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**Attachments:** Enbridge Energy.pdf

Kurt:

See below and let's discuss tomorrow. At this point, we have not received either mitigation feedback or a timeline, but we have received a fair amount of inaccurate information which my staff has needed to correct.

Holly – can you provide a copy to Ed.

Thanks all.

JRB

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Jeffrey:

Per our discussions, we have had members of the DNR inform us that Meteor's mitigation plan may be unacceptable, as the Agency has never approved a preservation only proposal. Although Meteor's plan is to not only create the largest preservation proposal in Agency history, it also creates 45 high quality wetlands.

Please find attached a project which was approved by the Agency in 2013. The project highlights include approval to fill 18 (eighteen) acres of wetlands, an amount larger than Meteors. In exchange, was the preservation of only 197 acres of wetlands – not high quality ones. Meteor has submitted a plan which preserves 365 acres – a number substantially larger than 197. Additionally, all of the wetlands in the Meteor proposal that are preserved, as well as created, are high quality wetlands.

I have also learned the demonstrable threat to the wetlands was cattle grazing – seems like a far lesser impact than clear cutting as described in yesterday's memo from a professional forester.

Let me know if I need to continue to do research regarding the Agency's claim – that preservation alone is unacceptable.

I will wait to hear from you and thank you kindly in advance.

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