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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Dear Mr. Therriault:

The Petition to Modify Specific Thermal Standard on Coffeen Lake during May and October should be denied based on the following reasons:

1. The expansion of the thermal limits does not resolve Ameren's problem. Coffeen Lake is not capable of supporting the cooling demands of Ameren presently, and certainly not in the future.
2. The Deer Run Mine will use water from Lake Lou Yaeger and Glen Shoals that in the past flowed into Shoal Creek which is a feeder stream for Coffeen Lake.
3. The seven longwall panels proposed by Hillsboro Energy will trap water in the watershed from draining into Coffeen Lake.
4. Ameren's desire to increase capital can be satisfied by pursuing alternate energy sources which will alleviate the demands on Coffeen Lake.
5. Alternative energy sources will also help to reduce the high mercury content found in surrounding lakes.
6. Alternative energy sources will also help address the carbon emissions issue which is in the forefront of legislation.

The compromised quality of Coffeen Lake should be the issue, not the enhanced profits of Ameren. Please deny Ameren's petition and protect the viability of Coffeen Lake. Thank you for all your efforts in promoting an improved environment.

Sincerely,



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