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Date: 11/7/13

Name: Dennis Briley

Address: N 9 W 27353 Jacquelyn Dr.

Who you represent: Self

Question: How do you plan to not impact Root River during high water ~~run~~ flow events? That is, do you have sewerage treatment plant discharge storage?

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Date: 11/7/13

Name: R. Latta

Address: 1810 Oakdale

Who you represent: Myself

Question: Do the shale layers the same layers we see flowing freely into the quarries North of town?

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Date: 7/11/13

Name: R Latta

Address: 1810 Oakdale

Who you represent: Myself

Question: What impact did raising the lake levels by 1 ft.

And raising & retaining water in the marshlands have on raising aquifer levels.

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Date: 11/7/13

Name: R. Laffer

Address: 1810 Oakdale

Who you represent: Myself

Question: How about we recycle our own water rather than dump it down the river.

Wouldn't this not only bolster our aquifers, and reduce flooding down stream?

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Date: 11/7/13

Name: K Katta

Address: 1810 Oakdale Dr.

Who you represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: A study was done that

showed if multiple ... A very  
large # of small capacity wells  
in conjunction with local disposal  
& recycling of waste water has  
no negative effect on water table,  
and is most beneficial to sustainable  
flows in local streams. Why not  
return to this smaller micro system?

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Name: R Latta

Address: 1810 Oakdale

Who you represent: Myself

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the storage capacity of all the garries within a proximity of the city including Lannon, Brookfield, Sussex, Waukesha.

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Name: R Latta

Address: 1810 Oakdale

Who you represent: Myself

Question: Why can't we require the

quarry operator to return his

pumping into our water supply

ecosystem?

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Date: Nov. 7, 2013

Name: Ezra Meyer / Clean WI

Address: 634 W. Main St., #300 Madison 53703

Who you represent: Clean Wisconsin

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What would Waukesha's preferred water supply alternative be if a Great Lakes diversion were not an option? In other words, what is your plan B?

2. How many acres of wetlands will be impacted in the preferred alternative, from pipeline construction in both directions and from reduced base flow in the Fox River?

3. Is the deep aquifer still declining, or are there data to show levels are rebounding?

November 7, 2013

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

RE: City of Waukesha Water Application

I'm writing in support of the City of Waukesha's application to obtain water from Lake Michigan. The city of Waukesha needs a reliable source of water for the long term and the application to obtain water from Lake Michigan is both prudent and environmentally responsible. Over the past many decades, the water levels in the aquifers providing water to Waukesha have declined dramatically. When the City of Waukesha begins to draw water from Lake Michigan and returns the same amount of water back to Lake Michigan, the aquifers will be able to be replenished over time to their natural levels.

I have watched the entire application process for the City of Waukesha for some time and appreciate all of the work that has been completed by all parties. As a resident of Waukesha County for over 50 years, I believe that the City of Waukesha's plan to obtain water from Lake Michigan is the most responsible approach for providing Waukesha with a reliable water source for the long term.

Best regards,



Thomas A. Fotsch  
COO, Principal  
EmbedTek LLC  
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Name: Suzanne Kelley

Address: 2717 N. Grandview Blvd. #300, Waukesha

Who you represent: Waukesha County Business Alliance

Comment: The Alliance supports the application for the following reasons:

- Addresses public health issue of concern to Waukesha citizens, employers and their employees
- Provides a long-term environmentally sustainable solution
- Returns virtually 100% of water drawn from Lake Michigan
- Offers significant environmental benefits (stops draw-down of groundwater, improve quality of Root River etc.)
- Positions Waukesha (and State of WI) as a model for environmentally sound water policy

1. Pebble Creek Wetlands is one of the few  
Recharge areas for our local ~~water~~ aquifer. How  
will the Proposed Bypass impact that recharge

John A. + Kay C. IFFB  
Waukesha

2. How Does continued Development of SuperStores  
impact our current water needs and How  
Does the water needs of a superstore compare  
to those of Residential Development?

John A + Kay C. IFFB  
Waukesha

Land Use Plan: Please explain how the Land Use Plan as  
shown is in any way accurate or ~~predictable~~ predictable given ~~current~~  
the changes readily ~~occurring~~ occurring in the community

of the governing bodies

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: NIR KOVAC

Address: 200 E. Wells St.

Who you represent: City of Milwaukee, ALDERMAN

Tonight  
Question: Dan described the future growth of the City of Waukesha as "extremely modest" In the application's exhibit 2-6, however, it is predicted that open space and agricultural acreage in the City of Waukesha will decrease from 9,760 to 1,285 <sup>ACRES</sup> ~~and multi-family~~ <sup>in the years from 2000 through 2035.</sup> and single family large lot acreage will increase from 8,000 to 14,600 acres in those same 35 years. Isn't that a more than 80% reduction in open space and farms to be replaced <sup>mostly</sup> by large <sup>LOT</sup> homes?

