

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
November 28, 1972

CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMPANY (COFFEEN POWER PLANT))
) #72-381
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v.)
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

OPINION OF THE BOARD (BY SAMUEL T. LAWTON, JR.):

On December 2, 1971, in case Central Illinois Public Service v. Environmental Protection Agency, #71-261, we granted a variance to CIPCO allowing it to emit particulates in excess of the regulations from Unit #1 at its Coffeen station until December 21, 1972, subject to certain terms and conditions as therein provided pending construction of an electrostatic precipitator, pursuant to schedule which contemplated completion by March 9, 1973.

On September 22, 1972, we received a request for extension of variance until March 9, 1973, which petition stated that construction of the electrostatic precipitator for Unit #1 was progressing on schedule and that the unit would be removed from service on March 9, 1973, as originally contemplated. The Agency recommends that the variance be allowed, as proposed, subject to the following conditions:

"(a) When there is a cutback in load, Petitioner shall reduce the load on Unit No. 1 rather than Unit No. 2.

(b) Central Illinois Public Service Company shall submit to the Agency monthly reports of daily generating loads for Unit No. 1 and Unit No. 2, such reports to begin with the month after the opinion in this case and shall continue until March 9, 1973.

(c) Petitioner shall file a report to the Agency apprising said Agency of the progress of Unit No. 1's precipitator installation. The first report is to be submitted within two (2) weeks after the opinion in this case and to continue on a monthly basis until completion.

(d) Within thirty (30) days of completion of the Unit No. 1 electrostatic precipitator, Petitioner shall cause a stack test to be performed by an approved independent testing service. The Agency shall be given five (5) days notice so that it may witness the stack test. Results of such tests shall be forwarded to the Agency as soon as available.

(e) Collection efficiency on Unit No. 1 shall be at least 99%, as proposed by Petitioner in its variance request.

(f) Petitioner shall continue in full force and effect the bond established by condition 6 of an order by the Pollution Control Board in PCB 71-261.

(g) All other applicable conditions of the Board's Order in PCB 71-261 shall be continued in full force and effect."

Upon the removal from service of Unit #1 on March 9, 1973, the electrostatic precipitator will be tied in and all future operation of the unit should be in compliance with applicable regulations. Petitioner appears to be pursuing its program as contemplated by our original variance order, and we grant the extension as requested to March 9, 1973, subject to the terms and conditions provided in the Agency's recommendation as above set forth.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Opinion was adopted on the 28th day of November, 1972, by a vote of 5 to 0.

Christan S. Moffett