BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:
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Amendments to 35 Ill.
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Atomic Radiation

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS held in the above-entitled cause before HEARING OFFICER

TIMOTHY FOX, called by the Illinois Pollution

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HEARING OFFICER FOX: Good afternoon and welcome to this Illinois Pollution Control Board hearing. My name is Tim Fox, and I am assisting the assigned hearing officer, Daniel Pauley, in this rulemaking proceeding entitled, Amendments to 35 Illinois Administrative Code, Subtitle I, Atomic Radiation. The board docket number for this rulemaking is R18-28.

I'm the only representative of the Board here in Springfield. There in Chicago I see that we have Board Members Cynthia Santos and Michelle Gibson present and also the Board's general counsel, Marie Tipsore.

Marie, have I missed anyone else there present?

MS. TIPSORE: Mark is here as well.

HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mark Kaminski is also present in Chicago. Thank you for clarifying that, Marie.

Jumping right in, this hearing is governed by the Board's procedural rules so that all information that is relevant and that is not repetitious and privileged will be admitted into record.

Please bear in mind that any questions posed today by the Board and its staff are intended solely to help develop a clear and complete record for the Board's decision and do not reflect any decision on the proposal, the testimony or any questions.

For the sake of our court reporter, please speak clearly and avoid speaking at the same time as any other person so that we can help produce a clear transcript.

Here in Springfield and there in Chicago, there is a sign-in sheet at the entrance to the room so that you may indicate that you would like to submit a public comment to the Board on the record at the hearing today. I do want to stress that public comments can also be submitted electronically through the Board's clerk's office online or COOL.

As a matter of background, the Board issued a proposal for public comment on December 19 of 2019.

On January 27 of 2020, IEPA filed responses to questions posed by the Board. The first hearing in this docket was held on October 12

of 2021. A second hearing initially scheduled for November 17, 2021, had to be cancelled.

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The hearing officer set a deadline of

November 10, 2021, to pre-file testimony for that

hearing. And on that date the Board received

pre-filed testimony from the Illinois Emergency

Management Agency, or IEMA, by Louise Conway. That

testimony, of course, remains a part of the Board's

record and for this hearing today.

Notice of this rescheduled hearing was published December 2 of 2021 in the Chicago Sun Times and on December 7 of last year in the Springfield Journal Register.

The hearing officer set a deadline of December 30, 2021, to pre-file testimony for today's rescheduled hearing, but the Board has received no additional pre-filed testimony.

Before we got under way I had a brief discussion with the participants here in Springfield. We will begin with the pre-filed testimony filed by IEMA. Miss Conway has indicated that she is available to answer any questions that other participants or that the may have.

The Board's procedural rules at

Section 104.424(f) do provide that this pre-filed testimony will be entered into the record as it's read. But if Miss Conway would like to begin with any kind of introduction or summary briefly, we'll be happy to allow her that opportunity.

Once we've wrapped up with the questions based on the pre-filed testimony, we can see whether there is anyone that did not pre-file testimony but would like to testify today, and following that we can deal with any public comments that people may wish to offer. And probably very soon after that wrap up for the day and conclude the second and final hearing in this proceeding.

Is there any question at all about our procedures today?

Miss Conway, I think we've reached a point at which our court reporter can swear you in, and you can at that point entertain any questions.

(WHEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

HEARING OFFICER FOX: Miss Conway, if you would start, I should have said this first, just by identifying yourself and any title or position you have with IEMA for the record, please.

1 MS. CONWAY: My name is Louise Conway. That's 2 L-o-u-i-s-e, Conway, C-o-n-w-a-y. I am a staff 3 attorney for the Illinois Emergency Management 4 Agency, IEMA. 5 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Miss Conway, as I 6 mentioned, if you would like to offer any kind of 7 summary introduction, you're welcome to do so. you'd like to stand on the written testimony that 8 9 you submitted, we can go right to questions, if that's helpful. 10 11 MS. CONWAY: Yeah. We'll stand on our written 12 testimony as filed. It's just updating some of the contact information for this rule. 13 14 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. We can start, 15 Mr. Matoesian, with you on behalf of the agency. 16 Do you have any questions to pose to IEMA on the 17 written testimony that's entered in. 18 MR. MATOESIAN: We have no questions. I would 19 just state my name, Charles Matoesian, 20 M-a-t-o-e-s-i-a-n, as in Nancy. I am an attorney for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. 21 But, again, we have no questions or comments. 22 23 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Thank you for clarifying, 24 Mr. Matoesian. I should have asked you to do that.

Page 8 1 I appreciate the fact that you clarified that on 2. the record. 3 Did either Member Gibson or Santos have 4 any questions based on the written testimony? 5 MS. SANTOS: No, neither of us. 6 HEARING OFFICER FOX: I'm seeing neither of you 7 do. Miss Conway, you mentioned that you may 8 have a clarification or some further information 9 you wish to offer on the testimony you submitted in 10 11 November. 12 MS. CONWAY: Yes, so, thank you for that. Yes. 13 So when I drafted it, there was some language I think that was also in there that got deleted. 14 15 language should look exactly how it is written in 16 the testimony. 17 HEARING OFFICER FOX: MS. CONWAY: So the other language should be 18 19 deleted. If you have any questions, feel free to 20 contact us, and we can make sure that you get a copy of what it really should look like. 21 MR. MATOESIAN: So it should look like --22 23 It should look like what's MS. CONWAY: Yes.

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in our testimony.

