

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
December 1, 1994

PEOPLE OF THE STATE)
OF ILLINOIS,)
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 Complainant,)
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 v.) PCB 94-143
) (Enforcement)
 BASLER ELECTRIC COMPANY,)
 an Illinois Corporation,)
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)
 Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (By E. Dunham):

This matter comes before the Board upon a one-count complaint filed May 5, 1994, by Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on behalf of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the People of the State of Illinois, against Basler Electric Company, an Illinois Corporation, located on Route 143, in the city of Highland, Madison County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that Basler Electric Company has violated Section 9(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act), (415 ILCS 5/9(a)(1992)) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code §§ 201.141, 219.204(j), and 219.211(d) by failing to comply with the emissions limitations for VOM by May 15, 1992 and by failing to certify compliance with the emission limitations for VOM upon changing the method of compliance.

Pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/31(a)(2), the parties filed a joint motion requesting relief from the Act's hearing requirement on October 5, 1994. The Board published a notice of the waiver of hearing on October 24, 1994; no objection to grant of the waiver was received. Waiver of hearing is hereby granted.

The parties filed a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on October 5, 1994. The Stipulation sets forth facts relating to the nature, operations and circumstances surrounding the claimed violations. Basler Electric Company admits the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00).

The Board finds the settlement agreement acceptable under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.180. This settlement agreement in no way affects respondent's responsibility to comply with any federal, state or local regulations, including but not limited to the Act and the Board's pollution control regulations.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law in this matter.

ORDER

- 1) The Board hereby accepts the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement executed by the People of the State of Illinois and Basler Electric Company, concerning its facility located at Route 143, in the city of Highland, Madison County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2) Basler Electric Company, shall pay the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) within 30 days of the date of this Order. Such payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, designated to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund and shall be sent by First Class mail to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
2200 Churchill Road
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

The certified check or money order shall clearly indicate on its face, Basler Electric Company's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number and that payment is directed to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund.

Any such penalty not paid within the time prescribed shall incur interest at the rate set forth in subsection (a) of Section 1003 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, (35 ILCS 5/1003), as now or hereafter amended, from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. Interest shall not accrue during the pendency of an appeal during which payment of the penalty has been stayed.

- 3) Basler Electric Company shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

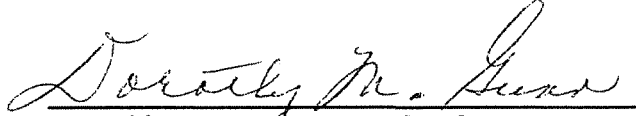
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Board Member J. Theodore Meyer concurred.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/41) provides for the appeal of final Board orders within 35

days of the date of service of this order. (See also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.246, Motion for Reconsideration.)

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above opinion and order was adopted on the 1st day of December, 1994, by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn
Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board