

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
May 2, 2008

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND) R08-9
EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR THE) (Rulemaking - Water)
CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM)
AND LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER)
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL.)
ADM. CODE 301, 302, 303, and 304)

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

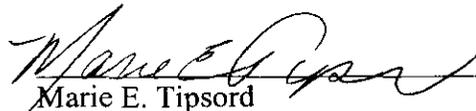
On Wednesday, April 23, 2008, prior to the start of hearing in Des Plaines, a prehearing conference was held pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.404. At that conference, a member of the regulated community requested that the rulemaking be stayed. The hearing officer, after a discussion on the request, indicated that the Board would rule on any motions to stay, not the hearing officer. Thus, any motion to stay must be filed with the Board.

The participants conferred on tentative hearing dates of June 16, September 8-10, 16-18, and 23-25, 2008. The participants then discussed how best to organize the remaining hearings. The participants agreed to begin with the use designations for the Chicago Area Waterways System (CAWS) to be followed by the use designations for the lower Des Plaines River. This organization will include testimony on recreational use designations for the two areas.

Prefiling deadlines were also discussed and those were tentatively set for August 4, 2008 for testimony and August 25, 2008, for prefiled questions. Based on this tentative schedule and organization, hearing dates will be set some time in the next few weeks to conform with this agreed upon schedule.

All filings in this proceeding will be available on the Board's web page at www.ipcb.state.il.us and participants may file electronically on the Board's web page.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


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