Administrative Code for Interbasin Transfer

SECTION .0400 - REGULATION OF SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS

.0401 APPLICABILITY

(a) Pursuant to G.S. 143-215.22G(3), the amount of a transfer shall be determined by the amount of water moved from the source basin to the receiving basin, less the amount of the water returned to the source basin.

(b) Pursuant to G.S. 143-215.22G(3)(a) and 143-215.22G(3)(b), and notwithstanding the definition of basin in G.S. 143-215.22G(1), the following are not transfers:

- (1) The discharge point is situated upstream of the withdrawal point such that the water discharged will naturally flow past the withdrawal point.
- (2) The discharge point is situated downstream of the withdrawal point such that water flowing past the withdrawal point will naturally flow past the discharge point.

(c) The withdrawal of surface water from one river basin by one person and the purchase of all or any part of this water by another party, resulting in a discharge to another river basin, shall be considered a transfer. The person owning the pipe or other conveyance that carries the water across the basin boundary shall be responsible for obtaining a certificate from the Commission. Another person involved in the transfer may assume responsibility for obtaining the certificate, subject to approval by the Division of Water Resources.

(d) Under G.S. 143-215.22I(b), a certificate is not required to transfer water from one river basin to another up to the full capacity of a facility to transfer water from one basin to another if the facility was existing or under construction on July 1, 1993. The full capacity of a facility to transfer water shall be determined as the capacity of the combined system of withdrawal, treatment, transmission, and discharge of water, limited by the element of this system with the least capacity as existing or under construction on July 1, 1993.

History Note:Statutory Authority G.S. 143-215.22G; 143-215.22I; 143B-282(a)(2); Eff. September 1, 1994.

.0402 JUDICIAL REVIEW

Judicial Review of the Commission's decision shall be as provided in G.S. 143-215.5.

History Note:Statutory Authority G.S. 143-215.5; 143B-282(a)(2); Eff. September 1, 1994.