ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD December 20, 2001

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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PETITION OF RHODIA, INC., THORN)	AS 0
CREEK BASIN SANITARY DISTRICT,)	(Adj
TAKASAGO CORPORATION (U.S.A) and)	
CONSUMERS ILLINOIS WATER)	
COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTED)	
STANDARD FROM 35 ILL. ADM. CODE)	
302.208 AND 304.105)	

AS 01-9 (Adjusted Standard – Water)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by N.J. Melas):

On April 30, 2001, petitioners Rhodia Inc. (Rhodia) and the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District (TCBSD) filed their petition for an adjusted standard in this matter. Pursuant to a Board order, Rhodia and TCBSD filed an amended petition on August 27, 2001. On September 20, 2001, the Board on its own motion added Takasago Corporation (U.S.A.) and Consumers Illinois Water Company (CIWC) as parties to this proceeding. On November 30, 2001, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recommended that the Board grant petitioners the requested relief in this matter with respect to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208 but not 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.105. On December 4, 2001, CIWC filed a statement in support of the relief requested by Rhodia and TCBSD.

On December 5, 2001, Rhodia and TCBSD filed a motion (motion) for expedited review with the Board. In the motion, Rhodia and TCBSD state that Rhodia is already suffering financial loss from compliance with current regulatory requirements. Specifically, they claim that when Rhodia reaches the discharge limits in its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit before the end of the month, it shuts down production "resulting in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue." Motion at 2. Rhodia and TCBSD also claim that Rhodia "cannot properly plan its production and assess its facilities" without a Board decision on its petition. *Id*.

Although the Board must take time to carefully consider the relief that petitioners have requested and the other documents filed in this matter, the Board grants the motion for expedited review. The Board anticipates issuing a decision in this matter at the next scheduled meeting of the Board on January 10, 2002.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on December 20, 2001, by a vote of 7-0.

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board