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

RE: Pine Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2486
Article 413
Purple Loosetrife Monitoring

Wisconsin Electric is hereby filing with the Commission one original and eight additional copies of the annual monitoring report for purple loosetrife at the Pine Project for year 2001 in compliance with order 2486-018 issued August 17, 1997.

In addition to annual monitoring, Wisconsin Electric continues to post information on identifying and preventing the spread of purple loosetrife on bulletin boards at the Pine project recreation Areas 24 and 34.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 779-2547 if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Rauscher', written over a horizontal line.

William Rauscher, Manager
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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Carlisa Linton, FERC
Ms. Peggy Harding, FERC Regional Office – Chicago
Mr. Tom Meronek, WDNR
Mr. Jim Fossum, USFWS

**Report for 2000 on Monitoring
for Purple Loosestrife
at the Pine Project - FERC 2486**

The entire shoreline of the Pine 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 and the Pine River for 0.25 mile downstream of the Pine powerhouse were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on July 25, 2001. NO purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants were found.