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Re: Request for Economic Impact Study for: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 225: Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources (Mercury Monitoring), (R09-10)

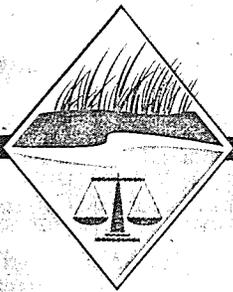
Dear Director Lavin:

On November 5, 2008, the Board accepted a proposal for hearing in Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 225, Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources (Mercury Monitoring), R09-10. This rulemaking was filed with the Board by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency). Generally, the Agency proposes to amend Part 225 of the Board's air pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 225) to recreate certain monitoring provisions of the federal Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), which was recently vacated by a federal court, and add those provisions to Illinois' mercury rule. I write to request that your Department conduct an economic impact study concerning this proposal.

Since 1998, Section 27(b) of the Environmental Protection Act has required the Board to:

1) request that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (formerly the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs) conduct a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. The Department may within 30 to 45 days of such request produce a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. At a minimum, the economic impact study shall address a) economic, environmental, and public health benefits that may be achieved through compliance with the proposed rules, b) the effects of the proposed rules on employment levels, commercial productivity, the economic growth of small businesses with 100 or less employees, and the State's overall economy, and c) the cost per unit of pollution reduced and the variability of company revenues expected to be used to implement the proposed rules; and

(2) conduct at least one public hearing on the economic impact of those rules. At least 20 days before the hearing, the Board shall notify the public of the hearing and make the economic impact study, or the Department of



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Commerce and Economic Opportunity's explanation for not producing an economic impact study, available to the public. Such public hearing may be held simultaneously or as a part of any Board hearing considering such new rules. 415 ILCS 5/27(b) (2006).

The Board is in the process of scheduling initial hearings in this rulemaking. Although there is no decision deadline in this rulemaking, the Board intends to proceed expeditiously with this rulemaking, and asks that you respond to this request as soon as you conveniently can. If I, or my staff, can provide you with any additional information, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

G. Tanner Girard
Acting Chairman
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