HEARING OFFICER FOX: Miss Conway, I just want to make sure I understand that the -- what you've submitted is precisely what you would like to have the Board propose for first notice and ultimately adoption of that, correct?

MS. CONWAY: Correct.

HEARING OFFICER FOX: Is there some way in which that's not exactly consistent with the existing rules?

MS. CONWAY: Yes. So what had happened is, I believe, and it's been a little bit -- where it says the Illinois -- where we're adding in Illinois Emergency Management Agency with IEMA, there was some language I think that is right after that or around that language that is not actually in this draft that was supposed to be deleted and is not shown.

HEARING OFFICER FOX: So there was language that should be struck through --

MS. CONWAY: Correct.

21 HEARING OFFICER FOX: -- and does not appear at 22 all.

MS. CONWAY: Correct. It was current language that we were deleting.

Page 10 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Excellent. 2. MR. MATOESIAN: Do you mind if I look at that 3 real quick? 4 MS. TIPSORE: Tim, could she specify the 5 section that she's looking at? 6 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Yes. 7 Miss Conway, that's a very good question. MR. MATOESIAN: It's Section 1000.502. 8 MS. CONWAY: Right. 9 10 MS. TIPSORE: Thank you. 11 HEARING OFFICER FOX: And, again, Miss Conway, 12 I just to make sure that I understand. 13 should be existing language that is struck through indicating that you wish to omit it. In fact, you 14 15 just omitted it without striking it through. MS. CONWAY: Correct. That is correct. Thank 16 17 you. HEARING OFFICER FOX: That's fine. I had to 18 19 think that through for a minute, and that wraps it 20 up. That's great. Was there again any questions there in 21 22 Chicago? 23 MS. SANTOS: No. 24 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Matoesian, I believe you said you wrapped up your questions; is that correct?

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HEARING OFFICER: Excellent.

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Miss Conway, with that I think we can thank you for your testimony and your responses today and have you stand down, as it were.

MS. CONWAY: Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER FOX: Absolutely. We appreciate your participation.

This is the point in which we can check to see whether anyone who did not pre-file testimony wishes to testify today. It's clear that here in Springfield there's no one that's falling into that category.

Is there anyone there in Chicago that would wish to do so?

Very good. Neither seeing or hearing any in either location, I see that the sign-in sheets for comments -- sign-in sheets for comments here in Springfield is blank, and I'm supposing it is blank there. I see Miss Tipsore indicating that there is no one in Chicago either to offer public comment.

At that point we can proceed right to the

1 issue of the economic impact statement. Section 27D of the Environmental Protection Act 2. 3 provides that the Board must request the Department 4 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or DCEO 5 conduct an economic impact study of proposed rules 6 before the Board adopts them. The Board must then 7 make either the economic impact study or the department's explanation for not conducting one 8 available to the public at least 20 days before 9 public hearing. 10 11 In a letter dated September 17 of 2021 the 12 Board's chair, Barbara Flynn Currie, requested that 13 DCEO conduct an economic impact study of this proposal. The Board specifically requested a 14 15 response no later than November 1 of 2021. 16 The Board did receive a response on October 22 of 2021. It stated that the DCEO had 17 18 conducted a preliminary review of the proposed rule

October 22 of 2021. It stated that the DCEO had conducted a preliminary review of the proposed rule changes. The letter states that because the rule changes our administrative in nature with no meaningful economic impact, DCEO respectfully declined to perform an economic impact study.

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Is there anyone present in either location today that would like to testify regarding the

Page 13 1 Board's request for a study or DCEO's response? 2. MS. SANTOS: No one here, Tim. 3 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Neither seeing or hearing 4 any in either location, let me again quickly 5 determine whether anyone has appeared to offer a 6 comment. It appears that no one has. 7 What we can do before we adjourn is confirm that the transcript of this hearing will be 8 available by next Friday, January 14 of 2022. 9 customary proposal -- our customary deadline for 10 11 post-hearing comments would be two weeks after that 12 date on Friday, January 28 of 2022. 13 We have a couple of participants here, and 14 I'd be happy to hear if that is an acceptable 15 deadline for them. 16 MR. MATOESIAN: And that's the deadline for 17 comments? 18 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Post-hearing comments, 19 yes. 20 MR. MATOESIAN: That's fine. HEARING OFFICER FOX: Both IEMA and IEPA have 21 indicated that the deadline of post-hearing 22 comments of January 28 is acceptable. 23 24 As I mentioned, the transcript will be

Page 14 1 available by Friday, January 14th. When the Board 2 receives that, it will place it immediately on the 3 clerk's office online on our web page. Any filings 4 after this -- any filings at all including 5 post-hearing comments must be served on the hearing 6 officer and all those persons that are on the 7 Board's service list. Before filing, please check on COOL or 8 with the Board's clerk, Don Brown, to ensure that 9 you have the most recent version of the service 10 11 list. 12 Is there any other issue that we would 13 need to address or discuss before we adjourn this hearing? 14 15 MS. SANTOS: Not here, Tim. We're good. HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. I don't see 16 17 any indication here. So we can adjourn. 18 Thanks to both of you as agency 19 representatives for participating. We appreciate 20 it.

We are adjourned. Thanks everyone.

(WHEREUPON, the hearing was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.)

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Page 15 BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD RAELENE STAMM being first duly sworn, on oath says that she is a court reporter doing business in the City of Chicago; and that she reported in shorthand the proceedings of said hearing, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given at said hearing. Certified Shorthand Reporter

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