BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARDLERK'S OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR THE

CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM

AND THE LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 35 Ill.

Adm. Code Parts 301, 302, 303 and 304

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Pollution Control Board

(Rulemaking – Water)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have filed today with the Illinois Pollution

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CHICAGO WATERWAY SYSTEM)	(Rulemaking-Water)
AND THE LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER:)	
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RESPONSE TO CITGO'S MOTION FOR HEARING

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") hereby submits its response to CITGO's Motion for a Hearing on the Impact of the Litigation Before the United States Supreme Court Relating to the Migration of Asian Carp Through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. In support of its Motion, Illinois EPA states as follows:

- On January 7, 2010, CITGO filed its Motion for Hearing with the Illinois Pollution Control Board.
 - 2. On January 11, 2010, the Illinois EPA received CITGO's Motion for Hearing.
- 3. CITGO is asking the Board to investigate the current status of third party litigation before the United States Supreme Court. Specifically, CITGO is asking for a hearing for the purposes of receiving information from the current "uses" of the Ship Canal, how those uses might be changes by the recent litigation filed before the Supreme Court, and to consider this information in managing the docket going forward. (CITGO's Motion, P. 1).
- 4. It is the position of the Illinois EPA that CITGO's Motion for a Hearing should be denied.
 - 5. CITGO's Motion is premature and unnecessary at this time.

- 6. On January 19, 2010, the United States Supreme Court denied Michigan and other Great Lakes States' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. Therefore, the issues raised by CITGO are speculative at this point in time.
- 7. Illinois EPA understands CITGO's concerns regarding the Asian Carp, but to have a hearing now is premature at best. It is unclear at this time what action will be taken by the various States based on the recent Supreme Court decision.
- 8. Furthermore, allowing a hearing at this time on these premature issues would unnecessarily delay the current rulemaking before the Board.
- 9. Finally assuming the Board was to decide a hearing is necessary, it is not even clear who would provide information to the Board concerning the issues CITGO is now trying to raise. Illinois EPA is not a party to the suit filed by Michigan and the other Great Lake States and therefore would not be in a position to provide additional information to the Board with respect to CITGO's Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA respectfully requests that CITGO's Motion For Hearing on the Impact of the Litigation before the United States Supreme Court Relating to the Migration of the Asian Carp Through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, on oath state that I have served the attached <u>RESPONSE TO</u>

<u>CITGO'S MOTION FOR HEARING</u> upon the person to whom it is directed by placing it an envelope addressed to:

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