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The Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha provides drinking water to more than 500,000 people in the Omaha, Nebraska area. The majority of the water we produce comes from the Missouri River.

Our comment involves the make-up of the MRRIC Planning Committee and the lack of Public Water Suppliers.

Public Water Supply to millions of people on the Missouri River is the most beneficial use of Missouri River water. Maintaining the quality and quantity of Missouri River water is essential to the health of our customers and communities. In almost every discussion regarding uses of the Missouri River there is a common agreement that the Public Water Systems use of the river ranked as the most important. However, the proposed membership of the Planning Committee includes no representation for the Public Water Supply industry, other than to be lumped in with "Local Government" agencies. We feel that several positions should be reserved for the Public Water Supply industry.

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