

ROLL CALL MATRIX

Meeting Date: 12-9-08

P	A	Res. Number								
		<i>2008</i>	<i>258</i>							
		Unanimous								
	✓	Cathy Abramson		<i>Business for Mike</i>						
✓		Joe Eitrem	<i>Y</i>							
✓		Bernard Bouschor	<i>Y</i>							
	✓	DJ Hoffman		<i>Sick</i>						
✓		Dennis McKelvie	<i>N</i>							
✓		Lana Causley	<i>Y</i>							
✓		Bob LaPoint	<i>Y</i>							
✓		Keith Massaway	<i>2 Y</i>							
	✓	Pat Rickley		<i>Personal</i>						
✓		Denise Chase	<i>Y</i>							
✓		Tom Miller	<i>1 Y</i>							
✓		Shirley Petosky	<i>Y</i>							
✓		Joe McCoy								

- 1 = Made Motion
- Y = Voted Yes
- A = Abstained
- S = Sponsored by Board Member
- 2 = Second/Support Motion
- N = Voted No
- U = Unanimous



TRIBAL COMMENT ON DEQ AIR PERMIT #317-07

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Wolverine Power Company, Inc., proposed a 600 MW coal fired power plant in Roger City, Michigan to meet the energy needs of the State of Michigan for the year 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed plant is within 2 miles of the Ceded waters of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

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WHEREAS, the Michigan's Mercury Electric Utility Workgroup (MMEUW) on Mercury emissions from Coal-Fired Power Plants final report page 18, section 2.5.3 Recreational and Cultural Impacts states "in addition to posing threats to human and wildlife health, mercury contamination of the environment can also impact recreational activity and in turn, have significant economic impacts for Michigan as well as the Great Lakes' commercial fisheries;" and

WHEREAS, Michigan's final report from the MMEUW on Mercury emissions from Coal-Fired Power Plants, June 20, 2005 concludes that Mercury contamination in the Great Lakes will impact the Culture and Traditions of the Native American Communities; and

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WHEREAS, Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative Inc., participated in the MMEUW report that acknowledge that: "Many Native Americans within Michigan and the Great Lakes Region continue to depend upon fishery resources for subsistence and Native American Communities tend to consume substantially more fish, both in amount and frequency, than the general population;" and

WHEREAS, DEQ Air Quality Division Staff recommended Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc., not to use a "subsistence fisher" ingestion rate, unless it is deemed appropriate in site-specific situations; and

WHEREAS, the fish advisory limits used for Rule 228 Analysis for Mercury Emissions from a Proposed New Coal-Fired Power Plant used outdated action levels of 0.5 part per million to limit consumption and 1.5 part per million Mercury for no consumption which are only protective for the sport fisherman and not the new May 2007- Protocol for Uniform Great Lakes Sport Fish Consumption Advisory limits that start to limit consumption at 0.05 parts per million and advise no consumption at 0.95 parts per million; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality acknowledges the old Mercury advisory limits are outdated and new data demonstrates that Mercury causes health threats at lower doses than originally thought and was a participant in the development of the new May 2007- Protocol for Uniform Great Lakes Sport Fish Consumption Advisory limits; and

WHEREAS, the Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, & Huber, Inc., report did not assess the impact Mercury emissions from the plant will have on 46 % of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians population which are women of childbearing age and children under the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, Mercury is a neurotoxin that causes neurological delays and damage and therefore is of special concern to children and women of childbearing age. Exposure to Mercury, via contaminated fish eaten by the expectant mother, can impair thinking, memory, attention, language, and fine motor and visual spatial skills. Similarly, children who eat Mercury contaminated fish are at risk for decreased brain function; and

WHEREAS, studies show that the cost from Mercury exposure on the American productivity as the result of the loss of IQ is \$1.3 billion annually in 2000\$ values as a result of American power plants; and

WHEREAS, alternatives are in operation that meet the energy needs and if expanded, can meet future energy needs and do not emit Mercury; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are Anishinaabe and have a responsibility to protect and care for land, air, water, plants, animals, fish, and birds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians request the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality thoroughly analyze the impact increased Mercury emissions will have on subsistence fishers using updated consumption advisory limits.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians requests the State of Michigan to only issue a permit if the reviewed impact analysis demonstrates the proposed plant will have no impact on the Tribal Culture and Tribal commercial and subsistence fishers.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom 10 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 9 day of December 2008; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members for, 1 members against, 0 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Darwin "Joe" McCoy, Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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DJ Hoffman, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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