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Date: 11/18/13

Name: Kerry Thomas

Address: 14 Ironwood Lisbon - Waukesha Co

Who you represent: self

Question: Considering that the service area  
is the critical tipping point -  
what are you and waukesha leaders  
doing to get an exemption from  
the state statute that defines  
the "service area" as the area  
that must be negotiated?

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Date: 18, Nov. 2013

Name: Helga Huegeline

Address: 1313 N. Franklin Place #1101 Milwaukee 53202

Who you represent: League of Women Voters - Lake Michigan Region

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

What areas of Canada will want to  
follow Waukesha's example? Are eligible  
for withdrawals?

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Date: 11/18/13

Name: Marge Palleon

Address: N35W6546 Wilson St., Cedarburg

Who you represent: LWR - Lake Michigan Region

Question: Do you have ~~the~~ increased  
water usages rates for industrial users.  
as you do for individuals.

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Date: 11-18-13

Name: Marilyn Wiseman

Address: 3017 N. Stowell Ave

Who you represent: myself

Question: If Waukesha's conservation efforts are working, why not do more conservation and combine that with other local alternatives?

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Date: Nov 18, 2013

Name: Cheryl Nenn

Address: 1845 N. Forwell #100, MKE 53202

Who you represent: Milwaukee RiverKeeper

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

① Several of your alternatives show that you would return up to 140% of the diverted amount of Lake Michigan to the Root River during wet weather. Does this mean the inflow & infiltration into your sewers reaches 40%?! How are you dealing with this problem? How<sup>is</sup> adding dozens of more miles of pipeline going to be sustainable from an operations and maintenance perspective?

② ~~Does~~ the projected board impact for wetlands for the diversion include all pipeline and construction impacts? ~~Will you be using MMSD's utility corridor for the deep~~ <sup>"Your Comments are Important"</sup> tunnel along 76th St?

③ Are you planning to do you prefer to send flows →

over the 16.7 MGD to the Fox River? Can you be permitted to discharge to 2 waterways? Does this set a questionable precedent for future diversions? DNR seemed to be concerned about this under the proposed Underwood Creek return flow route, so what has changed?

④ your explanation for why your treated wastewater would improve the Root River— or namely because it contains less concentrated pollutants than the river— sounds a lot like dilution is the solution to pollution, this thinking has got to stop in the situation of having impaired rivers. fair or not?

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Date: 11/18/13

Name: Victoria Lubner

Address: N49W3536 Wisconsin Ave Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Who you represent: School of Freshwater Sciences - Masters Student

Question: 1) What is the time lag from the removal of the water to the return flow?

2) What is the quality of the water taken from Lake Michigan? / How will it be treated?

3) What is meant by the adverse effects on natural system, by the shallow/deep well?

4) Evaporation rate from Root River - will that be an issue?

5) How often will the return water be tested?

6) How much water is saved from the conservation efforts annually?

7) What is the proposed piping system?

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Date: 11-18-13

Name: Marilyn Wiseman

Address: 3017 N. Stowell Avenue

Who you represent: myself

Question: Will

Has ~~or~~ any federal funding ~~gone~~ been used or going to be used for any part of this diversion proposal and the infrastructure that will need to be built? If so, how much funding has been received and how much more funding are you seeking? <sup>Federal</sup> Funding to restore the Great Lakes was cut this year. We need federal dollars to replace + restore cement infrastructure on the Great Lakes, not build new pipes to take water out of the Basin.

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Name: Laurie Longtine

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Who you represent: self

Comment: You mentioned the UW study that found  
no negative impacts ~~of~~ of the expanded water service area.  
You also note that the City of Waukesha's population  
is ~~is~~ increasingly 1) urban 2) non-white and 3)  
below the poverty line. How can you <sup>continue to</sup> say that a  
\$206-\$207 million-dollar diversion won't affect  
City residents adversely and any non-city residents  
falling into one or all 3 of those categories? Not  
to mention the \$43 mill. wastewater treatment  
plant upgrades. Will there be a base amount of  
water provided free or at low cost to those residents  
who can't afford it?

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Name: NIR KOVAC

Address: 200 E. Wells St.

Who you represent: City of Milwaukee, ALDERMAN

- 3 Question ①: Have the four communities outside the City of Waukesha that are now included in the expanded proposed water service area gone through the alternatives analysis as mandated by the Great Lakes Water Compact?
- ② If not, will it be easier to change this ~~international treaty~~ <sup>Federal interstate compact</sup> or the Wisconsin state statutes that govern SEWRPC's planning area? ~~It does~~ ③ Why contradict a new law signed by eight states because of ~~an old law in one state~~ the WISCONSIN LAW which conflicts with the Federal law?

