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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 – 2018

Dear Secretary:

In accordance with the order approving the Exotic Species Control Plan, Consolidated Water Power Company (CWPCo) is filing the monitoring report for 2018.

CWPCo conducted monitoring during the summer of 2018 on the above Project. Inspections were completed by vehicle and boat (where necessary from July 16th through August 2nd. 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 2013-17 population observance.

The 2018 purple loosestrife plant count was similar to the 2014-17 observations, of which were slightly higher than 2013 but similar to the 2012 field observations without any new sites located. Overall, the 2018 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 areas observed trending upward.

For smaller plant count observed 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 2018 during such activities as hydro turbine repairs, trashrack intake cleaning, gate operations (May – November 2018), 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, 2019.

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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Attachments: none

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