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Matthew J. Frank, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
101 S. Webster Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Frank:

In your letter addressed to me on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2010, you identified several deficiencies in Waukesha's application for a diversion of Great Lakes water. Included in those identified deficiencies was the fact that our City had not provided appropriate information on three potential water supply alternatives and that there was no corresponding return flow option for each withdrawal source. In addition you noted:

"...the application lacks sufficient detail, as required by the Compact, regarding the costs for the diversion. We would expect the cost analysis for each of the requested options to be based upon information received from the potential withdrawal sources indicating what they would be charging for providing Great Lakes water. The City must provide to the Department (of Natural Resources) detailed cost estimates for each of the withdrawal and corresponding return flow options."

Your letter closed by also saying that this information is needed at a "minimum" before you can accept an application for review and, I would assume, before you can begin the formal environmental impact statement process that the Department will be undertaking.

If my read of what your letter has stated is incorrect, I would appreciate your clarification of my understanding of this matter.

While much has been made of my push to have our City consider all viable water supply options before settling on just one—a Lake Michigan diversion of water—the deficiencies outlined in your letter are significant and confirm that our City's water utility needs to objectively and openly consider all reasonable options. It is my understanding that the Department expects to be provided with a detailed analysis of all reasonable water supply alternatives, including a combination of shallow and deep aquifer water appropriately treated, along with more meaningful water conservation measures. The combination of these measures, along with the further exploration of the capturing and recycling of rain water, could reduce our overall water supply needs thereby making Waukesha less dependent on costly outside sources of water.



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The citizens of our great City need to know upfront what the true cost of all reasonable water supply alternatives are—including the detailed cost estimates for Oak Creek and Racine—before we can make an informed decision on what is in our City's best long term interest. In addition, because our expanded water service territory as outlined in the Application includes parts of Pewaukee, Genesee and the Town of Waukesha, we would also be wise to gather public input on that before we proceed.

I believe it is my responsibility as Mayor, in keeping with my obligation of transparency to the City's residents, to be sure that every reasonable alternative has been thoroughly examined before moving ahead with an application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized first name 'Jeff' followed by the last name 'Scrima'.

Jeff Scrima  
Mayor

cc: Bruce Baker, Department of Natural Resources  
Dan Duchniak, Waukesha Water Utility Manager