

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA )  
INDIANS; GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF )  
OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, and )  
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, )

Plaintiffs, )

v )

GREAT SPRING WATERS OF AMERICA, )  
INC., a subsidiary of The Perrier Group of )  
America, Inc., a Delaware corporation; and JOHN )  
M. ENGLER, Governor of the State of Michigan, )

Defendants. )

Case No. 1:02-CV-0127

Hon. Richard Alan Enslen

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**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. OLSON**

James M. Olson, being sworn, states the following:

1. I am one of the attorneys of record in a state court water rights and public trust lawsuit entitled *Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation v. Great Spring Waters of America, Inc.*, Mecosta County Circuit Court Case No. 01-14563-CE.

2. As one of the attorneys of record for Plaintiffs, I served First Interrogatories and Third Request to Produce on Defendant Great Spring Waters of America, Inc. ("GSWA"), on October 30, 2001, including a question about whether any of the water (that is also the subject matter of the above-captioned federal lawsuit) will be sold or transported outside of the Great Lakes Basin. On December 11, 2001, Defendant GSWA served an answer on me stating that some of the water would be transported outside of the Great Lakes Basin. A copy of the interrogatory and answer of Defendant GSWA is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 1.

3. Further, as one of the attorneys of record for Plaintiffs, I noticed and took the deposition of two GSWA employees who have lead responsibility for the Michigan bottled water project that also forms the basis of the above-referenced federal lawsuit. I showed each employee during each of their respective depositions a map from the International Joint Commission website

(<http://www.great-lakes.net/gis/maps/>) depicting the outline of the Great Lakes basin superimposed on a the Great Lakes region. I then asked them to describe the areas of various states outside of the Great Lakes Basin in which the water from the Michigan project would be sold and distributed. They answered it would be sold within all of the areas of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and likely Iowa and Kentucky. Copies of the pages of transcripts of the depositions of the two employees, Rodney Allen and Brendan O'Rourke, are attached Affidavit as Exhibits 2 and 3, respectively. The outline of the Great Lakes Basin as shown to the two deponents during their depositions is attached as Exhibit 4. A clearer shaded depiction of the Basin is found at page 35 of a December 2001 Michigan Bar Journal, "Great Lakes Water," 80 Mich SBJ 35 and attached as Exhibit 5.

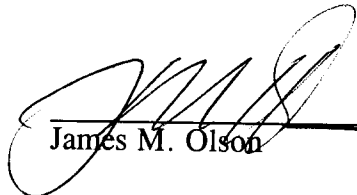
4. This Affidavit is made on my own personal knowledge.

5. If called as a witness, I could competently testify to the facts in this Affidavit.

**The above is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**


Date:

April 26, 2002

  
James M. Olson

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF GRAND TRAVERSE

Acknowledged before me on April 26, 2002 by James M. Olson.

  
Colleen Goggin, Notary Public  
Grand Traverse County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires: June 9, 2003

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MECOSTA COUNTY**

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MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR WATER  
CONSERVATION, a Michigan nonprofit  
corporation; R.J. DOYLE AND BARBARA  
DOYLE, husband and wife; and JEFFREY R.  
SAPP AND SHELLY M. SAPP, husband and  
wife,

Plaintiffs,

v

GREAT SPRING WATERS OF AMERICA, INC., a  
subsidiary of The Perrier Group of America,  
Inc., a Delaware corporation; and DONALD  
PATRICK BOLLMAN AND NANCY GALE  
BOLLMAN, husband and wife, a/k/a Pat  
Bollman Enterprises,

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANT GREAT SPRING  
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TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST  
INTERROGATORIES AND THIRD  
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF  
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- d. No, except for water used in connection with sampling, testing and sanitization.
- e. It is possible that some water withdrawn from wells on the Sanctuary property may be transported to the bottling plant in Mecosta Township via tank truck.
- f. No.

