## ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD January 24, 1974

WESTERN ILLINOIS POWER
COOPERATIVE, INC.

v.

PCB 73-471

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Dumelle):

An extension of the variance previously granted by the Board from Rule 2-2.53 of the older air pollution regulations was filed on November 5, 1973. In PCB 72-441 the Board granted a variance to January 30, 1974 subject to extension to July 31, 1974 which was the estimated completion date of the control program. No public hearing was held.

The Environmental Protection Agency filed its recommendation on November 26, 1973. It recommends a grant and states that "petitioner has been diligent and should be granted the extension". The 22 MW electric power generating station near Pearl in Pike County will have a \$600,000 scrubber installed to control particulate and sulfur dioxide emissions. The Agency has received no comment from the public concerning the present variance proceeding.

The verified petition states that contracts were awarded on May 2, 1973; that one phase of the compliance activity is 30 days behind schedule; and that the July 31, 1974 date can still be met if no further delays are encountered. The consulting engineering firm, in its affidavit, put the lag at "four to six weeks behind schedule" but also approves the July 31, 1974 date as a valid one.

We grant the variance to that date since all conditions of the original variance (PCB 72-441) appear to have been met.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of facts and conclusions of law.

## ORDER

Variance granted from Rule 2-2.53 in PCB 72-441 is extended until July 31, 1974 subject to all applicable conditions of that

proceeding, namely, quarterly reporting, blending of fuels, and a \$250,000 performance bond.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Opinion and Order were adopted on the 34 day of January, 1974 by a vote of 5-0

Christan L. Moffett, Plerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board