



**GREAT LAKES—ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES
COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION #55—AFFIRMATION OF BASIN-WIDE CONSERVATION AND
EFFICIENCY OBJECTIVES**

WHEREAS, Section 4.2.1 of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact (Compact) states that:

“The Council commits to identify, in cooperation with the Provinces, Basin-wide Water conservation and efficiency objectives to assist the Parties in developing their Water conservation and efficiency program. These objectives are based on the goals of:

- a. Ensuring improvement of the Waters and Water Dependent Natural Resources;
- b. Protecting and restoring the hydrologic and ecosystem integrity of the Basin;
- c. Retaining the quantity of surface water and groundwater in the Basin;
- d. Ensuring sustainable use of Waters of the Basin; and,
- e. Promoting the efficiency of use and reducing losses and waste of Water.”; and,

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2008 the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council (Compact Council) approved *Resolution #5-Adoption of Basin-Wide Conservation and Efficiency Objectives*, adopting Water Conservation and Efficiency Objectives; and,

WHEREAS, Section 4.2.3 of the Compact states in part that:

“...the Council, in cooperation with the Provinces, shall review and modify as appropriate the Basin-wide objectives, and the Parties shall have regard for any such modifications in implementing their programs. This assessment will be based on examining new technologies, new patterns of Water use, new resource demands and threats, and Cumulative Impact assessment under Section 4.15.”; and,

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2013, a Cumulative Impact assessment under Section 4.15 of the Compact was released, and the Compact Council has reviewed the Basin-wide objectives and has determined that they should remain unchanged; and,

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2014 the Compact Council affirmed the Basin-Wide water conservation and efficiency objectives adopted on December 8, 2008; and,

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WHEREAS, on December 11, 2019 the Compact Council affirmed the Basin-Wide water conservation and efficiency objectives adopted on December 8, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2023, a Cumulative Impact assessment under Article 209 of the Agreement was released, and the Regional Body has reviewed the Basin-wide water conservation and efficiency objectives pursuant to Article 304 Paragraph 3 of the Agreement and has determined that they should remain unchanged.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in fulfillment of its obligations under Section 4.2.3 of the Compact, the Council reaffirms as basin-wide Water Conservation and efficiency objectives the basin-wide conservation and efficiency objectives adopted by the Compact Council on December 8, 2008 and reaffirmed by the Compact Council on December 9, 2014 and December 11, 2019.