ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 5, 2001

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| (Permit Appeal – NPDES, Third Party) |
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ORDER OF THE BOARD (by S.T. Lawton, Jr.):

On January 30, 2001, Prairie Rivers Network appealed the decision by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to issue a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit to Black Beauty Coal Company for an extension of its mining operation in Vermilion County, Illinois. On March 5, 2001, Vermilion Coal Company (VCC), by its attorney, filed a motion with the Board to intervene in this proceeding. VCC subsequently filed a motion with the Board on March 16, 2001, for a hearing on its right to intervene.

The Board directs VCC to provide more information on the basis of its motion to intervene within seven days of the date of this order. The mailbox rule does not apply in this instance. The Board, at this time, does not address the merits of either the motion by VCC to intervene or its motion for a hearing on the matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 5th day of April 2001 by a vote of 7-0.

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board