State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

HEARING APPEARANCE
Form 8300-014 Rev. 4-10

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Date: 3/7/2018

Do you wish to make an oral statement? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Name: JOE DUBANIEWICZ

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City, State and zip code:
KENOSHA WI 53140

Email Address: JOEDUBAN@YAHOO.COM

1. Representing (If you are the authorized representative of some other person or organization, identify who you represent and your title):

   SIERRA CLUB SOUTHEAST GATEWAY GROUP

2. Regarding rule proposals only: Small business representation -- Are you representing the interests of a small business as defined by s. 227.114, Wis. Stats., as "a business entity, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated and not dominant in its field, and which employs 25 or fewer full-time employees or which has a gross annual sales of less than $5,000,000"?

   [ ] Yes [ ] No

3. Comments:

   WHAT KIND OF WATER TREATMENT WILL BE DONE DURING THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS?

4. Position:

   [ ] In support [x] In opposition [ ] As interest may appear


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Do you wish to make an oral statement? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Name: Gary Chaffee

Street or route (mailing address):
4937 90th St

City, State and zip code:
LA CROSSE WI 54603

Email Address:

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   [ ] Yes [ ] No

3. Comments:

   Large Scale Chemical manufacturing Chemist

4. Position:

   [ ] In support [x] In opposition [ ] As interest may appear
## PLEASE PRINT:

**Date:** 3/7/18  
**Name:** JAMES GENSELER  
**Street or route (mailing address):** 2627 E. NEWBERRY  
**City, State and zip code:** MILWAUKEE, WI 53215  
**Telephone number (include area code):** (414) 332-7115  
**Email Address:** J_GENS@SBCGLOBAL.NET

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### 3. Comments:

CONCERNED ABOUT WATER QUALITY (NANOPARTICLES)

### 4. Position:

☐ In support  ☑ In opposition  ☐ As interest may appear

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## PLEASE PRINT:

**Date:** 3/7/18  
**Name:** Sue Grace Krokosz  
**Street or route (mailing address):** 8785 3rd Ave  
**City, State and zip code:** Pleasant Prairie WI 53154  
**Telephone number (include area code):** (262) 854-0681  
**Email Address:** fitbull withdatalC@gmail.com

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### 3. Comments:

who sets the water in case of a drought.

### 4. Position:

☐ In support  ☐ In opposition  ☐ As interest may appear
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Date: 3-2-2018  
Do you wish to make an oral statement? □ Yes □ No

Name: MATE GATISMO  
Telephone number (include area code): (650) 265-8803

Street or route (mailing address): 5918 THIR LANE
City, State and zip code: RACINE, WISCONSIN 53406

Email Address: mate@gbisol.com

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3. Comments:

NEED NON-DIVERSION HEARINGS

4. Position:

□ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear

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Do you wish to make an oral statement? □ Yes □ No

Name: MARTIN  
Telephone number (include area code): (914) 832-5887

Street or route (mailing address): 5630 Five Mile Rd
City, State and zip code: RACINE, WI 53406

Email Address: 

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3. Comments:

What assurances do we have that political pressure (because of the large investment) will not allow modifications?

4. Position:

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Name: Tom Grubb  Telephone number (include area code): (   )

Street or route (mailing address): 9750 - 14TH Street

City, State and zip code: Kenosha, WI 53144  Email Address: tyrubb1@wi.rr.com

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3. Comments: Please add me to your delivery

4. Position: □ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear

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Name: Barbara Codis  Telephone number (include area code): (   )

Street or route (mailing address):

City, State and zip code:  Email Address:

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3. Comments: I would hope you would plan on purifying the water using advance technology before you return the water to Lake Michigan

4. Position: □ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear
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Do you wish to make an oral statement? □ Yes □ No

Name: Richard Christiansen

Telephone number (include area code):
(262) 657-6245

Street or route (mailing address):
3406 23rd Ave

City, State and zip code:
Kenosha, WI 53140

Email Address:

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3. Comments: I'm here to learn more about the proposed water use by Fox coun

4. Position: □ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear

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Do you wish to make an oral statement? □ Yes □ No

Name: Recine Loiseau

Telephone number (include area code):

Street or route (mailing address):
W3984358 Peer Park Dr Daugman WI 53118

City, State and zip code:

Email Address:

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3. Comments: This decision sets the precedent for this particular situation, so it should not be taken lightly.

