



July 23, 2007

Mr. Rick Gannon
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Dear Mr. Gannon:

With regard to the Jordan Lake Rules Public Hearings held in Alamance County last week, it seems as though the State and the citizens of North Carolina have some very difficult decisions to make. The unfortunate wisdom that comes from the hearings is the fact that the State of North Carolina is recommending to its citizens to spend \$1.4 billion, but yet, cannot show a single penny of added value that would come from such an expenditure. The unfortunate reality is that between 60 and 70% of the contaminants that end up in Lake Jordan come from run-offs from homes, gardens, and large agricultural development. Everyone knew that Jordan Lake was contaminated when it was built and will continue to be contaminated, because it will be just impossible to eliminate the contamination that comes from so many sources.

Every time the State of North Carolina spends the taxpayers' money or puts in place such rules and regulations that cause tremendous expenditures to take place, there must be value added somewhere in order to justify such an expenditure. In this particular case, the municipalities can spend all of the money that you have suggested be spent, and there still will be no improvement to the conditions of Jordan Lake. All of the above would be disastrous as far as the economic development and the competitiveness that goes along with this State. Understand, likewise, that we are Burlington's largest consumer of water in our daily processing, and we are, likewise, very concerned about how these proposed rules, along with the capital expenditure, would affect every citizen of Alamance County. We certainly are opposed to those expenditures, as they would not cure the ills of Lake Jordan.

We are concerned about water, and, in fact, we were one of the first companies to install a water treatment plant on the Haw River back in the 50's prior to there ever being a Clean Water Act of any description, and we have always made sure that our waste disposal was done in a very clean and proper way. Water is very much a part of our process, a part of our daily lives, and a necessity for life, but the solutions to contaminated Lake Jordan do not lie on the backs of municipalities and companies. As long as fertilizers are available to the consumer to go and buy on Sunday afternoon and apply to their garden, their yard, or their agriculture venture, we will never be able to change the effects of those run-offs into the streams.

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We would certainly encourage DENR to be very, very careful about any strategic moves that you make that would cause us to be uncompetitive and yet not solve problems. The public hearings did teach me one thing, and that is that we do not have the answers yet, and hopefully, we will have enough sense to not apply rules and regulations without having the answers.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to meeting you in person and having a chance to discuss these issues.

Yours very truly,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Allen E. Gant, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Allen E. Gant, Jr.
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