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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Subject: Matheny Christavia Mk1 airplane, N746LM, accident at Grand Detour, Illinois, on January 20, 2018, Conversation with Mr. Jeff Lewis, C&M Lead for Commonwealth Edison Power, Dixon, Illinois

Mr. Lewis was on scene shortly after the accident involving N746LM occurred. His team was there to restore power to the island. Mr. Lewis said the power line at the point where the airplane got wrapped up in it was suspended about 30 feet above the Rock River.

Mr. Lewis also coordinated the recovery of the airplane. He said they first cut the power line cables and secured them around the airplane. He said the cable had cut into the leading and trailing edges of the wing and was wrapped around the airplane's fuselage and landing gear. Mr. Lewis said the recovery company hooked a line to the attach point on the fuselage near the tail wheel and pulled the airplane across the ice to the shore to recover it. They then put a sling around the airplane and lifted it with a backhoe onto a flat bed trailer for transport to the Dixon Airport.

Mr. Lewis's telephone number is [REDACTED]

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