**Discovery Request 33. - Interrogatory**

- a. Will any of the water withdrawn from the Sanctuary well site be piped or diverted out of the sub-watershed of the Osprey Lake Impoundment and Deadstream?
- b. Will such water be piped, diverted, removed, or shipped by any means out of the Little Muskegon River watershed?

Please explain your answers in detail, including all known or potential geographical areas to which the water will be piped, diverted, removed, or shipped.

**ANSWER:**

- a. GSWA is unaware of any sub-watershed known as the “sub-watershed of the Osprey Lake Impoundment and Deadstream.”
- b. Such water will be transported to the bottling plant in Mecosta Township, which is within the Muskegon River watershed.

**Discovery Request 34. - Interrogatory**

With regard to the Sanctuary site:

- a. Will any of the water withdrawn from the Sanctuary site and bottled at the plant and Mecosta Township be transported or removed from the Little Muskegon Watershed? Please explain your answer in detail.
- b. Will any of the water withdrawn from the Sanctuary site and bottled at the plant and Mecosta Township be transported or removed from the Muskegon River Watershed? Please explain your answer in detail.

- c. Will any of the water withdrawn from the Sanctuary site and bottled at the plant and Mecosta Township be transported or removed from or outside of Michigan? Please explain and describe your answer in detail.
- d. Will any of the water withdrawn from the Sanctuary site and bottled at the plant and Mecosta Township be transported or removed from or outside of the Lake Michigan basin? Please explain and describe your answer in detail.
- e. Will any of the water withdrawn from the Sanctuary site and bottled at the plant and Mecosta Township be transported or removed from or outside of the Great Lakes basin? (For purposes of this Interrogatory, "Great Lakes Basin" means those boundaries on Fig. 1, IJC Report, entitled "Protection of the Waters of the Great Lakes," February 22, 2000 - copy, attached as Ex 1.) Please explain and describe your answer in detail.
- f. What percentage of water from the Mecosta Township bottling plant will be distributed or sold outside of the Great Lakes Basin? Please explain and describe your answer in detail.

**ANSWER:**

a. - e. GSWA intends to transport essentially all of the water it withdraws from the Sanctuary site to the Mecosta Township plant for bottling, sale and pickup by or delivery to customers or regional distributors. It is highly probable that most of the bottled water will be transported outside the Little Muskegon and Muskegon River Watersheds, and probable that some of the water will ultimately be transported outside the State of Michigan and outside the Great Lakes Basin.

f. GSWA does not know what percentage of that water will be distributed or sold outside the Great Lakes Basin.

**Discovery Request 35. - Interrogatory**

With regard to the Sanctuary site:

- a. Please identify the type, location, and purpose of all water wells on the Sanctuary site that are presently permitted by the DEQ, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and the State or County or local Health Department.

