



State Senator

Neal J. Kedzie

11th Senate District

January 16, 2007

State Senator Fred Risser
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Council Committee
Room 220 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI

State Representative Steve Wieckert
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Council Committee
Room 16 West, State Capitol
Madison, WI

Dear Senator Risser and Representative Wieckert,

As you know, the Joint Legislative Council Committee created a Council study committee to examine potential legislation to ratify the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact. The Compact was adopted by the eight Governors of the Great Lakes states and requires each state Legislature to adopt legislation in order for ratification to occur.

I understand this study committee was approved with the understanding the committee should meet no more than five times to work on such legislation unless approval for additional meetings was granted by the Joint Legislative Council Committee. As Chair of the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact committee, I would like to make such request for additional meetings of not only the full committee, but also sub-committees, which have been established under my directive.

Over the last several meetings, the magnitude and scope of the Great Lakes Water Resource Compact has become quite apparent and committee members believe more time is needed to address a myriad of complex issues. Thus, I made a decision to create three sub-committees to address three specific issue areas in the hopes consensus drafting instructions could be forwarded to the full committee. To date, those sub-committees have met a total of eight times, and I believe progress is being made through this process. But, I have been informed we may have already exceeded our allotted meeting schedule framework.

It is my intent to direct the sub-committees to complete their individual tasks no later than January 31, 2007 and submit their drafting instructions soon thereafter for the full committee to consider at a meeting sometime in mid to late-February. Therefore, I respectfully request the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact committee be allowed to meet for one additional meeting in February and the three sub-committees each be allowed to hold one additional meeting in January if needed.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal Kedzie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

Neal Kedzie
State Senator
Chair, Great Lakes Water Resources Compact Committee
11th Senate District

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CC: Terry Anderson, Director – Wisconsin Legislative Council
Members, Great Lakes Water Resources Compact Committee