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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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STANDARDS, USEPA REGUI	LATIONS)	RECEIVED
(THROUGH JULY 1, 2012))	CLERK'S OFFICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

TRANSCRIPT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS

taken before the HEARING OFFICER MICHAEL McCAMBRIDGE by LORI ANN ASAUSKAS, CSR, RPR, a notary public within and for the County of Cook and State of Illinois, at the Illinois Pollution Control Board, 1021 North Grand Avenue East (North Entrance), Sangamo Room, Springfield, Illinois, on the 26th day of June 2013, A.D., at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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- 2 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: This
- 3 is the public hearing in the Docket R13-11 National
- 4 Ambient Air Quality Standards, USEPA Regulations
- 5 through December 31, 2012.
- 6 My name is Mike McCambridge. I
- 7 am a hearing officer. To my right is Board Member
- 8 Jennifer Burke attending. The other attending Board
- 9 Member to my left is Dr. Deanna Glosser.
- This proceeding considers the
- board proposal adopted on May 16th, I believe, of
- this year and that proposal basically attempts to
- incorporate all of the USEPA ambient air quality
- 14 standards into the Illinois -- existing Illinois
- regulations for ambient air quality at 35 Illinois
- 16 Administrative Code Part 243.
- Before we go further, could the
- agency identify himself?
- MR. MATOESIAN: Charles Matoesian
- 20 appearing for Illinois Environmental Protection
- 21 Agency.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: And
- 23 ERG?
- MR. DAVIS: Alec Davis on behalf of

- the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group or ERG.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Now,
- 3 last week the Board received a pre-filed testimony
- 4 of Mr. Kolaz.
- 5 MR. KOLAZ: That's fine. Sure. Yes.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Is that
- 7 how it's pronounced?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes, it's Kolaz. Right.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Okay.
- 10 Mr. David Kolaz. It was requested that we enter
- this into the record as if read. Is everyone good
- 12 with that?
- Okay. Then we will enter this
- into the record as if record. Do you have a copy,
- 15 stenographer?
- THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Okay
- 18 Very good.
- Does anyone have any questions
- 20 first?
- (Whereupon, Ms. Sims
- entered the proceedings.)
- HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Another
- person has come in. Could you identify yourself for

- 1 the record?
- MS. SIMS: Jackie Sims with the
- 3 Illinois EPA.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Okay.
- 5 Very good.
- 6 Mr. Kolaz, do you have anything
- 7 to add to the testimony that you have submitted
- 8 here?
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: No, I do not.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Okay.
- Does anyone have any questions? Does the Agency
- have any questions with regard to the testimony?
- MR. MATOESIAN: No.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: No
- questions with regard to the testimony? Member
- 16 Glosser?
- BOARD MEMBER GLOSSER: No questions.
- BOARD MEMBER BURKE: No questions.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: No
- 20 questions. I want to make sure that I fully
- understand the portion about the sunset provisions
- 22 and then the comment about the wrong -- the use
- of the wrong standard in the Board's opinion.
- On Page 50 of the Board's opinion,

- the ozone NAAQS or the sunset for the 1979 ozone
- 2 NAAQS is discussed and do you have a copy of that
- opinion in front of you?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes. Yes, we do.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Okay
- 6 Before asking the question, I should have you sworn.
- 7 MR. KOLAZ: Okay.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Would
- 9 you swear in the witness?
- 10 (Witness sworn.)
- 11 WHEREUPON:
- DAVID KOLAZ
- called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- sworn, deposeth and saith as follows:
- DIRECT EXAMINATION
- By Hearing Officer McCambridge
- 17 Q. In this discussion, there are
- references to the 2008 primary and secondary
- 19 eight-hour standard. You state that those are
- incorrect, that that should be the 1997 standard,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. In the reference -- in the Board's
- opinion on sunsetting in 1979 one-hour standard,
- 24 it was my understanding in reviewing that that

- the Board did not believe that that 1979 one-hour
- standard should be sunset yet and referred to the
- 3 2008 ozone standard, but there was also a 1997
- 4 ozone standard.
- 5 And it's my opinion that the
- 6 1979 one-hour standard should be sunset -- should
- 7 not be part of the air quality standards for
- 8 Illinois because they have been revoked and are
- 9 sunset.
- The 1997 standards, on the other
- hand, should be and could because even though we
- have 2008 ozone standard, there are still some
- 13 lingering requirements.
- Q. Okay. The question is, though, do
- you assert that the references there to the 2008
- standard is the trigger, are incorrect, and those
- should be changed to a 1997 standard, correct?
- 18 A. Yes, right, right.
- 19 Q. Okay. Very good. There were four
- appearances that I have noted and I will ensure
- 21 that that is corrected.
- now, the Agency, as I read the
- federal regulations, the Agency is now free to
- 24 petition to get out of underneath the maintenance

- plan requirement for the -- I think it was the 1979
- standard. Then the July 20th trigger date, which
- will pass, now, in this paragraph that concludes
- 4 that -- that begins with "thus," it appears that
- 5 the 1979 one-hour NAAQS for ozone will not apply
- to any area of Illinois after July 20, 2013; is
- 7 that correct?
- 8 A. I think that -- that that standard
- 9 does not apply now because it's been revoked --
- 10 formally revoked for Illinois. There may at times
- be lingering requirements in the state's
- implementation plan, but those can still apply
- even without the air quality standard being in
- 14 place.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. That's my view. So -- so I see that
- once the USEPA has formally revoked an air quality
- standard as applying to the state of Illinois, then
- that would be the trigger for removing that
- standard, but I want to emphasize there could still
- 21 be some state implementation plan requirements that
- would apply to prevent what's called backsliding.
- Those would stand on their own
- and not be dependent upon having the all quality

- 1 standard in place.
- Q. If I'm not mistaken, I think the
- 3 federal regulations -- and I think it may be
- 4 40 CFR 81.314, but I'm not certain at this point.
- 5 They basically recite the standard is gone, but
- 6 the maintenance plan will ensure that that number
- 7 is not violated --
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. -- even though it's not there in the
- 10 regulation.
- With regard to the SO2, the
- 12 SO2 is waiting for USEPA designations -- area
- designations in Illinois; is that correct?
- 14 A. That's correct. Those are past due,
- but, yes.
- HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Okay.
- 17 Mr. Matoesian, do you have any idea what the status
- of that is with the USEPA?
- MR. MATOESIAN: I do not. Jackie,
- do you have any idea?
- MS. SIMS: They are supposed to be
- submitting the letter sometime soon.
- MR. MATOESIAN: We are submitting it?
- MS. SIMS: The feds will have to

- 1 formally delegate the areas.
- MR. MATOESIAN: Oh, the feds. Okay.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: You
- 4 know, considering that this is a subject area that
- is new for the Board's involvement in this way of
- 6 generating proposal and regulations, is it possible
- 7 that the Agency, through the succeeding cycles of
- 9 updates to the NAAQS -- well, I'll just request
- 9 that the Agency would inform the Board if there is
- something happening, like, you know, I -- I will
- 11 watch for federal actions, but that doesn't
- necessarily mean that I have seen them all.
- MR. MATOESIAN: Okay.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: And some
- are done by letter that never make the Federal
- Register or Code of Federal Regulations. If the
- 17 Agency could inform the Board and carefully respond
- to responses for public comment, and I would ask the
- same of ERG and the rest of the regulating
- 20 community. We want to get it right.
- MR. DAVIS: Absolutely.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Does
- anyone have anything more? No questions? No
- 24 questions? Okay.

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     concluded and we are adjourned.
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