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Dear Bureau Members,

I saw your request for reader feedback in a recent newspaper article citing the proposal to move water from Lake of the Woods to areas in the lower Red River Valley:

I fully recommend that the proposal be CANCELLED and never be brought up again.

My reasons are Geographical, Demographical and Economical.

- 1) Geographical: Mankind must learn to utilize Mother Nature as it exists in its natural state because the geological and biological aspects of changing her will only make conditions worse for the overall ecological health of the Earth's infrastructure.
- 2) Demographical: The elements of Mother Nature must be factored more into population growth decisions. Precious resources need to be priced properly to convince politicians and developers to make the proper decision for the ecology. This will force them to build where resources are available.
- 3) Economical: If any movement of resources is contemplated, the pricing to be applied to this movement must be much more than just the depreciation of the capital cost of the pipes and pumps plus any transport fees. The pricing must include significant additional charges to provide funds to protect and compensate the danger to animal, natural and human elements of the area that must give up its water and resources.

At the very least, if any water is to be moved from Lake of the Woods, the charges to the area benefiting must be used to totally pay the real estate tax for properties in the area of the lake. This will create a natural desire for people to move from the water shortage areas to the area around the lake, which will counteract any need to move the water away in the first place.

Expecting Reasonable Action,

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