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**STATEMENT FROM CLAUDE LOIS
REGARDING WATER DIVERSION CHALLENGE**

Mount Pleasant, Wis. – May 25, 2018 – The following statement was issued today by Claude Lois, Project Director for the Village of Mount Pleasant, regarding the Petition filed for a Contested Case Hearing regarding the DNR's approval of the City of Racine's straddling community water diversion application for Great Lakes water on behalf of the Village of Mount Pleasant:

We are fully supportive of the application and confident that it meets the standards for a straddling community diversion. We believe that a court will reach the same conclusion after review. The application will benefit the entire region, enabling jobs and economic development throughout the I-94 corridor, while ensuring that our area's greatest natural resource is protected.

It is also something that the Village of Mount Pleasant has been considering for years as we have explored ways to support broader I-94 corridor development, creating even more Racine County jobs, patrons and residents. The application will enable us to provide clean, reliable, safe water to the residents and businesses that will locate to this area, and the thousands of workers they will employ.