

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 23, 2009

AMERENUE and RACCOON CREEK)
POWER PLANT,)
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Petitioners,)
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v.) PCB 09-98
) (CAAPP Permit Appeal - Air)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.T. Girard):

On April 24, 2009, Amerenue and Raccoon Creek Power Plant (Amerenue) timely filed a petition (Pet.) asking the Board to review a March 20, 2009, determination of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency). *See* 415 ILCS 5/40.2(a) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 105.302(e). The Agency’s determination concerns Amerenue’s combustion turbines at Raccoon Creek Power Plant, which is an electric generating station located at 676 Cypress Drive, Flora, Clay County. Amerenue appeals on several grounds including that that numerous conditions within the renewed permit are arbitrary, capricious, unnecessary, unauthorized by law, unreasonable, or vague. Pet. at 3-8. Amerenue challenges the inclusion of these conditions and asks the Board to stay their effect until ultimately ruling on the merits. *Id.* at 8. On May 7, 2009, the Board accepted the permit appeal for hearing, but reserved ruling on the motion to stay.

In Amerenue’s request for partial stay, Amerenue argues “[h]istorically, the Board has granted partial stays in permit appeals where a petitioner has so requested.” Pet. at 2 (citations omitted). Amerenue asks “that the Board exercise its inherent discretionary authority to grant a partial stay of the CAAPP permit, staying only those conditions or portions of conditions indicated in Exhibit 2, *i.e.*, Conditions 3.1.3, 4.0, 5.6.2, 5.7.2, 5.9.2, 7.1.3(f)(iv), 7.1.3(g), 7.1.5(a)(iii)(A), 7.1.6(b), 7.1.6(f), 7.1.8(a)(iii), 7.1.9(n), 7.1.9(0), 7.1.10(e), 7.1.12(e)(ii), and 7.2 during the pendency of this appeal.” Pet. at 3, *see* Exh. 2. Exhibit 2 to the petition is a “redlined” version of the permit that indicates the conditions or parts of the conditions Amerenue seeks to stay. *Id.*

Section 101.500(d) of the Board’s procedural rules provides that, “[w]ithin 14 days after service of a motion, a party may file a response to the motion. If no response is filed, the party will be deemed to have waived objection to the granting of the motion, but the waiver of objection does not bind the Board or the hearing officer in its disposition of the motion.” 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.500(d). The Agency has filed no response to Amerenue’s request for a partial stay.

In Community Landfill Co. and City of Morris v. IEPA, PCB 01-48, 01-49, slip op. at 4 (Oct. 19, 2000), the Board found “that it has the authority to grant discretionary stays from permit conditions.” The Board noted that it “has previously granted or denied discretionary stays in permit appeals, both when the Agency did and did not consent to such stays.” *Id.* (citations omitted). The Board elaborated that “[t]he permit appeal system would be rendered meaningless in many cases, if the Board did not have the authority to stay permit conditions.” *Id.*

The Board has reviewed Amerenue’s request for partial stay and Amerenue’s exhibit 2, which is entitled “Redliened Version through Section 8”. The Board notes that Exhibit 2 strikes the all or part of the permit conditions 3.1.3, 4.0, 5.6.2, 5.7.2, 5.9.2, 7.1.3(f)(iv), 7.1.3(g), 7.1.5(a)(iii)(A), 7.1.6(b), 7.1.6(f), 7.1.8(a)(iii), 7.1.9(n), 7.1.9(o), 7.1.10(e), 7.1.12(e)(ii), and 7.2. See Exh. 2.

The Board grants the requested partial stay and permit conditions 3.1.3, 4.0, 5.6.2, 5.7.2, 5.9.2, 7.1.3(f)(iv), 7.1.3(g), 7.1.5(a)(iii)(A), 7.1.6(b), 7.1.6(f), 7.1.8(a)(iii), 7.1.9(n), 7.1.9(o), 7.1.10(e), 7.1.12(e)(ii), and 7.2, are stayed as requested by Amerenue. The stay remains in effect until the Board takes final action on the permit appeal or until the Board orders otherwise.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on July 23, 2009, by a vote of 5-0.



John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board