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G. Tanner Girard, Acting Chairman Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601

RE: DCEO Response to Request for Economic Impact Study for: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 225; Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources (R06-25)

Dear Chairman Girard:

Thank you for your May 10, 2006 letter requesting the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("Department") to conduct an economic impact study concerning Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to add a new Part 225 to the Board's air regulations to require Illinois coal-fired electrical generating units to begin utilizing control technology for mercury to meet the standards established in the proposed rule beginning July 1, 2009.

The Department has reviewed the Board's request for an Economic Impact Study for EPA's proposal. Based on this review, and in light of continued fiscal constraints, the Department has decided not to conduct a study of the economic impact of the above referenced rulemaking proposal.

Thank you for soliciting the Department's input in this matter.

Sincerely.

Jack Lavii

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