ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD August 17, 2021

MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC, and INEOS	S)
Joliet, LLC,)
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Petitioners,)
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v.) PCB 16-19
) PCB 16-24
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL) (consol.)
PROTECTON AGENCY,) (Time-Limited Water Quality Standard)
Respondent.	•

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On August 3, 2021, Midwest Generation, LLC (MWG) and INEOS Joliet LLC (INEOS) filed a Second Joint Motion to Stay Proceedings (Mot. to Stay).

Procedural History

The Board Order of December 5, 2019 held, in part, that if petitioners filed petitions for alternative thermal effluent limitations the stay previously granted in these matters will be in effect until the Board reaches final decisions in the petitions for alternative thermal effluent limitations. The petitioners did file petitions for alternative thermal effluent limitations in Board dockets PCB 20-38 & PCB 20-39 (Consol.). On July 8, 2021, the Board granted the petitioners requested relief in the alternative thermal effluent limitations (ATELs). Midwest Generation LLC, v. IEPA, PCB 20-38 & 20-39, slip op. at 125-126. (Consol.) (July 8, 2021). Therefore, the stays in the above-captioned matters have expired.

Note also that the Board's Order of July 25, 2019 consolidated this petition with PCB 16-24 (INEOS) for purposes of hearing. Midwest Generation, LLC, v. IEPA, PCB 16-19 (July 25, 2019).

Second Motion to Stay Proceedings

The petitioners request that these matters be stayed while the relief granted in PCB 38 & PCB 20-39 can be incorporated into each Stations' NPDES Permit. Mot. to Stay at 1. "Although the Board ordered the Agency to 'expeditiously' incorporate the ATELs into the Joliet Stations' NPDES Permits, it is unknown how quickly the Agency will act to do so." *Id.* at 3. Petitioners request that the proceedings be stayed until January 1, 2022. *Id.* at 5. The motion states that the respondent does not object to the stay. *Id.*

Petitioners Second Motion to Stay is granted until January 1, 2022. No quarterly reports are required at this time.

The parties or their legal representatives in PCB 16-19 are directed to participate in a telephonic status conference with the hearing officer on September 16, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. The parties or their legal representatives are directed to participate in a telephonic status conference with the hearing officer on September 16, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. The telephonic status conference must be initiated by the petitioner, but each party is nonetheless responsible for its own appearance. 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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