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RE: Red River Valley Water Supply Project

I attended your meeting which was held in Perham, Minnesota and I have to disagree with the idea that North Dakota pipe water from our area to the Fargo/Moorhead area.

The hardest part that I have to swallow is why are you letting all the water from the Red River and Devil's Lake pass you by? You are again now talking about flooding - why not utilize that water. When Crystal Sugar washes the mud off the beats, do they need treated water to do that? Why can't they use river water or less treated water?

Is there a way to use the water from the Red River, treat it and pump it back into your wells that are being lowered so much in the area? You pump the water out, there has to be a way to pump it back in your water system. I do not feel you have looked into utilizing your water resources very much and very hard.

A comment that was made at the meeting that really upsets me is, you were asked, what is Fargo doing to conserve water. The answer we received was that you have put a restriction on watering the lawns every other day. I am sorry, but you have the best soil around, you do not need to water lawns every other day. I don't even do that and I have a whole lot lower grade soil than Fargo ever will. You are not conserving AT ALL.

I feel that with North Dakota piping water from Minnesota, you will limit our resources greatly when we continue to grow and develop. Our area is predicted to grow each year also. What happens when we run into water issues?

Why should Minnesota be put on "off-peak" time with our electricity and allow North Dakota to come in and pump water from these wells and have a much more limited time for us when it comes to electricity? Do you feel this is fair to Minnesota?

Why should Minnesota pay for coal and give you our water?

I feel that relocating some of your bigger industries in Fargo to a smaller area in North Dakota is a very good idea. Your comment was that you feel they will not stay in North Dakota, they will go to Sioux Falls or Minneapolis, well make them a deal they cannot refuse and change your water demand in Fargo. You are willing to spend billions of dollars to pipe water in but you are not willing to move an industry that will lower your water demand greatly? Again, I feel you have not looked into other options that seem a whole lot less expensive and utilizing what you already have.

I am strongly against allowing North Dakota to pipe our water out. I believe there are so many more alternatives North Dakota could look at in their own State.

Sincerely,

  
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