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Dear Ms. Jackson:

Springfield, IL

September 14, 2000

Ms. Amy Jackson, Hearing Officer

Illinois Pollution Control Board 600 S. Second Street, Suite 402

In the Matter of: Natural Gas Fired Peak Load Electrical Power Generating Facilities (Peaker Plants) R-01-10

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today's hearing on peaker plants. Let me say how much I appreciate the time and effort the IPCB is putting into this important issue. The seemingly indiscriminate sitting of power plants has been of concern for some time. During the summer, I joined with Senator Terry Link in asking Governor Ryan for a moratorium on these plants until we better understand their effects on the local communities and our air quality overall. Please consider delaying issuance of the air permits until your inquiries are finished and your recommendations are enacted. The people of Will County are grateful for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Debbie Halvorson, Senator

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