ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD February 18, 2020

MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC,)
Petitioner,)
)
V.)
) PCB 20-38
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL) PCB 20-39
PROTECTON AGENCY,) (Thermal Demonstration)
) (Consolidated)
Respondent)

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On December 30, 2019, Midwest Generation, LLC (MG) filed two petitions. The first requests alternative thermal effluent limitations for discharges from its Joliet 9 Generating Station in Will County to the Upper Dresden Island Pool of the Lower Des Plaines River, and the second seeks the same relief for discharges to the same body of water from its Joliet 29 Generating Station.

On February 6, 2020, the Board accepted the petitions, consolidated them with one another for hearing, and directed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to file its recommendation on or before February 13, 2020. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 106.1145.

On February 13, 2020, IEPA filed a motion (Mot.) to extend the deadline to file its recommendation. IEPA reports that it is reviewing MG's petitions and discussing them with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Mot. at 2. IEPA requests a 45-day extension to continue this review and discussion. *Id.* IEPA reports that MG does not object to the motion. *Id.*

IEPA's is granted and therefore extends the deadline to file its recommendation by 45 days to Monday, March 30, 2020.

The parties or their legal representatives are directed to participate in a telephonic status conference with the hearing officer on March 5, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. At the status conference, the parties must be prepared to discuss the status of the above-captioned matter and their readiness for hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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