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Name: Diane Waits

Address: 6110 N. Sunny Point Rd Glendale, WI

Who you represent: Myself

Comment: Waukesha has apparently known they've had a water problem for a great many years. The speaker spoke about old wells and other water problems having occurred for many many years. For all these years Waukesha has been allowing more and more development. A moratorium on building should have been put in place years ago until a solution to the water problem found. Now the city is expecting not only Wisconsin areas in the lake Michigan basin but also all other members of the Compact to allow lake Michigan water outside of the basin. It would be helpful if the DNR could alert other municipalities with similar water problems to address them sooner, rather than later.

(over)

Other questions show, are:

Will anyone be monitoring Waukesha to be sure the city/streets are not getting the same amount of water as removed from the lake?

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What if we find out in future years that the Root  
River flooding has increased? Is there a way to  
measure the flow into the river from Waukegan?  
~~etc~~ (Measurement to be taken by <sup>professionals</sup> outside the city/service  
area of Waukegan);

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Name: Gregg Baumann

Address: 7518 7 Mile Road Racine, WI 53402

Who you represent: Myself

Comment: The Root River regularly floods with its current flow. Adding to its volume will make flooding worse and more frequent. If a faster flow to the river is desirable, and natural spawning of Lake Michigan fish species is the goal, why not remove the damn at Hwy 38 (North western Avenue) and city MM in Racine?

We have learned, and I have seen first hand the results of waste water being sent directly into the Milwaukee <sup>W. Minominee</sup> rivers by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage district. Do we feel confident that dumping of the MMSD type is impessiable with heavy rain in Waukesha? Waste water, even when throughly treated, needs to be piped far out into lake Michigan so that it can disperse. They plan on pumping water into Waukesha by pipeline.

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Pipe it right back. Preserve the Root River.

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Name: Laurie Longhne

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Who you represent: self: A multi-part question re Expanded water service area

Comment: 1) You said only 15% of land in water service area is developable. 15% of what: newly expanded water service area? or total of new water service area

PLUS existing city service area? How many square acres in that?

2) You said the plan is to move Town of Waukesha & other expanded service area lands off of well & septic & onto city services? How do you plan to accomplish this: by forcing Town residents & how? How do you force them to pay the high costs of hooking up? What about

*Generac?  
Delayed  
Penalties?*

3) You said the application is "not about expansion". Yet you plan to add an additional? 81,000 ppl. to your service. or is it ~~at~~ up to a total of 81,000 ppl. at the end of build-out. By this definition, ANY add'l customers - no matter where they come from - will be an expansion.

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Name: TARCO AKMER

Address: 2032 EMPEROR DR, WAUKESHA

Who you represent: SECF

Comment: HAS THE GROUNDWATER BOUNDARY  
MOVED WEST OF THE CURRENT PHYSICAL  
CONTINENTAL DIVIDE?

DOESN'T THIS PUT THE CITY OF WAUKESHA  
INTO THE LAKE MICHIGAN WATERSHED INSTEAD  
OF THE MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED?

Waukesha Testimony

**Barbara Richards: 3210 N 83rd Street Milwaukee, WI 53222-3844;  
retired public school teacher, grass roots organization volunteer, and  
grandparent.**

**Theft used to be dishonorable if not criminal. Our modern world seems to be  
legalizing more and more ways of stealing. We do still balk at identity theft. What  
if my sense of who I am includes my sense of place? Current environmental  
education curricula espouse this idea. What if my sense of place includes my  
watershed? So stealing from my watershed is identity theft. It is also stealing  
from my grandchildren, and their grandchildren and....**

**Humans, able to adapt to most any environment, have always needed find a  
source of live-giving fresh water. Settlements were sited near a such a source.  
Like the air we breathe, water is necessary to life. The world's faiths have a  
revered place for water in their big story. Today it has become a commodity to be  
seized, owned and sold, added to the list of resources that are mined by  
corporations: precious metals, fossil fuels, our souls... our souls, mined by  
advertising to promote consumer lifestyles that are an addiction that is  
destroying the possibility of all life on our planet.**

**Growth is a dead goal, the holy grail of boom and bust economics. It is killing us, the people of the Philippines, the albatross whose belly is full of plastic bottle caps it found floating in the ocean where its food should have been.**

**If the people of some place where there seems to be inadequate water want a place to re-grow, our cities have multiple empty spaces or magnificent restorable homes. As these places become repopulated, as they must by choice or by necessity, a greater healing of separate peoples will develop.**

**Let's encourage such economic and social re-growth sooner rather than a forced later. I have an idea it may work a whole lot better. A peaceable society for my grandchildren and their grandchildren would be worth the strong leadership needed at this tipping point.**

**So I ask you to look beyond the next election, beyond the perceived needs of today's people to the thousands of future years we must plan for today. Help us restrain our greed and become human once again. Our greatest resource is our human community. Let's regrow that sense communion with all humanity, with all of life.**

**Waukesha, like all of us, must learn to live within its means...a lesser means than today's standard.**