4. Position: □ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear

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   - [ ] Yes  [x] No

3. Comments:

   - Protect our lake Michigan - I am worried about chemicals released into it. Also worried about flooding due to getting rid of wetlands.

4. Position: (Check one)  
   - [ ] In support  [ ] In opposition  [ ] As interest may appear

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   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No

3. Comments:

   - I believe the Racine community should support this lake and development.

4. Position: (Check one)  
   - [ ] In support  [ ] In opposition  [ ] As interest may appear
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Date: 3/17/2018
Do you wish to make an oral statement? □ Yes □ No
Name: Valerie Stabenow
Telephone number (include area code):
Street or route (mailing address):
City, State and zip code:
Email Address:

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3. Comments:

4. Position: □ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear

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Date: 2/17/18
Do you wish to make an oral statement? □ Yes □ No
Name: Allen Stabenow
Telephone number (include area code):
Street or route (mailing address):
City, State and zip code:
Email Address:

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3. Comments:

4. Position: □ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear
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Do you wish to make an oral statement? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Name: Christy Walasek
Telephone number (include area code): [414] 965-9110

Street or route (mailing address): 5901 Cushing Hill Rd
City, State and zip code: Racine, WI 53406
Email Address: cjwalasek@gmail.com

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[Signature]

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[ ] Yes [ ] No

3. Comments:

I am upset that Foxconn is destroying Mt. Pleasant's environmental quality.

4. Position:

[ ] In support [ ] In opposition [ ] As interest may appear
### Mary C. Schroeder

**Date:** 3/1/18  
**Telephone number (include area code):** (262) 752-3105  
**Street or route (mailing address):** 619 Hager St.  
**City, State and zip code:** Racine WI 53402  
**Email Address:** lovedogsandcats2@yahoo.com

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3. Comments: **7 million gals. per day is too much**

4. Position:
   - [ ] In support
   - [X] In opposition
   - [ ] As interest may appear

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### Ann Griffin

**Date:** 3/7/18  
**Telephone number (include area code):** (414) 354-8046  
**Street or route (mailing address):** 8159 W 38th St  
**City, State and zip code:** Brown Deer 53209  
**Email Address:** annmgys@hotmail.com

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3. Comments: **Protect our Great Lakes, Lake Michigan**

4. Position:
   - [ ] In support
   - [X] In opposition
   - [ ] As interest may appear
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Name:  Marilyn Wiseman  Telephone number (include area code): (414) 736-6217

Street or route (mailing address): 3037 N. Shepard Avenue

City, State and zip code: Milwaukee, WI 53201

Email Address: maakeris2001@gmail.com

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4. Position:

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Name:  Susan Wiecek  Telephone number (include area code): (414) 550-1977

Street or route (mailing address): 1610 W. Prospect Ave.

City, State and zip code: Milwaukee, WI 53202

Email Address: 

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3. Comments:

Against!!! Against using Lake Michigan Water

4. Position:

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Do you wish to make an oral statement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: Krista Reck

Telephone number (include area code): (608) 308-5177

Street or route (mailing address): 2800 7th St

City, State and zip code: Kenosha, WI 53141

Email Address: mpikeriver@oad.com

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3. Comments: This is happening too fast with details and plans too fluid

4. Position: ☐ In support ☒ In opposition ☐ As interest may appear

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Do you wish to make an oral statement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name: Mike Andersen

Telephone number (include area code): (262) 697-1813

Street or route (mailing address): 1746 105th Ave

City, State and zip code: Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Email Address: 

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3. Comments: What about additional water use by offsite needs, employ needs & others.

4. Position: ☐ In support ☒ In opposition ☐ As interest may appear
Date: 03/07/18

Name: Lily Gieseke

Street or route (mailing address): 2640 N. Weil St. Apt. D
City, State and zip code: Milwaukee, WI 53212

Email Address: lgiecke@uwm.edu

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3. Comments: I urge you to deny this application as a native Wisconsin resource. The lakes are at risk as is our state's greatest resource. It is too soon to approve the application! We need to know more about possible environmental impact than.

