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Siting Coordination Office

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Bureau of Wetland Resource Management

DATE: August 19, 1991

SUBJECT: PA89-25-Status of Post-Certification Review

In my memo of May 8, I stated that TECO was in compliance with the conditions of certification with the exception of the issue of providing mitigation for the acreage of forested reclamation areas that will be crossed by the proposed power line and will therefore be prevented from becoming a forested wetland. However, we stated that this issue could be dealt with at the time of the submittal and review of the dredge and fill application.

To date, TECO has not submitted the dredge and fill application for the wetland fill involved in the proposed transmission line. TECO has submitted two proposals for dealing with the mitigation issue. The first proposal is to modify the conditions of certification to state that they will provide mitigation for the trees in the reclamation areas when they have to cut them. This proposal is not acceptable to the Department. This issue must be dealt with now prior to construction of the transmission line rather than being left to the memory of our successors. The second proposal is for IMC to plant the trees which would have been planted in the transmission line ROW elsewhere in the reclamation area. This approach of IMC redesigning their reclamation plans to eliminate the need for mitigation would be acceptable, if IMC proposes to redesign their reclamation plans to make the area in the transmission line ROW a herbaceous wetland and to expand the forested wetland outside of the ROW by the appropriate acreage. Simply planting the trees that would be in the ROW elsewhere without actually expanding the forested wetland acreage is not acceptable. If TECO and IMC wish to pursue a redesign of the reclamation area, IMC must submit a written request to the Bureau of Wetland Resource Management to modify the permitted reclamation plan accompanied by revised drawings of the reclamation area and the \$250 processing fee per permit to be modified required for minor modifications. This request would be considered a minor modification to be approved by letter for which publication of a public notice is not required.

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The information reviewed by the Bureau of Wetland Resource Management staff indicated that the transmission line would pass over three IMC forested reclamation areas (Permit No.s 530651609, 530862379, and 531498599). TECO has stated that the transmission line will not pass over the reclamation area for Permit No. 530651609 and that they have submitted information documenting this. To date, I have not seen any information that would indicate that the proposed transmission line will not pass over all three of the reclamation areas listed above.