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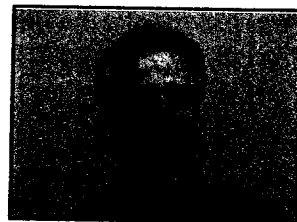
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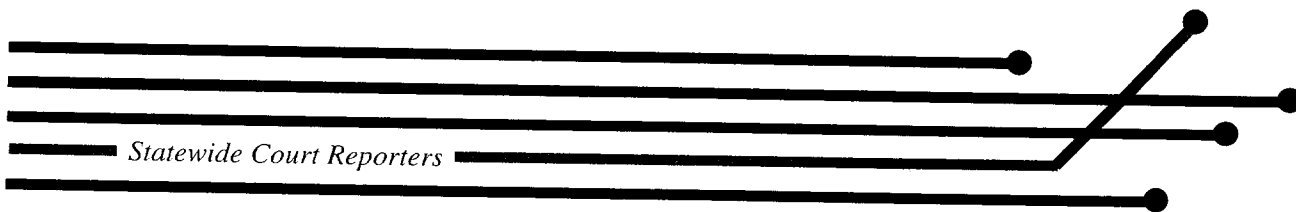
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[1] our studies and a description of those studies to Rob  
 [2] Fisher and other members of the team as--  
 [3] Q All right. So it's your-- it's your testimony that  
 [4] insofar as this entire matter you have never written a  
 [5] memorandum or a report or a summary of your activities to  
 [6] your supervisor?  
 [7] A **That's correct.**  
 [8] Q And has Mr. Fisher ever sent you a memorandum or a summary  
 [9] or directive with respect to this matter--  
 [10] A **No.**  
 [11] Q -- in writing? So it's been all oral?  
 [12] A **Right.**  
 [13] Q And you weren't present at the executive committee meeting  
 [14] so you don't know whether there were reports or information  
 [15] at that meeting or not?  
 [16] A **Correct.**  
 [17] **MR. OLSON:** Okay. Let's take about a 5-minute break,  
 [18] and I'll see what we can do to wrap this up.  
 [19] (Off the record)  
 [20] Q Let me refer you to Exhibit 5 again-- your Deposition  
 [21] Exhibit 5, which is that rough outline of the Great Lakes  
 [22] Basin. On page 4 of a memorandum to the attorney general  
 [23] of Michigan submitted by Great Spring Waters of America,  
 [24] dated July 9th, 2001, written by--  
 [25] **MR. OLSON:** -- let me offer only to Mr. DeVries is a

[1] part.  
 [2] Q It states on page 4, quote, "GSWA anticipates that  
 [3] approximately 25 percent of the production from the Mecosta  
 [4] plant will be sold in Michigan and that about 90 percent of  
 [5] the output of its Mecosta plant will be sold in the states  
 [6] laying wholly or partly within the Great Lakes Basin,"  
 [7] close quote. With respect to states laying wholly within  
 [8] the Great Lakes Basin, that's not to say that 90 percent  
 [9] would be in the Great Lakes Basin?  
 [10] A **That's correct.**  
 [11] Q All right. And that it's fair to assume that 75 percent of  
 [12] the output of this plant will be sold outside the State of  
 [13] Michigan, based on these numbers?  
 [14] A **Yup.**  
 [15] Q Are these numbers still roughly accurate, as far as you  
 [16] know?  
 [17] A **As far as I know.**  
 [18] Q Okay. And when we say "states laying wholly or partly  
 [19] within the Great Lakes Basin," that could mean selling the  
 [20] bottled water to anywhere within the boundaries of those  
 [21] states?  
 [22] A **That's right.**  
 [23] Q Even though it would be outside the basin?  
 [24] A **That's right.**  
 [25] Q All right. And the states, as I would understand it, then,

[1] would be-- it could be sold in all of New York? That's a  
 [2] state that either lies wholly or partly within the basin?  
 [3] A **Right.**  
 [4] Q All of Pennsylvania?  
 [5] A **Right.**  
 [6] Q All of Indiana and Ohio?  
 [7] A **Right.**  
 [8] Q All of Illinois?  
 [9] A **Right.**  
 [10] Q All of Wisconsin?  
 [11] A **Right.**  
 [12] Q All of Minnesota?  
 [13] A **Right.**  
 [14] Q Right? Are there other midwest states as well, that you  
 [15] know of, where it's either being sold now; Ice Mountain  
 [16] brand and/or-- is planned to be sold?  
 [17] A **Are there others?**  
 [18] Q Other midwest states or other states?  
 [19] A **I don't know.**  
 [20] Q Is there any intent to limit the Ice Mountain brand in any  
 [21] way geographically to the midwest?  
 [22] A **I don't know.**  
 [23] Q Okay.  
 [24] (Deposition Exhibit 11 marked)  
 [25] Q I show you Deposition Exhibit 11. And have you seen this

