of the Purple Loosestrife Monitoring on the Chippewa Falls Flowage (Chippewa Falls Hydro Project - FERC Project No. 2440) *038*

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is an original and eight copies of the letter transmitting the monitoring results of the purple loosestrife survey which was conducted on the Chippewa Falls Flowage pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) order of July 24, 1994 approving the purple loosestrife management plan.

The Chippewa Falls Flowage was surveyed by boat on August 30, 2000 and survey results indicate that purple loosestrife was not present. Special attention was given to the shoreline area in the upper part of the flowage because of the presence of wetlands and suitable growing conditions for purple loosestrife. Previous surveys indicate that purple loosestrife has not yet been documented to exist on the shorelines of the Chippewa Falls Flowage. This is contrary to findings from other reservoirs on the Lower Chippewa River system.

If you have any questions in regards to the survey results or the techniques used, please feel free to give me a call at (715) 839-2692 or Mr. Robert Olson of my staff at (715) 839-1353.

Very truly yours,

William Zarnoch for Lloyd Everhart

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