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Re: Vegetation Assessment Presentment Letter Dated July 26, 2012

Dear Ms. Millsap,

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) has reviewed your letter of July 26, 2012 along with the attached *Vegetation Assessment Survey Workplan*. Enbridge has also reviewed existing data from 2010 and 2011 and publications relevant to the assessment of vegetation along the Kalamazoo River while preparing the draft *Shoreline and Floodplain Assessment Study Report*. All of these activities and analyses are subsequent to the conceptual discussions Enbridge participated in at the April 18, 2012 meeting referenced in your letter.

Based on our review of the existing data and the Trustees' proposal for additional vegetation assessment, Enbridge does not believe that implementation of the vegetation study as presented is reasonable or necessary. Rather, it is Enbridge's belief that sufficient data have been collected in order to establish a recovery timeline, quantify lost services, and evaluate a compensation plan.

Therefore, Enbridge is declining to cooperate with the Vegetation Assessment Survey as outlined in the July 26, 2012 letter and attachments. However, Enbridge would be willing to meet with Trustee representatives in order to discuss the recently submitted draft report and the Trustees' views regarding additional data collection.

Sincerely,

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