[1] letter before?  
 [2] (Witness reviews exhibit)  
 [3] A **No, I haven't.**  
 [4] Q Okay. Who the person signing this on behalf-- and this is  
 [5] a letter that says-- well, you tell us what's on the--  
 [6] A **The letterhead is Perrier Group of America, Greenwich,**  
 [7] **Connecticut.**  
 [8] Q All right. And who's David K. Dickson?  
 [9] A **Dave Dickson, as is indicated in the letter, is the**  
 [10] **director of Tax.**  
 [11] Q All right. Have you met him?  
 [12] A **Yes, I've met him.**  
 [13] Q All right. And it also indicates in the letter that he's  
 [14] the chief financial officer of Perrier Group of America; is  
 [15] that correct?  
 [16] A **That's news to me.**  
 [17] Q Okay. But you've never seen this letter before-- or  
 [18] this--  
 [19] A **No.**  
 [20] Q All right. It outlines the various financial incentives  
 [21] committed by the State of Michigan to the project. Have  
 [22] you seen this-- are you aware of these commitments?  
 [23] A **No, I am not.**  
 [24] Q Okay. All right.  
 [25] **MR. OLSON:** No further questions.

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[1] A Could I take a look at it?

[2] Q Uh-huh (affirmative).

[3] (Witness reviews document)

[4] A Probably referred this one.

[5] Q To whom?

[6] A Someone in Malcolm Pirnie or Rodney.

[7] Q Number 6?

[8] A Yeah, it was probably something I answered.

[9] Q Pardon?

[10] A It was probably something I answered in conjunction--

[11] probably something I answered.

[12] Q And you're committing GSWA to having qualified consultants

[13] with Morton Township or other third parties with

[14] appropriate notice to supervise or verify the monitoring

[15] being done by GSWA?

[16] A "That qualified consultants with Morton Township or other

[17] third parties may, with appropriate notice and supervision,

[18] verify this monitoring."

[19] Q They don't have a right to do that; that they may if

[20] they're requested; is that what that says?

[21] A It says we will, you know, certainly take a look at that.

[22] Q Is there a plan in place that allows for notice to the

[23] township and/or third parties to be able to come on and

[24] take measurements or verify measurements when you are

[25] conducting measurements on the site?

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[1] A Not that I'm aware of.

[2] Q On 7, there's reference to a long-term monitoring plan.

[3] Would that have been something you answered?

[4] A Probably Rodney.

[5] Q As I understand it, for all practical purposes, virtually

[6] all the water from the Sanctuary wells would be transported

[7] by pipeline for purposes of placing in bottles at the

[8] bottling plant and for sale; is that correct?

[9] A That's correct.

[10] Q In some instances, if the pipeline is having trouble, I

[11] take it there would be a truck that would transport the

[12] water to the plant?

[13] A There aren't any plans for that.

[14] Q Okay. So you would simply shut down the wells; right?

[15] A That's our option at this point in time.

[16] Q From Mr. Allen's Deposition Exhibit 5, we showed him a

[17] printout-- and granted it's not very enlarged, but-- a

[18] printout from the LLC web page. And I roughly outlined the

[19] border of the basin as-- the Great Lakes basin as

[20] indicated in that web page. And do you see that yellow

[21] area?

[22] (Witness reviews document)

[23] A Yes, I do.

[24] Q All right. Based on your knowledge of where bottles will

[25] be transported-- bottles of water will be transported for

[1] sale from the Mecosta County plant-- or Mecosta Township

[2] plant, will those-- will that transport and sales take

[3] place outside of that yellow line-- that yellow marker

[4] line?

[5] MR. DeVRIES: Are you saying will some of it or will

[6] all of it? What's the question?

[7] Q Well, will some of it-- will some of it take place outside

[8] that--

[9] A We transport and--

[10] Q And sell.

[11] A -- and sell?

[12] Q Right.

[13] A Yeah.

[14] Q All right. And obviously some of it would take place

[15] within that line as well; correct?

[16] A That's correct.

[17] Q Right. Have you made any estimates on the states where--

[18] at this point have you selected the states where Ice

[19] Mountain would be sold from this plant-- transported and

[20] sold?

