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November 26, 2014

Ms. Kimberly Bose  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Division of Licensing and Compliance  
888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Bose

**RE: 2014 Reports on Purple Loosestrife and Nuisance Plants**

**Way Dam – FERC No. 1759, Article 413**  
**Hemlock Falls – FERC No. 2074, Article 412**  
**Lower Paint – FERC No. 2072, Article 411**  
**Peavy Falls – FERC No. 11830, Article 411**  
**Michigamme Falls – FERC No. 2073, Article 412**  
**Brule – FERC No. 2431, Article 410**  
**Twin Falls – FERC No. 11831, Article 412**  
**Pine – FERC No. 2486, Article 413**  
**Kingsford – FERC No. 2131, Article 412**  
**Big Quinnesec Falls – FERC No. 1980, Article 412**  
**Chalk Hill – FERC No. 2394, Article 410**  
**White Rapids – FERC No. 2357, Article 410**

The “Terrestrial Based Natural Resources Management Plan,” filed in September of 1999 as part of the Wilderness Shores Settlement Agreement, which affects Way Dam (FERC No. 1759), Hemlock Falls (FERC No. 2074), Peavy Falls (FERC No. 11830), Michigamme Falls (FERC No. 2073), Lower Paint (FERC No. 2072), Twin Falls (FERC No. 11831), Kingsford (FERC No. 2131), and Big Quinnesec Falls (FERC No. 1980), and the “Order Modifying and Approving Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring Plan” issued on April 30, 1996, for the Pine (FERC No. 2486), August 14, 1997, for the Brule (FERC No. 2431), December 11, 1997, for the Chalk Hill (FERC No. 2394) and White Rapids (FERC No. 2357) projects, require We Energies to provide the final reports on the required annual and biennial monitoring for those projects no later than 30 days after the monitoring is completed. An annual extension for submitting these reports by the end of November was granted in 2010. Monitoring is scheduled each year for a portion of these twelve projects, with the field portion of the monitoring to be completed by August 7.

#### **Report of 2014 AIS Monitoring**

Please find attached a report of Purple Loosestrife (PL) monitoring activities completed in 2014 consistent with the proposed plan submitted earlier this year and Table 1. The results were presented by Mike Grisar of our environmental staff at our Annual Land Management Meeting held on October 23, 2014, with representatives from the Wisconsin and Michigan DNRs as well as some county and local agency representatives that work on tracking and controlling invasive species. The information was made available to everyone in attendance upon request.

Table 1: Comparison of 2014 PL Data Collected vs Proposed Plan Requirements

	Proposed New Plan		
	2014	2014	
	Plan	Actual	
Way Dam	x	x	
Hemlock Falls			
Lower Paint	x	x	
Peavy Falls		x	Project surveyed because PL found in 2013
Michigamme Falls			
Brule	x	x	
Twin Falls	x	x	
Pine			
Kingsford	x	x	
Big Quinnesec Falls	x	x	
Chalk Hill			
White Rapids	x	x	

**License Order Amendment Request**

Wisconsin Electric Power Company dba We Energies requested in our submittal for 2013 dated January 22, 2014, that the license articles noted in the subject line of this letter for our (12) FERC licensed hydroelectric projects be amended to accept the “We Energies Hydro Operations – Nuisance Plant Monitoring Plan, Revision 0: May 16, 2013” that was attached to that filing. Implementation of this plan began in 2013 while still meeting the requirements of the currently approved plan. We fully implemented the new plan in 2014. The Commission’s letter to us dated March 5, 2014, stated that,

“Your filing also included a request to amend your current monitoring schedule and associated reporting for the identified projects, including the Lower Plant (FERC No. 2072) and Twin Falls (FERC No. 11831) projects. Please be advised that is being addressed under a separate Commission proceeding.”

We are requesting a status update on the Commission’s disposition of our request.

Please call me at (906) 779-4099 if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

2014 Annual Report – Nuisance Plant Control Survey (22 pages)