

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 24, 1983

MARATHON PETROLEUM COMPANY,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	PCB 83-26
)	
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	PCB 83-29
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.D. Dumelle):


On March 22, 1982 Marathon Petroleum Company filed a motion to consolidate PCB 83-26 and PCB 83-29. Both these proceedings are permit appeals, filed within a matter of a few days of each other by Marathon concerning identical conditions in operating permits issued to its bulk gasoline and fuel oil terminals located in Champaign and Hartford.

Thus, the arguments for consolidation are strong. However, given the considerable disparity in location and the Environmental Protection Act's intent that the public have convenient access to permit appeal hearings, as well as a mandate of Section 103.123 of the Board's Procedural Rules, absent a showing of a lack of public interest, the Board finds that the administrative convenience and the convenience to the parties is overridden by the public's right to access.

The motion is, therefore, denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 24th day of March, 1983 by a vote of 5-0.


Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board