[21] A Other than Midwest states.

[22] Q Such as?

[23] A Such as Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, probably parts of

[24] Ohio, and then probably some bordering states to those

[25] potentially.

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[1] Q Minnesota?

[2] A Minnesota.

[3] Q Iowa?

[4] A Iowa.

[5] Q Kentucky?

[6] A I don't know if it would-- I'm not familiar with Kentucky.

[7] Q Kentucky's south of Ohio and Indiana.

[8] A Yeah; yeah. I guess there's potential there, Kentucky

[9] maybe-- or parts of Kentucky.

[10] Q But is it fair to say that a substantial part of your

[11] market is outside of this yellow line?

[12] A From a surface land--

[13] Q Yes.

[14] A -- standpoint?

[15] Q Yes.

[16] A Yeah.

[17] Q In a memorandum to the Attorney General, your counsel

[18] represented-- memorandum July 9, 2001-- represented--

[19] let's see.

[20] (Counsel reviews documents)

[21] MR. DeVRIES: If memory serves me, when you questioned

[22] Mr. Allen, you referred to page 4.

[23] MR. OLSON: 4 or 5. That's what I thought. And I

[24] can't see it here today. I don't know why. There

[25] (indicating) we go. It's right there.

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- [1] Q Based on that memorandum, only 25 percent-- or
- [2] approximately 25 percent of the production of bottled water
- [3] at the Mecosta plant would actually be sold in Michigan; is
- [4] that--
- [5] A I think that's a fair estimate.
- [6] Q And so 75 percent would be outside the State of Michigan?
- [7] A That would-- that's accurate.
- [8] Q And in the memorandum it's stated that 90 percent of the
- [9] plant output would be sold in states lying wholly or partly
- [10] within the Great Lakes basin?
- [11] A I think that's accurate.
- [12] Q That doesn't say "within the Great Lakes basin," does it--
- [13] that 90 percent would be sold within the Great Lakes basin?
- [14] A That's correct.
- [15] Q Right. And, in fact, based on the map I show you, many of
- [16] the surrounding states-- a great portion-- at least
- [17] geographic portion of the states lies outside of the Great
- [18] Lakes basin?
- [19] MR. DeVRIES: On that question, I will object for
- [20] vagueness, because you have not referred to the surface
- [21] water divide versus the aquifer divide.
- [22] Q Based upon the map that I showed you a moment ago.
- [23] A Yeah.
- [24] Q All right. Do you anticipate a need to seek-- well, as we
- [25] understand it from yesterday, that you already have

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- [1] permitted PW's 201 and 202, so you now have four wells that
- [2] are permitted at the Sanctuary site by the DEQ?
- [3] A That's what I understand.
- [4] Q Has the water source been approved for all four wells--
- [5] final approval?
- [6] A The water-- the final approval?
- [7] Q Yes.
- [8] A No, not that I'm aware of.
- [9] Q Has there been final approval on any of the wells at this
- [10] point?
- [11] A Do you mean--
- [12] Q To commercially bottled water.
- [13] A Has there been final approval on any of the wells? I mean,
- [14] there's four permitted wells; right?
- [15] Q Yes. As I understand it, there has to be some final stage
- [16] of approval of actually-- before you can actually bottle
- [17] the water and ship it.
- [18] A Oh. That's correct.
- [19] Q Has that occurred yet?
- [20] A No, that hasn't.
- [21] Q When and how would that occur?
- [22] A As I underst-- well, as I understand it, the water needs
- [23] to be tested, and then-- well, I'm sure there's other
- [24] pieces of that puzzle. I'm just not familiar with what
- [25] they are.

