BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PHILIP CARPER,)	
Complainant,)	
1)	
V.)	PCB No. 2022-012
)	(Enforcement)
TOPFLIGHT GRAIN COOPERATIVE,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MOTION TO DISMISS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Complainant, PHILIP CARPER, by his attorneys, Webber & Thies, P.C., respectfully moves the Board pursuant to 35 Illinois Administrative Code ["IAC"] Section 101.506 to dismiss the Affirmative Defenses asserted by the Respondent in its Answer To Formal Complaint. In support hereof, Respondent states as follows:

Fact-pleading of affirmative defenses is required in Illinois, pursuant to 735 ILCS § 5/2 613 and 35 IAC 103.204.

2. In the instant case, Respondent has failed to provide any facts in support of either of its Affirmative Defenses. Rather, it has simply alleged that [Affirmative Defense no. 1] "Complainant's allegations are barred by the applicable statute of limitations." and [Affirmative Defense no. 2] "Complainant's allegations are barred by the doctrine of laches".

3. In consequence thereof, with respect to the Respondent's first asserted Affirmative Defense, the Board is neither advised as to which, if any, statute of limitation Respondent asserts is applicable, or as to what, if any, facts it relies in making its assertion, including without limitation, the date or dates upon which it asserts any such statute first applied.

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4. In consequence thereof, with respect to the Respondent's second asserted Affirmative Defense, the Board is similarly not informed as to the basis of Respondent's claim of laches, including, without limitation, the alleged factual circumstances giving rise to the Complainant's knowledge of his claim, or any action by Complainant giving rise to an inference of acquiescence.

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that the Respondent's asserted Affirmative Defenses be dismissed in their entirety.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PHILIP CARPER, Complainant BY: WEBBER & THIES, P.C.

Bys/Phillip R. Van NessPhillip R. Van NessOne of its Attorneys

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney at law, certify that I have on this date, December 10,

2021, served the foregoing MOTION TO DISMISS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES and

NOTICE OF FILING on behalf of the Complainant, PHILIP CARPER, by e-mail and/or

electronic filing, as described on the attached Service List.

Dated: December 10, 2021.

PHILIP CARPER, Complainant

BY: WEBBER & THIES, P.C.

By:: <u>s/Phillip R. Van Ness</u> Phillip R. Van Ness One of Its Attorneys

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NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that today I have filed with the Office of the Clerk of the

Pollution Control Board the foregoing MOTION TO DISMISS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES,

of Webber & Thies, P.C., by Phillip R. Van Ness, on behalf of the Complainant, PHILIP

CARPER, which document is attached and hereby served upon you.

To: Don Brown, Clerk 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601-3218 (via electronic filing)

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