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State Senator

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Keith Langenhahn
Chair, Executive Committee
4126 County Rd. B
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Gary Wyman
Chair, Finance, Property and Facilities Committee
408 S. Highland Avenue
Elderon, WI 54429

Dear Chairmen Langenhahn and Wyman,

I am writing to strongly support the proposal by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation (WVIC), the Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain funding for making improvements to the aeration system in the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir.

The funding source is the environmental impact fee that utilities are required to pay communities and counties that have a high voltage transmission line running through their boundaries. The Legislature created the fee in 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 in order to fund exactly the type of project being proposed WVIC, BEPCO and the DNR. Avoiding a fish kill similar to last winter's is tremendously important to everyone involved and approving this proposal would be a big step in the right direction to preventing a similar disaster.

I urge the County Board to approve this proposal and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Russ Decker
State Senator

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