4. Position:

Date: 3/7/2018

Name: Jennifer Ambrose

Street or route (mailing address): 3534 S. Herman St
City, State and zip code: Milwaukee, WI 53207

Email Address: JenniferAmSocietySm@live.com

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3. Comments: It is too soon to approve the application! We need to know more about possible environmental impact than.

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Date: March 7, 2018

Do you wish to make an oral statement?
(Check one)

□ Yes □ No

Name: Wendy Swanson

Telephone number (include area code):

(262) 664-1933

Street or route (mailing address):

214 E. Fairwife

City, State and zip code:

Kaukauna WI

Email Address:

ujhala2002@globalnet.net

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□ Yes □ No

3. Comments:

do not grant permission to Fox Farm & remove Water from Lake Michigan

4. Position:

(Check one)

□ In support □ In opposition □ As interest may appear
March 7, 2018

To: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Re: City of Racine water diversion proposal

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin advocates for denial of a request by the City of Racine for diversion of an average of 7.0 million gallons of water from Lake Michigan daily to meet the water needs of a private entity in the Village of Mount Pleasant. In addition, we caution that this request may be followed by another proposal for increased diversion since experts indicate larger volumes of 10 to 15.8 million gallons per day is common for such facilities (financial analyst, David Hsieh).

As a member of the multi-state League of Women Voters of the Lake Michigan Region, the Wisconsin League supports preserving and enhancing the environmental integrity and quality of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Ecosystem. We support the Great Lakes Compact, a legal, “responsibility pact” that sets rules for the withdrawal of water from the Lakes, and gives bordering communities a say in any decisions to divert water to areas outside the Great Lakes Basin.

The water of the Great Lakes is not an infinite resource. Rain and streams replenish only one percent of the Lakes’ water each year. The results of over-usage are already seen in the drop in water level in Lake Michigan and other Lakes. The Lakes are a gift of the retreating glaciers, and once depleted they will not be restored.

We urge you to examine carefully in light of the requirements of the Great Lakes Compact and potential harm to the environmental health of the region:
- Racine’s application is for a private purpose, rather than a public purpose as required by the Compact. As a straddling community interested in the Foxconn proposal, the Village of Mount Pleasant should be the applicant.
- Foxconn indicates a loss of 2 million gallons of water through evaporation each day. Should multiple applicants for diversion expect such losses, the cumulative effect of these losses could further lower Lake levels.
- The future public need for water in the Village of Mount Pleasant may be compromised by this sizeable diversion to a non-public entity. This request for diversion on behalf of a water-intensive, non-public entity threatens future public water use, especially if the entity increases its footprint and need for water.
- Foxconn, the proposed end user of diverted water, intends to send as much as 60 to 70 percent of withdrawn water back to Lake Michigan — with no enforceable, rigorous requirements for measuring contaminants in returned waters.
- Waters returned to Lake Michigan must be pretreated to assure that toxins used in LCD panel production do not enter Lake Michigan. Among these toxins is the cancer-causing chemical solvent, benzene. Also included is a host of toxic heavy metals such as cadmium, chromium, zinc, indium, and copper which pose a variety of significant health threats.

The Compact requires that any evaluation of a proposed diversion consider not only individual impacts of this proposed diversion but the potential cumulative impacts of all future diversions based on the precedent set
here. Countless future requests from municipalities in all eight Great Lakes states and the two Canadian provinces that border the Lakes threaten the future of this commonly held and legally protected resource.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin believes water conservation should be a highest priority for all governments in the basin. We urge you not to approve the current proposal in the absence of firm, complete and detailed plans by the City of Racine, the Village of Mount Pleasant and Foxconn for minimizing both the certain and the potential environmental and health impacts of the proposed water diversion.

Thank you.
March 7, 2018

To: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Re: City of Racine water diversion proposal

The League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region (LWVLMR) is an inter-League Organization made up of 63 local Leagues of Women Voters within the Lake Michigan watershed and regional planning areas, along with the four state Leagues.

