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

STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

RE: DCEO Response to Request for Economic Impact Study for: NO_x Emissions from Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and Turbines: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 201.146 and Parts 211 and 217, (R07-18)

Dear Chairman Girard:

Thank you for your May 2, 2007, letter requesting the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("Department") to conduct an economic impact study concerning the IEPA's proposal to reduce NO_x emissions from stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines and turbines.

The Department has reviewed the Board's request for an Economic Impact Study for IEPA'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 rule-making proposal.

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

Sincerely,

Jack Lavin Director