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WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

Comments Submitted to the Public Service Commission

Case 6240-CW-117

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I am submitting comments in support of the City of Waukesha Water Utility's application for a Certificate of Authority to construct a water pipeline, booster station, reservoirs and a water supply control building that will provide a safe, reliable water source to Waukesha residents.

As you know, the City of Waukesha's water supply is contaminated with naturally occurring radium and the water utility is under a federal order to meet water quality standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act by September 2023. In 2016, after years of review by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), all eight of the Great Lakes states and two Canadian provinces, the City of Waukesha's was granted approval to borrow water from Lake Michigan under the Great Lakes Compact.

The planning and logistics that have been devoted to this project by all involved parties has been a massive undertaking. Ensuring that construction can begin in a timely manner is crucial to meeting the 2023 court order. This process has proven that water from Lake Michigan is the most sustainable and economic option for Waukesha, and that the project is worthy of final approval. On behalf of my constituents, I humbly request approval of these plans without any significant alterations.