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**Subject: 2016 Purple Loosestrife Monitoring Report  
Cedar Falls Hydro (P-2697) and Menomonie Hydro (P-2181)**

Dear Ms. Laatsch and Mr. Utrup:

Per the requirements of the 2002 Red Cedar River Settlement Agreement, Xcel Energy (licensee) is required to monitor its riparian ownership for purple loosestrife every three years at the Cedar Falls and Menomonie Hydro Projects. A report shall be filed with the resource agencies by October 30 each year that monitoring is conducted summarizing the results. If purple loosestrife is documented, the pioneering plants will be eradicated and the monitoring will subsequently become an annual task.

Initial monitoring for purple loosestrife at the two projects began in 2007. This year's monitoring was conducted on September 14, 2016. Licensee inspected its riparian ownership (Attachment A) on Lake Tainter and Lake Menomin on foot and by boat with the aid of binoculars. Licensee also inspected its property immediately downstream of both dams. No loosestrife was observed. Both hydro projects will again be monitored in 2019.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact me by telephone at (715) 737-1353 or by e-mail at [matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com).

Sincerely,

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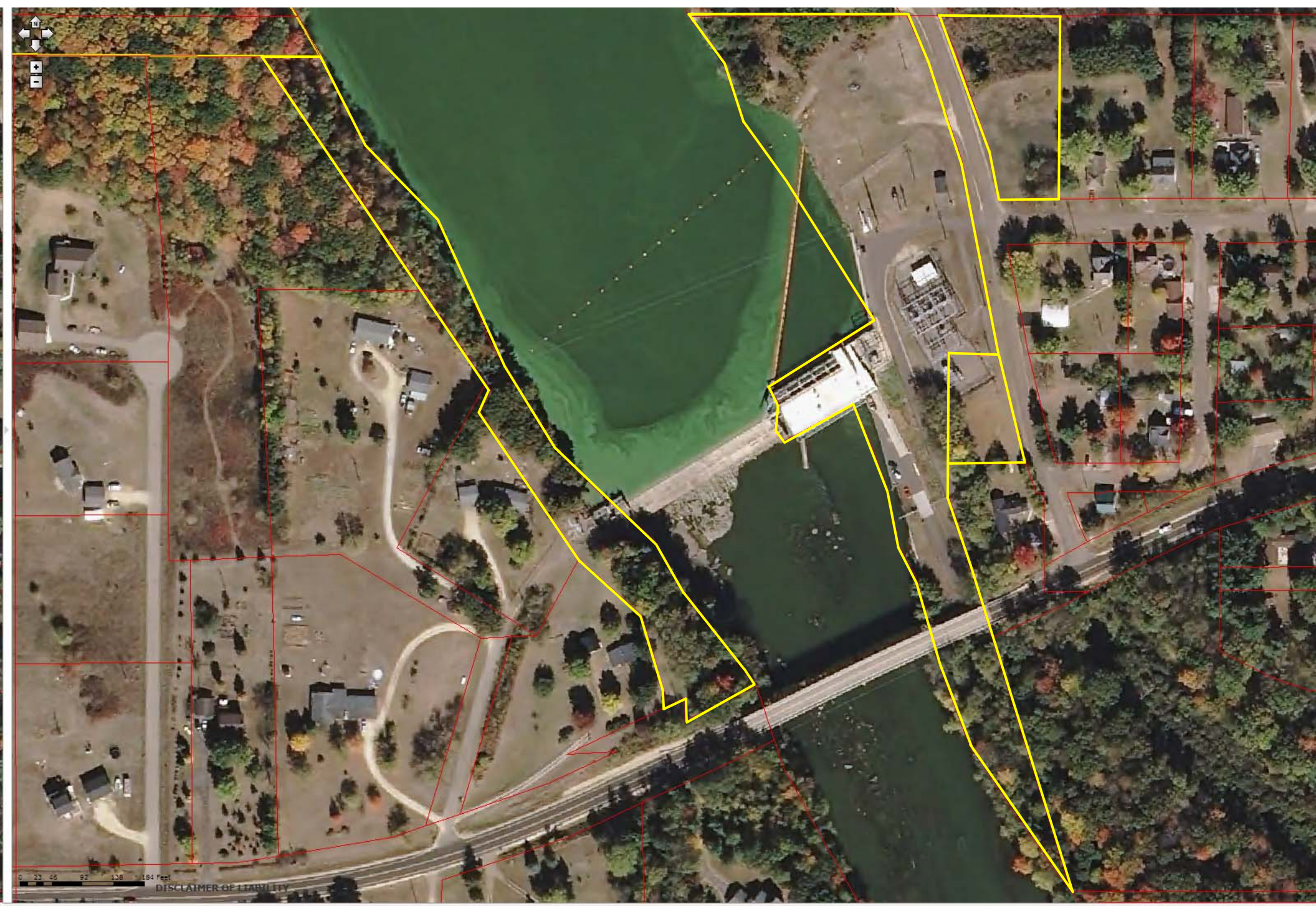
Attachment

c: General Correspondence Project Files

**Attachment A**

**Map of Xcel Energy Property at the Cedar Falls  
and Menomonie Hydro Projects**

# Xcel Energy Ownership at Cedar Falls Hydro (P-2697)



0 23 46 92 138 184 Feet

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

100%

# Xcel Energy Ownership at Menomonie Hydro (P-2181)

