ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 45, TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 100

June 21, 2005 – Offered by Representative BOYLE.

- 1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:
- 2 **1.** Page 48, line 23: after that line insert:

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- 3 **"Section 114e.** 18.13 (4g) of the statutes is created to read:
- 18.13 **(4g)** PUBLIC INTERVENOR. Notwithstanding s. 165.075, the public intervenor does not have authority to initiate any action or proceeding concerning the issuance of obligations by the building commission under this chapter.".
 - **2.** Page 82, line 8: decrease the dollar amount for fiscal year 2005–06 by \$241,400 and decrease the dollar amount for fiscal year 2006–07 by \$241,400 for the purpose of decreasing the authorized positions for the public service commission by 2.0 attorney positions.
- 11 **3.** Page 185, line 3: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2005–06 by \$241,400 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2006–07 by \$241,400 for the

purpose of increasing the authorized positions for the department of justice by 2.0 FTE attorney positions for the public intervenor.

4. Page 817, line 21: after that line insert:

"Section 2082p. 165.07 of the statutes is created to read:

165.07 Assistant attorney general — public intervenor. (1) The attorney general shall designate an assistant attorney general on the attorney general's staff as public intervenor. The head of each agency responsible for proceedings under chs. 30, 31, 281 to 285, and 289 to 299, except s. 281.48, shall give notice of those proceedings to the public intervenor, to the administrators of divisions primarily assigned the departmental functions under chs. 29, 281, 285, and 289 to 299, except s. 281.48, and to the natural areas preservation council.

- (2) The public intervenor shall formally intervene in proceedings described in sub. (1) when requested to do so by an administrator of a division primarily assigned the departmental functions under chs. 29, 281, 285, or 289 to 299, except s. 281.48. The public intervenor may, on the public intervenor's own initiative or upon request of any committee of the legislature, formally intervene in proceedings described in sub. (1) whenever that intervention is needed for the protection of public rights in water and other natural resources, as provided in chs. 30 and 31 and defined by the supreme court.
- (3) Personnel of the department of natural resources shall, upon the request of the public intervenor, make such investigations, studies, and reports as the public intervenor may request in connection with proceedings described in sub. (1), either before or after formal intervention. Personnel of state agencies shall, at the public intervenor's request, provide information, serve as witnesses in proceedings

described in sub. (1), and otherwise cooperate in the carrying out of the public intervenor's intervention functions. The public intervenor shall formally intervene by filing a statement to that effect with the examiner or other person immediately in charge of the proceeding. Upon that filing, the public intervenor shall be considered a party in interest with full power to present evidence, subpoena and cross—examine witnesses, submit proof, file briefs, or do any other acts appropriate for a party to the proceedings.

(4) The public intervenor may appeal from administrative rulings to the courts. In all administrative proceedings and judicial review proceedings, the public intervenor shall be identified as "public intervenor." This section does not preclude or prevent any division of the department of natural resources, or any other department or independent agency, from appearing by its staff as a party in any proceedings.

Section 2082q. 165.075 of the statutes is created to read:

165.075 Assistant attorney general; public intervenor; authority. In carrying out his or her duty to protect public rights in water and other natural resources, the public intervenor has the authority to initiate actions and proceedings before any agency or court in order to raise issues, including issues concerning constitutionality, present evidence and testimony, and make arguments.

Section 2082r. 165.076 of the statutes is created to read:

165.076 Assistant attorney general; public intervenor; advisory committee. The attorney general shall appoint a public intervenor advisory committee under s. 15.04 (1) (c). The public intervenor advisory committee shall consist of not less than 7 nor more than 9 members. The attorney general may only appoint members who have backgrounds in or demonstrated experience or records

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relating to environmental protection or natural resource conservation. The attorney general shall appoint at least one member who has working knowledge in business and at least one member who has working knowledge in agriculture. The public intervenor advisory committee shall advise the public intervenor consistent with his or her duty to protect public rights in water and other natural resources. The public intervenor advisory committee shall conduct meetings consistent with subch. V of ch. 19 and shall permit public participation and public comment on public intervenor activities.".

5. Page 911, line 8: after that line insert:

"Section 2448e. 814.245 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

814.245 **(2)** (d) "State agency" does not include the <u>public intervenor or</u> citizens utility board.".

6. Page 1024, line 12: after that line insert:

"(1k) Appropriation lapse. Notwithstanding section 20.001 (3) (c) of the statutes, there is lapsed from the appropriation account under section 20.155 (1) (g) of the statutes \$241,000 in fiscal year 2005–06 and \$241,000 in fiscal year 2006–07.".

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