

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
September 7, 2000

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) PCB 00-113
) (Enforcement – Public Water Supply)
ILLINOIS-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, an Illinois)
corporation,)
)
Respondent.)

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

This action was initiated by the January 4, 2000 filing of a complaint by the People of the State of Illinois (People) against Illinois-American Water Company (IAWC). On August 7, 2000, complainant and respondent filed a stipulation and proposal for settlement, accompanied by a motion requesting relief from the hearing requirement pursuant to Section 31 (c)(2) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (1998)). The Board accepts the stipulation and proposal for settlement filed by the parties in this matter.

The complaint alleges that the respondent violated specified provisions of the Act (415 ILCS 5/1 et seq. (1998)) and the Board’s regulations by improper installation of a water main. The complaint alleges that the violations occurred at a water main extension installed at the intersection of Cedar Hills and Route 29 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Pursuant to Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (1998)), the Board caused publication of the required newspaper notice of the stipulation and proposal for settlement and request for relief from the hearing requirement. The notice appeared in *The Peoria Journal Star* on August 8, 2000. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. Accordingly, the Board grants a waiver from the hearing requirement.

The stipulation and proposal for settlement sets forth the facts relating to the nature, operations, and circumstances surrounding the allegations in the complaint. Respondent admits that the water main at issue was initially installed in violation of Section 18(a)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2) (1998)), and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$25,000. Respondent must continue to comply with any federal, State, or local regulations including, but not limited to, the Act and the Board’s 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 Illinois-American Water Company, an Illinois corporation, concerning its water main extension at the intersection of Cedar Hills and Route 29 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. The stipulation and settlement agreement is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
2. Respondent shall pay the sum of \$25,000 within 30 days of the date of this order. Such payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, designated to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and the respondent’s federal employer identification number 51-0105894 shall also be included on

the certified check or money order and should clearly indicate that payment is directed to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund.

3. The check or money order shall be sent by first class mail to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of the payment transmittal and check shall be simultaneously submitted to:

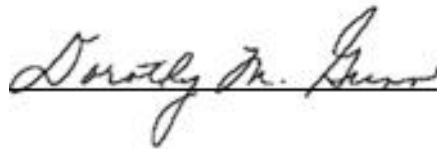
Donna Lutes, Environmental Bureau
Illinois Attorney General's Office
500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

4. 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 (1998)), 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.
5. Respondent shall cease and desist future alleged violations of any federal, State, or local statutes and regulations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/41 (1998)) provides for the appeal of final Board orders to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days of the date of service of this order. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establishes such filing requirements. See 172 Ill. 2d R. 335; see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.246, Motions 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 7th day of September 2000 by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board