We advocate that you refuse the proposal by the City of Racine to divert an average of 7 million gallons of water from Lake Michigan daily to meet Fox Conn’s, a private foreign industrial company, water needs. The Great Lakes Compact states, “All the Water so transferred shall be used solely for Public Water Supply Purposes within the Straddling Community.”

LWVLMR supports the Great Lakes Compact, an eight state and two Canadian “leadership pact” that sets rules for the withdrawal and return of water from the Lakes. We support preserving and enhancing the environmental integrity and quality of the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River Ecosystem.

We urge you to examine carefully whether Fox Conn has met the requirements of the Great Lakes Compact. Clearly, we are concerned that the Fox Conn diversion application is for industrial use and has not adequately provided enough detail about the amount and the quality of the water that will be returned to the city of Racine and Lake Michigan.

Fox Conn has not implemented sufficient conservation practices in its other industrial locations. Wisconsin has also bypassed requirements of environmental impact statements and has dismissed wetland precautions in an area of recent costly flooding in Racine County.

Keep in mind that the Fox Conn proposal is the first of its kind you are considering. What happens to this proposal will set a precedent for countless future requests from municipalities in Wisconsin as well as all eight Great Lakes states and two Canadian provinces that border the lakes.

We believe water conservation and water pollution prevention should be a high priority of all governments in the basin. We urge you not to approve the current proposal for a private industrial company’s use of Lake Michigan water due to the non-public use, the 30-40% loss of water to be discharged, and the absence of a complete and detailed plan to remove the toxic chemicals in the water discharged from Fox Conn to the City of Racine and into Lake Michigan.

Thank you,

Marge Palleon, LWVLMR – WI representative
My name is Taylor Stevens, a student from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater here today to urge the Wisconsin DNR to oppose the Racine Water Diversion Application for Foxconn development. Racine has requested to divert up to 7 million gallons a day to the diversion area. Just so we are all clear, Racine can currently legally draw up to 60 million gallons a day. They are now asking for the additional 7 million gallons. Under the EPA website, on the page “Great Lakes Facts and Figures” it states on the third line that, “the Great Lakes are the largest surface freshwater system on the Earth. Only the polar ice caps contain more fresh water.” This precious freshwater can be and will be significantly altered by the introduction and inconsistencies of the Foxconn operation. We need to ask, where is this water going and what is it being utilized for?

However, Foxconn would not be possible without the intervention of our governor, Scott Walker. Under his new 2017 bill titled, “Electronics and Information Technology Manufacturing Zone,” he outlines a few new regulations and inconsistencies to be laid out. Under current law, all state agencies are required to create an environmental impact statement for every recommendation or proposal that will affect the quality of the human environment. Under this bill an environmental impact statement “for a new manufacturing facility within an electronics and information technology manufacturing zone,” or Foxconn, is not a major action or required. In addition, under current federal law it states that activities that involve the discharge or fill material to be released in navigable water, or “waters of the United States” must comply with guidelines set by the EPA and be issued a permit by the US Army Corps of Engineers. As the DNR, the current law requires the you to “issue wetland general permits for discharges of dredged or fill material into certain federal and nonfederal wetlands.” Under the Great Lakes compact - section straddling counties, the department may approve a proposal if under section e, “the proposal will not endanger the integrity of the Great Lakes basin ecosystem based upon a determination that the proposal will have no adverse impact on the Great Lakes basin ecosystem.” Without these previous regulations, how can we determine the true threat? Under this technology bill, Walker states that a “person may, without a permit, discharge dredged material or fill material into a non federal wetland that is located in an electronics and information technology manufacturing zone.” This company is no different than any company that has come before us today. If a production as large as Foxconn plans to take gallons out of the Great Lakes everyday, and now has fewer regulations than any company in this area before, can we truly say that we know this is safe? We need to admit and investigate inconsistencies so that we can face problems head on before they happen.

