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Rep. Mason:

This is a preliminary version of the draft implementing the Great Lakes Water Resources compact.

The draft is based on the /P3 version of the Legislative Council Special Committee draft, WLC: 0141, plus most of the changes that John Stolzenberg has given me on your behalf. The draft does not include the part of the changes related to return flow dealing with the wastewater discharge permit under ch. 283. It is going to take some time to determine how to properly structure and word those provisions. It also does not include a change related to the definitions of "total resources costs" and "cost-effectiveness analysis" because John has not yet been able to get clarification of the intent of those changes.

The draft has some other differences from WLC: 0141/P3, primarily for reasons of clarity and organization. I have discussed many of those with John Stolzenberg and described some in notes in the draft. This draft does not include the provision titled "Integrated review" from the special committee /P3 draft. I understand that John Stolzenberg discussed that with you. Please note that the water supply planning requirement for public water supply systems in this draft incorporates the requirement that a proposed public water supply system be the most cost-effective alternative.

As we discussed, this draft does not include changes in current laws needed to harmonize those laws with the compact implementation provisions.

Please review the draft carefully to identify any provisions that are inconsistent with your wishes. The special committee made a number of policy decisions that are reflected in the draft. Note, however, that proposed s. 281.343 consists of the language of the compact with mainly technical changes. Party states have very limited ability to modify the compact language.

Please contact me with any questions.

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