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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands; **Sylvan Hydroelectric Project**, FERC No. 2454-059; Cass, Crow Wing, and Morrison Counties, Minnesota (ER 04/655)
(Agency due date: **September 27, 2004**)

PLEASE EXPEDITE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has requested the Department to review the application for the subject project. The document was issued on August 24, 2004 and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" **Link.**

Please review this application from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service in Fort Snelling Minnesota, by **September 17, 2004**. If your bureau wishes to intervene, please follow the instructions in Environmental Review Memorandum ERM 99-2. **INTERVENTIONS ARE DUE BY September 27, 2004.**

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by **September 22, 2004**.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the REO.

/s/ 9/2/04

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