

**GREAT LAKES—ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL
BODY**

RESOLUTION #5—ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, the Governors of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio and Wisconsin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Premiers of Ontario and Québec signed the *Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement* (“Agreement”); and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 1 and Chapter 4 of the Agreement came into force on December 13, 2005, pursuant to Article 709 paragraphs 1b and 1h of the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Article 400 paragraph 1 of the Agreement created a *Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body* (“Regional Body”) composed of the Governors of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and the Premiers of Ontario and Québec, ex officio; and,

WHEREAS, Article 103 defines the term “Party” to mean the Great Lakes States and Provinces; and,

WHEREAS, Article 401 paragraph 6 of the Agreement states that “Each Party shall bear an equitable share of the costs of the Regional Body to a maximum amount per annum that is agreed upon each year by the Parties.”; and,

WHEREAS, Article 401 paragraph 7 of the Agreement states in part that “The Parties shall support the Regional Body using existing agency staff and facilities to the greatest extent possible...”; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Body recognizes that there are collective costs incurred in the initial setup and normal ongoing operation of the Regional Body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Regional Body adopt and approve the Regional Body Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008) Budget (Attachment “A”) for the normal ongoing operation and activities of the Regional Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the Regional Body’s Fiscal Year 2008 Budget, each member of the Regional Body commits to provide \$5,000 to the Regional Body in a timely fashion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Body Fiscal Year 2008 Budget may be amended to support any and all additional costs for the operation and activities of the Regional Body arising from the Regional Body’s other activities, including but not limited to Regional Review of proposals subject to Regional Review, upon unanimous written consent of the members of the Regional Body.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Parties shall each bear their own costs of using their existing agency staff and facilities that are used in support of Regional Body activities.