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RE: AS 2007-2 (Petition for Adjusted Standard)

Dear Members of the Board:

As Chairman of the Madison County Board of Madison County, Illinois, I strongly support Illinois American Water's petition to extend the adjusted standard that allows Illinois American to continue their discharge operations from their Alton water treatment facility into the Mississippi River. Illinois American serves our western, most urbanized portion of Madison County.

The previously approved adjusted standard arrangement between Illinois American, the Great Rivers Land Trust and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which allows for siltation "off-sets", has been extremely successful, resulting in water quality improvement far exceeding agreed upon limits in Piasa Creek. Great Rivers Land Trust reports that the Piasa Creek Watershed project is one of the most successful water quality improvement projects in our region and ending this arrangement would have a negative impact on water quality.

The success of the Piasa Creek Watershed Project would not have been possible without Illinois American Water, which has been the primary contributor. These funds have helped attract state and national recognition and grant dollars. Numerous sediment reduction projects have been implemented as a result of Illinois American's contributions. It is my understanding that ending the direct discharge "off-set" will eliminate the largest funding source for the maintenance/upkeep of these kinds of projects by Great Rivers.

Finally, if Illinois American is forced to change the way it processes river water, as has been suggested, the company would have to undertake a costly, major reprocessing effort which may result in higher water rates for area consumers, which today would add only an additional burden upon Madison County residents who are facing already high utility and gasoline costs.

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I strongly support Illinois American's petition for the adjusted standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan J. Duristan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Alan J. Duristan
Chairman, Madison County Board

cc: The Honorable Illinois State Senator William Haine
The Honorable Illinois State Representative Dan Beiser
The Honorable Mayor Don Sandidge, Alton
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