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The Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
c/o The Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street
Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: R04-11
Ameren Elgin Site Specific Noise Rulemaking

Dear Board Members:

Ameren Generating Company (Ameren) has been a corporate resident of our City since the construction of the Ameren Elgin Energy Center in 2001. The Energy Center is a significant regional facility and generator of power. We provided incentives to Ameren to develop the facility in our City and entered into a Development Agreement in December of 2001 reflecting those incentives. We were therefore very pleased when Ameren decided to locate its Energy Center in Elgin, and worked diligently with Ameren to develop the industrial park where the Center is located. We find that Ameren and the Energy Center have been valuable to the success of the industrial park and to the City of Elgin.

Since the Center began operation, the City has not received any complaints about its operation, including any complaints about noise from the Center. To our knowledge, Ameren has not exceeded the currently applicable noise emission limitations and has been a good neighbor to its fellow industrial, commercial and residential neighbors in Elgin. Ameren has complied with our own ordinances, including ordinances relating to noise.

We have reviewed the Petition filed by Ameren with the Board seeking site specific noise emission limitations for the Center for residential and commercial receiving properties. Based on the information therein, and our experience with the Center, we support Ameren's request for site specific noise emission limitations. Past practice has demonstrated that Ameren has complied with the existing, applicable noise limitations, including our own, and in its Petition Ameren has demonstrated that the site specific noise limitations it seeks from the Board will not be detrimental to the health and safety of its neighbors in the future. We believe granting the requested noise limitations will allow Ameren to continue operating the Elgin Energy Center in an environmentally responsible manner.

The City values Ameren as a corporate resident, and supports Ameren's efforts to keep the Center operating in the City of Elgin. In sum, we urge the Board to adopt the noise emission limitations requested by Ameren for its Elgin Energy Center.

Sincerely,

David M. Dorgan
City Manager
City of Elgin

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February 12, 2004

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Ameren Elgin Site Specific Noise Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Gunn:

Enclosed for Filing with the Pollution Control Board in this matter as a public comment is a letter from the City of Elgin in support of the above named rulemaking. The City of Elgin forwarded the original to me for filing with the Board; please enter it into this record.

To my knowledge, this letter has not been filed with the Board directly by the City of Elgin. However, if this letter has already been filed by the City of Elgin, please disregard this request and let me know that it is already part of the record.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this filing, please contact me at the phone number listed above. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,



Marili McFawn

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Enclosure

cc: William A. Cogley, Corporation Counsel