The main motive in most of these corporation situations is always jobs. Jobs provide for families but what happens when technology takes over and jobs are lost to robotic machinery? Tuan is the Honorary Chairman for Foxconn and states in a press conference that, “We will reduce our total workforce to less than 50,000 people by the end of this year, from some 60,000 staff at the end of 2017,” according to Nikkei.com. 10,000 jobs are proposed to be lost to the robotic industry and that number is proposed to increase. What happens to American jobs then?
As a young student who aspires to teach my future students about the great lakes and rich history we have here in Wisconsin, I urge you to deny the Racine Water Diversion Application and stop this production before it gets any further.

Mni Wiconi - “Water is Life”. Thank you.
Public Comments of Jodi Habush Sinykin, Of Counsel, Midwest Environmental Advocates

Re: City of Racine's Application for a Diversion under the Great Lakes Compact

Thank you for this opportunity to speak before you. As an environmental attorney who has championed, watch-dogged and studied the Great Lakes Compact going on 14 years, I feel a sense of responsibility to comment on the instant diversion proposal and the harmful precedent it may set for the Great Lakes Compact.

The Great Lakes Compact is nothing to take lightly, as its enactment was a historic accomplishment at both the regional and national level and celebrated as a means to safeguard the world class freshwater resources of our magnificent Great Lakes. A centerpiece of the Compact, then and now, is its Ban on Diversions, reflecting the region's determination to prohibit the transfer of Great Lakes water outside the basin unless a diversion request can meet the narrowly defined exceptions outlined in the provisions and definitions of the Compact.

It is here where the City of Racine's present request for a diversion falls short.

Section 4.9.1 of the Compact plainly states the operative rule governing the "straddling community" exception as follows: "A proposal to transfer Great Lakes water within a Straddling Community but outside the basin, shall be excepted from the Compact's ban on diversions provided that all the water so transferred shall be used solely for Public Water Supply Purposes within the Straddling Community."

It is evident on the facts that Racine's application does not and cannot meet this core threshold requirement. Why? Because the 7 MGD of Great Lakes water requested for transfer to the Foxconn facility in Mt. Pleasant will not be used in a manner consistent with the intent and spirit of the Compact's definition of "Public Water Supply Purposes," which the authors of the Compact were careful to delineate and to which the Great Lakes states and provinces agreed.

Specifically, Article 1 of the Compact defines Public Water Supply Purposes as "water distributed to the public...serving a group of largely residential customers that may also serve industrial, commercial and other institutional operators."

Here, then, is the rub, because "a group of largely residential customers" is NOT—I repeat not—who will be served by the 7 MGD sought by the city of Racine. Rather, the complete opposite is true. Racine will use the majority, if not the entirety of, the diverted Great Lakes water to serve the industrial needs of a single private foreign industrial entity—Foxconn.

Racine's application thus represents a test of our state's and region's commitment to the Great Lakes Compact. As we know from every known sport, whether professional, recreational or Olympic, the integrity of the competition's outcome rests upon strict compliance with the meaning and intent of the rules agreed to by the participants. The Compact is no different; its integrity is on the line.
Which is why Wisconsin should not be in such a rush to approve Racine’s diversion for Foxconn. Fudging Compact criteria, allowing a key definition’s plain meaning to slide, sets a harmful precedent at a time when the Compact is still new and being tested. And at a time when global trends and conditions dictate that our region undertake a conscientious, careful stewardship of our freshwater supply. To ensure a Great Lakes Compact that is strong and sustainable, we need to honor its language and intent at every opportunity. That opportunity is here and now—Wisconsin, be a Compact champion.
Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is James Penczykowski. I am a fourth generation citizen of the USA and the great State of Wisconsin. I was born in Racine, Wisconsin and raised just a few miles from here on Wood Road in the Town of Somers. I spent the first 31 years of my life within the watershed of Lake Michigan. My father and his father fished in this Great Lake; somewhere in the family archives is a photo of my grandfather proudly showing off a sturgeon he caught from this lake. My father loved fishing for perch from this lake. This Great Lake contains the melted remains of the last ice age. We do not have a means of replacing what we take from or despoil in this Great Lake. Natural processes that predate all of us and nature’s God have gifted us with a resource that we squander at our risk and the risk of our children’s children’s children’s children’s children –the proverbial 7 generations.

