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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Members of the Bond Falls Implementation Team:

***Bond Falls Hydroelectric Project***  
***Article 411: Nuisance Plant Control Plan Monitoring Report***

Per the Order Modifying and Approving Nuisance Plant Control Plan Pursuant to Article 411, issued February 24, 2005, Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is required to survey annually for purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and file annual nuisance plant monitoring reports with the Bond Falls Implementation Team (BFIT) by October 31 each year over the term of the license.

UPPCO acknowledges this filing is late due to unforeseen circumstances surrounding COVID-19 isolation requirements and apologizes for any inconveniences this may cause.

Monitoring was completed on behalf of UPPCO by White Water Associates, Inc. (WWA) on August 3, 2020 for the Bond Falls Development, on August 4, 2020 for the Victoria Development, and on August 18, 2020 for the Bergland Development (Lake Gogebic). No Eurasian watermilfoil was identified during monitoring. Purple loosestrife was not identified at either of the Bond Falls or Victoria developments; however, several colonies of purple loosestrife were identified at the Bergland Development. Complete results of monitoring are enclosed in Appendix 1.

Small-sized colonies (i.e., 1 to 5 plants) were removed by hand-pulling, flowers and stems were bagged and discarded, and roots were excavated. Readily accessible medium-sized colonies (i.e., 6 to 50 plants) were similarly removed; however, those

that were inaccessible or were otherwise located in inundated areas could not be removed at the time of monitoring.

In the last Nuisance Plant Control Plan Monitoring Report, dated October 23, 2019, UPPCO proposed to work with Ontonagon Conservation District, Lake Gogebic Improvement Association, and/or other local entities to implement control measures in 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent state-mandated lockdown, UPPCO was unable to contract services from any of these entities.

Nuisance Plant Control Plan monitoring pursuant to Article 411 of the Bond Falls Hydroelectric Project license will occur again next year. The next Comprehensive Five-Year Eurasian Watermilfoil Monitoring Report is due to be filed with both the BFIT and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 2024.

Please contact me directly at (906) 485-2480 if you have any questions regarding the content of this report.

Regards,

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Enc: Appendix 1 – Results of Nuisance Plant Control Plan Monitoring

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