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- [1] Q Who handles that? Mr. Allen?
- [2] A Yes.
- [3] Q Do you know whether the water has been tested for that
- [4] purpose yet?
- [5] A Not to my knowledge.
- [6] Q Is any pumping going on today at the Sanctuary?
- [7] A Not that I'm aware of.
- [8] Q Your counsel has indicated in the letter to me on behalf of
- [9] GSWA this week that commercial pumping would begin on April
- [10] 23, 200--
- [11] MR. DeVRIES: If I'm not mistaken, the letter said "on
- [12] or after."
- [13] MR. OLSON: "On or after," yes. Thank you.
- [14] Q -- on or after April 23; is that a correct statement? Do
- [15] you agree with that?
- [16] A I agree with that.
- [17] Q All right. Do you intend to pump as early as April 23, if
- [18] you have these approvals, and things are in place?
- [19] A Well, if everything's in place, yes.
- [20] Q Do you think it will actually occur as soon as April 23?
- [21] A No.
- [22] Q When do you think it would occur realistically?
- [23] A End of April, beginning of May.
- [24] Q Are there plans, that you are aware of, for additional
- [25] wells at the Sanctuary site beyond PW 101, 102, 201 and

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- [1] 202?
- [2] A There are no plans at this time.
- [3] Q Are there any goals to do that in the future?
- [4] A Goals?
- [5] Q Yeah. Is it one of the longer-term goals of the company to
- [6] have wells beyond the four I mentioned?
- [7] A Not necessarily.
- [8] Q Well, what do you mean by that? What do you mean, "Not
- [9] necessarily"?
- [10] A I mean, I don't know if the number of goal-- number of
- [11] wells is-- I mean, I'm not-- I don't know the information
- [12] about the number of wells.
- [13] Q Okay. Is there a goal to produce a certain amount of
- [14] gallons per minute at the Sanctuary site?
- [15] A Not that I'm aware of.
- [16] Q Mr. Allen suggested 800 gallons per minute.
- [17] MR. DeVRIES: I'm going to object to the form of the
- [18] question. What Mr. Allen said was a goal was to obtain a
- [19] permitted maximum, but he distinguished between that and
- [20] pumping.
- [21] MR. OLSON: Well, I'm assuming if something's
- [22] permitted, that it's permitted for a purpose, which would
- [23] be to pump.
- [24] MR. DeVRIES: As you are well aware, what he said was
- [25] that the average pumping and production was a significantly

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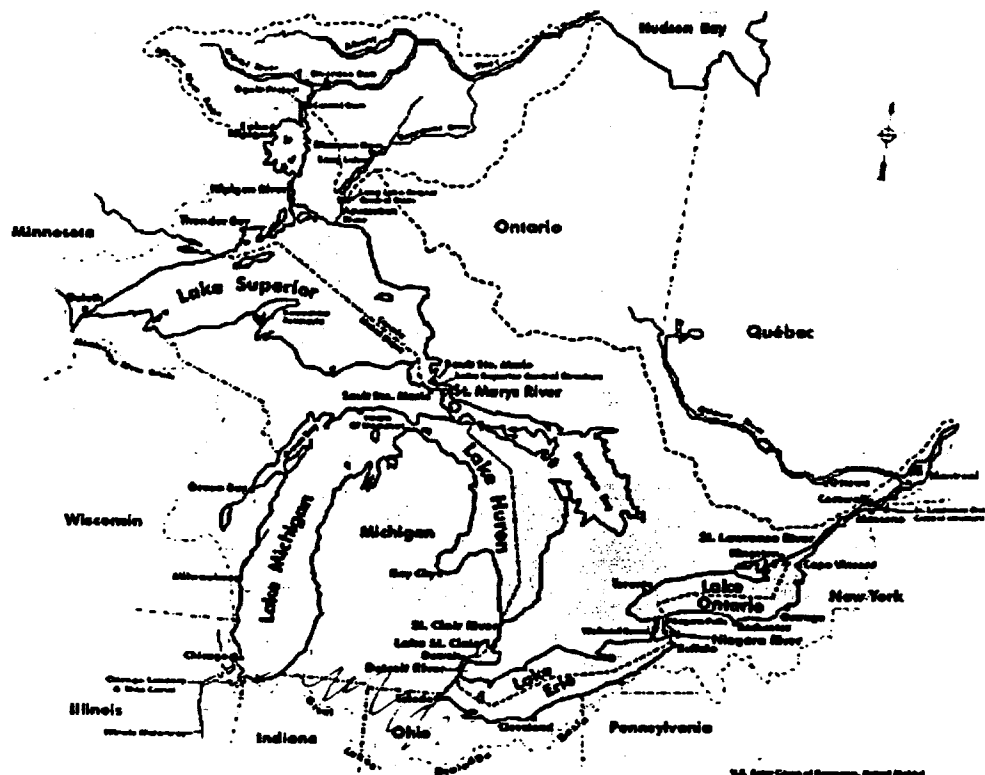


