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November 8, 2012

Mr. Ralph Dollhopf
Federal On-Scene Coordinator and Incident Commander
United States Environmental Protection Agency
801 Garfield Avenue, #229
Traverse City, MI 49686

RE: In the Matter of Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., *et al*,
Docket No. CWA 1321-5-10-001

Dear Mr. Dollhopf:

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) is requesting to remove the containment boom at Ceresco Dam pursuant to the terms of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) letter dated September 25, 2012. The U.S. EPA letter required Enbridge to maintain the boom at Ceresco Dam and must seek approval prior to the removal of the control point boom. The request to remove the containment boom is for the following reasons:

- This configuration was designed to be removed prior to ice formation/flow within the river system. Any amount of ice movement/buildup within the flowing sections of the river will cause significant damage and possible "tear out" of the containment system.
- Significant ice movement in the area around the system would likely result in catastrophic failure of the system.
- Creation of an ice jam in this area poses severe downstream safety issues and possible back water effects.
- Maintenance of the system during frozen conditions creates safety hazards.

It is Enbridge's intent to have the boom removed prior to the Thanksgiving holiday break and therefore requests an approval by November 15, 2012 to meet this schedule.

Please contact myself or Enbridge's Incident Commander, John Sobojski, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ENBRIDGE ENERGY, LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP
By Enbridge Pipelines (Lakehead) L.L.C.
It's General Partner

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Richard Adams
Vice President, U.S. Field Operations

CC: John Sobojski, Enbridge
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