If this is a true hearing and not a token gesture to appease the letter of the law, then please consider doing the following:

1) determine what industrial processes this treasured water resource will be put to and if heavy metals or other toxic substances would leach into the waste water, then deny the use of Great Lakes water;
2) all industrial processes used in the manufacture of products in this area should come in for a fine-toothed comb inspection open to the public before any permits are granted and there should be no excuse of “proprietary” processes to hide behind;
3) if you can then reliably confirm that waste water from these industrial processes will not be contaminated with heavy metals or other toxic substances, then meter the waste water coming back into the municipal waste water treatment facility to ensure that every last drop not lost to normal evaporation is recaptured so that Great Lake water levels are not adversely affected;
4) require that all these new industrial users of this Great Lake water resource pay the retail cost of the water used, that is, the same rate that every residential single-family home owner in the municipal water system pays. This may be the only direct benefit that many of them may ever see from this industrial expansion into some of the finest arable land in the world.

Thank you for listening. May WISDOM accompany you in your deliberations.
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March 7, 2018

Name: Richard W Fitzgerald

Address: 9144 W. St. Martins Rd, Franklin, WI 53132

Who you represent: SELF

Comments: This diversion application sets a dangerous precedent and violates the spirit and intent of the Great Lakes Compact, and I recommend denial of the diversion application. Racine is not a legal applicant for the diversion. Allowing Racine to apply on behalf of a private entity sets the stage for a “death by 1000 straws” evicieration of the Great Lakes Compact with other communities diverting on behalf of companies all around the basin. Foxconn should relocate fully within the basin, rather than divert water from the watershed. It is also vital that Foxconn be held to all clean water regulations and NOT given any exceptions from environmental impact studies and discharge limits.

If you are unable to submit your comment today please send comments to:

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Attn: Adam Freihofer
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March 7, 2018

Name: James Shedd

Address: 4448 N Woodruff Ave, Shorewood, WI

Who you represent:

Comments: I ask that the WI DNR would reject the application for Racine to divert water from the great lakes for the following reasons:

* The Great Lakes Compact requires that water diverted to straddling communities be for public use.

* Approving this application would set a horrible precedence for all the Great Lakes basin further threatening our water quality and water levels.

* The proper Environmental Impact Studies have not been conducted.

* Foxconn has not disclosed much of the details of the manufacturing process, and their history of industry are known to produce heavy metals and solvent by-products that will accumulate in our water as not all will be removed through waste water treatment.

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March 7, 2018

Name: Susan Sheldon
Address: 100 Accipiter Court Burlington WI 53105
Who you represent: myself & future generations

Comments: Several points

1. I strongly object to the process that put the application ahead of facts about
   a. what toxins will enter the water
   b. what treatment will Foxconn have "how effective"
   c. what plan is in place for accidental spills
   d. Are other waterways at risk?
   e. Will the buried stream bed lead to Lake Michigan divide?

2. Concerning the Great Lakes Compact, I am deeply concerned
   that by not following the carefully developed guidelines
   that so many experts formed in the development of the compact
   will lead to a disregarding of the intent of the compact
   Those who helped to write the compact were worried that a
   straddling community would give way to companies to abuse
   the use of the water source. Foxconn is NOT for public use
   as required by the compact. It is a private company in a
   straddling community and clearly not what the compact
   wants. If we give way it will lead to one company after
   another in a "water rush" and we will have
   no legal recourse to stop it. Public facility for
   public use

3. Even if treated the water can never be as pure as it was before use
   the great volume will lead to a very damaging cumulative effects
   Are there even reasonable ways to measure hardy particles?
   If you are unable to submit your comment today please send comments to: We have a responsibility
   to the next generations to
   provide safe water.

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Name: Richard W. Wilks

Address: 17139 Spring Street, Union Grove, WI 53182

Who you represent: Myself, a lifetime resident of Racine Co. Town of Yorkville

Comments:

Strongly opposed to any use of Great Lakes water for Fox Conn manufacturing, and all other projects related to Fox Conn.

Richard W. Wilks 3-14-2018

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