ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD October 16, 1992

KELLY-WILLIAMSON COMPANY,	
Petitioner,	
V. ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,	PCB 92-10 (Underground Storage Tank Fund Reimbursement Determination)
Respondent.	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by B. Forcade):

On October 1, 1992, Kelly-Williamson¹ filed a motion to schedule a hearing along with a waiver of the statutory deadline. The waiver extended the statutory deadline for decision until February 18, 1993.

A hearing was previously held on this matter on April 29, 1992, in Oregon, Illinois. At the time of the hearing, the petitioner and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) had negotiated a settlement. The transcript from the hearing consists of statements concerning the settlement. Subsequent to the hearing, Kelly-Williamson has been unable to finalize the settlement agreement with the Agency. The Board in its September 3, 1992 order denied Kelly-Williamson's motion to accept the settlement agreement entered on the record at hearing. Kelly-Williamson now moves the Board to reschedule this matter for hearing. This motion is granted and the hearing officer is directed to reschedule a hearing in this matter. The hearing officer is further reminded that because this matter has a specific decision deadline, the hearing may not be cancelled absent an appropriate waiver of the deadline by the petitioner.

Hearing must be scheduled within 14 days of the date of this order and completed within 60 days of the date of this order. The hearing officer shall inform the Clerk of the Board of the time and location of the hearing at least 40 days in advance of hearing so that public notice of hearing may be published. After hearing, the hearing officer shall submit an exhibit list, and all actual exhibits to the Board within 5 days of the hearing. Any briefing schedule shall provide for final filings as expeditiously as possible and in no event later than 70 days from the date of this order.

If after appropriate consultation with the parties, the parties fail to provide an acceptable hearing date or if after an

¹ The Board notes that in some documents the name of the petitioner is spelled Kelley-Williamson.

attempt the hearing officer is unable to consult with the parties, the hearing officer shall unilaterally set a hearing date in conformance with the schedule above. This schedule will only provide the Board a very short time period to deliberate and reach a decision before the due date. The hearing officer and the parties are encouraged to expedite this proceeding as much as possible.

Within 10 days of accepting this case, the hearing officer shall enter a hearing officer scheduling order governing completion of the record. That order shall set a date certain for each aspect of the case including: briefing schedule, hearing date(s), completion of discovery (if necessary) and prehearing conference (if necessary). The hearing officer scheduling order may be modified by entry of a complete new scheduling order conforming with the time requirements below.

The hearing officer may extend this schedule only on a waiver of the decision deadline by the petitioner and only for the equivalent or fewer number of days that the decision deadline is waived. Such waivers must be provided in writing to the Clerk of the Board. Any waiver must be an "open waiver" or a waiver of decision until a date certain.

Because of requirements regarding the publication of notice of hearing, no scheduled hearing may be canceled unless the petitioner provides an open waiver or a waiver to a date at least 120 days beyond the date of the motion to cancel hearing. This should allow ample time for the Board to republish notice of hearing and receive transcripts from the hearing before the due date. Any order by the hearing officer granting cancellation of hearing shall include a complete new scheduling order with a new hearing date at least 40 days in the future and at least 30 days prior to the new due date and the Clerk of the Board shall be promptly informed of the new schedule.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk

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