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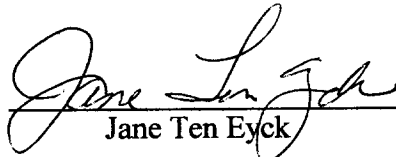
1. I make this affidavit on personal knowledge, and am competent to testify to the facts in this Affidavit.
2. I am employed as the Assistant Executive Director of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), successor to the Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority (COTFMA), and have been employed continuously by CORA/COTFMA since May, 1987.
3. My employment responsibilities since May, 1987, have included keeping track of all funding authorized by Congress in support of the fishing rights reserved by the CORA/COTFMA Tribes in the 1836 Treaty and confirmed by the United States District Court in *United States v. Michigan*, 471 F.Supp. 192 (W.D. Mich. 1979).
4. Currently, CORA is comprised of five Michigan Indian Tribes, specifically the Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Grand Traverse Band

of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

5. To date, however, the latter two Tribes have yet to be added to the congressional "base" funding in support of the 1836 Treaty, although the CORA Tribes have submitted a request to Congress to rectify this starting with Fiscal Year 2003.
6. I have prepared a spreadsheet summarizing the yearly congressional funding authorization to CORA/COTFMA and the remaining three Tribes (Bay Mills, Sault Tribe and Grand Traverse Band) for the period 1992-2002, which is attached as Exhibit A. The "base recurring funds" and total funding reflected on this chart were designated each year by Congress as being for the following purposes: CORA/COTFMA administration, Conservation Officers, Conservation Courts, Biological Services, Environmental Services, and Information and Education.
7. I have reviewed documents maintained by the CORA/COTFMA office for years prior to 1987, and I attest that for more than 20 years Congress has appropriated funds to the 1836 Treaty Tribes, including the Grand Traverse Band, for programs making it possible for the Tribes to carry out their governmental responsibilities in preserving and protecting the Great Lakes fishery resources, including programs that fund tribal biological services programs, conservation officers and conservation courts.
8. I prepared the attached spreadsheet (Exhibit A) from documents maintained in my office, and I attest that the total funding listed for each year is an accurate sum total of the funding authorized by Congress as part of the annual Department of the Interior appropriation and specifically designated for the original three COTFMA Tribes and CORA/COTFMA intertribal organization for purposes related to the Great Lakes fishing rights reserved by the Tribes in the 1836 Treaty.

**The above is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**

Date: 4-24-02

  
Jane Ten Eyck

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF Chippewa

Acknowledged before me on April 24, 2002 by Jane Ten Eyck.

Faith A. McGruther  
Notary Public  
Chippewa County, Michigan  
Commission Expires: 6-17-04

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**FAITH A. MCGRUTHER**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC CHIPPEWA CO., MI**  
**MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jun 17, 2004**

