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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Pollution Control Board

IN THE MATTER OF: )

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ADJUSTED STANDARD )  
APPLICABLE TO ILLINOIS-AMERICAN WATER )  
COMPANY'S ALTO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY )  
FACILITY DISCHARGE TO THE MISSISSIPPI River )

AS 2007-2  
(Adjusted Standard)

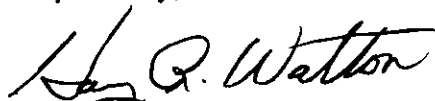
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Public Comments of Harry R. Walton

Harry R. Walton (Walton) respectively submits the following in response to the above proposal. Walton has reviewed the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) case activity record for this proposal and attended the August 28, 2007 hearing. Walton has over 34 years of experience as an environmental professional including obtaining "water" and "land" permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) and representing the regulated community in numerous proceedings before the Board.

During my review of the AS 2007-02 record, I was shock to learned that the Agency had provided the Board a recommendation in support of AS99-6 and that a point source was discharging wastewater into surface water without treatment. Based on my years of experience and understanding of the goals of the Clean Water Act and Illinois' Anti-degradation regulations, the Agency's recommendation to the Board in AS 99-6 was not consistent with these goals or *Illinois environmental policy* for control of all "point source" discharges to water. Much of the record provided by Illinois-American to support there proposal is not relevant to the primary question that must be answered relative to the Board granting this request for an adjusted standard. Is it acceptable for a point source to discharge wastewater into surface water without treatment? There can only one answer: NO!

Respectfully,



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