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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: September 14, 2007
Meeting Time: 8:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: Lakeshore Room, Holiday Inn, 5820 S.
Franklin St.
Meeting City: Michigan City, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Sen. Beverly Gard, Chairperson; Sen. Karen Tallian; Rep. Ryan Dvorak; Rep. David Wolkins; Rep. Marlin Stutzman; Doug Meyer; Dwayne Burke; John Hardwick; Art Umble; Calvin Davidson; Thomas Easterly.

Members Absent: Sen. Lindel Hume; Sen. Marvin Riegsecker; Rep. Matt Pierce; Stephen L. Murray; Dave Wyeth; Stacy Herr; Jon H. Moll.

1. Call to Order

Sen. Gard called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

2. Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact ("Compact")

A presentation on the Compact (Exhibit #1) was made by Michael McCabe, Office Director, Council of State Governments, Midwestern Region, and David Naftzger, Executive Director, and Peter Johnson, Program Director, Council of Great Lakes Governors. The presenters distributed to council members a Resource Kit on the Compact (Exhibit #2) and a summary (Exhibit #3) of the Compact and the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Agreement. In response to questions from council members, the presenters addressed the

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following:

- The focus of the Compact on water use and quantity rather than water quality
- The standards for determining whether water is considered to have been transferred out of the basin
- The procedures for adoption of the Compact
- The appropriateness of voluntary water conservation measures as compared to mandatory measures

Kari Evans, Policy Director, Office of Governor Mitch Daniels, made a presentation entitled Great Lakes Water Resources Compact - Indiana's Implementation Plan (Exhibit #4). In response to questions from council members, Ms. Evans addressed the following:

- The process for public education concerning the Implementation Plan
- The means of identifying and measuring consumptive uses of water

Sen. Gard expressed her support for the Compact and her intent to seek passage of the Compact in the General Assembly. She warned of potential difficulties in educating legislators concerning the Compact.

John Goss, Indiana Wildlife Federation, expressed support for the compact as indicated in a letter to Sen. Gard and other members of the Indiana Legislature (Exhibit #5) and indicated that he is joined in his comments by the organizations listed in the letter. He urged the EQSC to endorse the Compact.

The council received comments supporting the Compact from the Lake Michigan Interleague Organization of the League of Women Voters, the Northwest Indiana Forum, Save the Dunes, the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, and the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

3. Future Meeting

Sen. Gard announced that the council meeting originally scheduled for October 31, 2007, has been rescheduled for October 30, 2007, 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., Chamber of the House of Representatives, State House, Indianapolis.

4. Adjournment

Sen. Gard adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.