**History of COTFMA/CORA federal appropriations for management and regulation of 1836  
Great Lakes Treaty fishery**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Base recurring funds</b>	<b>Add-on</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>TOTAL Funding</b>
1992	1,641,000.00	31,000.00		1,672,000.00
1993	1,515,958.00	312,321.00	(3,021.00)	1,831,300.00
1994	1,831,300.00	83,700.00		1,915,000.00
1995	1,915,000.00			1,915,000.00
1996	1,915,000.00		(79,602.00)	1,835,398.00
1997	1,835,398.00		(398.00)	1,835,000.00
1998	1,835,000.00	23,000.00		1,858,000.00
1999	1,858,000.00			1,858,000.00
2000	1,858,000.00		(6,000.00)	1,852,000.00
2001	1,852,000.00			1,852,000.00
2002	1,852,000.00		(1,000.00)	1,851,000.00



***Ice Mountain Announces Start Up Date For Mecosta Plant***

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STANWOOD, Mich., April 2 /PRNewswire/ -- The Ice Mountain Mecosta Plant today announced it expects to begin bottling spring water as early as April 23, meeting the company's spring 2002 timeframe for opening the plant.

Operations will begin with 74 employees and the plant expects to employ at least 100 people by the end of 2002. Ice Mountain had initially projected 45 people would launch operations at the \$100 million bottling facility. Also exceeding projections are average wages, with employees earning \$12 - \$23 per hour as compared to the initial estimate of \$10 - \$18 per hour. Full medical benefits and a 401(k) savings plan are part of the employment package.

"I'm impressed with the extraordinary caliber of people we have hired to be part of our team at this plant," said Ice Mountain Plant Manager Brendan O'Rourke. "Much of the team has been working together now for several months checking systems and preparing the plant for start up. This is a great team of people -- we're excited to be one of Mecosta County's largest employers and continuing to build a positive relationship with our community." The majority of the plant staff lives within a 25-mile radius of the plant, which is typical of most large employers.

The Mecosta County Development Corporation, the area's leading economic development organization, assessed the Ice Mountain proposal more than two years ago and was instrumental in attracting the project to the community.

"As a volunteer economic development organization whose mission is to bring diverse and quality employers to the area, the MCDC appreciates the conscientious respect that Ice Mountain has shown for our community," said Executive Director Jonathon Scott. "They have exceeded all standards that local leaders have set for them and set a high standard for other businesses to follow."

Ice Mountain and Ferris State University have formed a partnership to provide technical skills training for the new plant team. The training was made possible by a state job training grant and matching funds from Ice Mountain. Ice Mountain staff receives training in food handling safety as well as production equipment controls.

Ice Mountain Maintenance Technician Von Phillips said Ice Mountain provides a challenging and rewarding work environment.

"The quality jobs Ice Mountain has created here are important to many families, like mine, who now have opportunities to improve our standards of living," said Phillips, a Stanwood resident who has already been promoted to head one of the plant's leadership groups. "Since beginning with Ice Mountain earlier this year, I've learned a lot about Ice Mountain, its values and beliefs. I'm proud to be a part of a company that is committed to Mecosta County and to protecting our natural resources."

Ice Mountain will pay nearly \$700,000 annually in taxes on the plant to a number of entities, including Mecosta Township, Mecosta County, Morley Stanwood Schools and the Mecosta Osceola Intermediate School District. Taxes on the plant will increase to more than \$1 million when a tax abatement expires.

Once start-up procedures are completed, four shifts of employees will bottle the Ice Mountain brand of spring water. Initial plans are to bottle the half-liter size, the most popular size, with other sizes to be bottled as additional lines are installed and commissioned. Ice Mountain spring water is available at stores throughout the Midwest.

Ice Mountain received necessary water withdrawal permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality last August. Bottled water is a food product regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Ice Mountain is a subsidiary of The Perrier Group of America, the country's leading bottled water company. The Perrier Group has earned an outstanding reputation for its expertise in spring source protection, environmentally responsible operations and industry-leading quality controls. The Perrier Group offers consumers a portfolio of 18 popular domestic and imported brands, including Poland Spring, Arrowhead, Ozarka, S. Pellegrino and, of course, Perrier Sparkling Natural Mineral Water. The Perrier Group, headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut, is a division of Nestle.

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