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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD


IN THE MATTER OF:

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE
INSTRUMENTS-RENEWAL AND
TERMS: AMENDMENTS TO
35 ILL.ADM.CODE
807.SUBPART F, 810.104, and 811. SUBPART G.

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MR. ROBERTSON: I guess we're going on the record now. Good afternoon all. My name is Daniel Robertson and I've been appointed by the Board to serve as the hearing officer in this proceeding entitled: In the matter of Financial Assurance Instruments - Renewal and Terms: Amendments to 35 Illinois Administrative Code 807.Subpart F , 810.104, and 811. Subpart G. This matter is listed as R10-9 in the Board's docket.

With me today is the presiding Board Member Gary Blankenship and we also have from the Board, Member Andrea Moore and from the Board's Technical Unit we have Alisa Liu, and then on this side we have, Board Attorney Marie Tipsol, Acting Chairman Tanner Girard, Member Tom Johnson and Member Carrie Zalewski.

The purpose of today's hearing is two-fold.
First, the rulemaking subject to $27(b)$ of the Environmental Protection Act. Section 27 (b) of the Act requires the Board to request the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to conduct an economic impact study on certain proposed rules before adoption. If the DCEO chooses to conduct the economic impact study, the DCEO has 30 to 45 days after the Board's request to produce the study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. The Board must then make an economic impact study, or DCEO's explanation for not conducting the study available to public at least 20 days before a public hearing on the economic impact of the proposed rules.

In accordance with Section $27(b)$ of the Act, the Board sent a letter dated October 5, 2009 that the DCEO conduct an economic impact study for these rule makings. To date the DCEO has not responded to the Board's letter, and a copy of the Board's letter is available on the table at the back of the room and we will later be accepting any comments concerning this letter.

The second purpose for today's hearing is to hear prefiled testimony from the proponent, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This testimony was filed on April 21, 2010 and has been made public on the Board's website. To date no other testimony has been filed. Unless

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there's any objection, all testimony will be taken as occurred
and we will begin with questions immediately.
    If you wish to ask a question, please raise your
hand up and wait for me to acknowledge you. After I have
acknowledged you, please state your name and whom you
represent before you begin your questions. It is important
that you only speak one at a time to insure that the court
reporter is able to get all of your questions on the record.
    MR. JOHNSON: There's only one of us.
    MR. ROBERTSON: Maybe not.
    Please also note that any question asked by a
Board Member is intended to help build a complete record for
the Board's decision and not to express any preconceived
notion or bias. If there is time at the end of the day, the
Board will also allow any person who did not prefile testimony
to have an opportunity to testify if they so wish to.
    At this point would the Agency like to make any
opening statement before we proceed to testimony?
    MS. FLOWERS: No.
    MR. ROBERTSON: Would anyone else like to make
an opening statement?
    (No response.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: Seeing none, we will now proceed
to testimony starting with the Agency. Will the court
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reporter please swear in the Agency witness.
    (At this time BRIAN WHITE is duly sworn.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: Are there objections to
admitting testimony of Mr. White as read?
    (No response.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: And, Mr. White, is this a true
and correct copy of your testimony?
    MR. WHITE: Yes.
    MR. ROBERTSON: Thank you. Do you need to hold
onto that?
    MR. WHITE: No.
    MR. ROBERTSON: Thank you. At this point I will
enter the prefiled testimony of Mr. White as Exhibit A to this
proceeding. Exhibit 1. I'm sorry.
    (Mr. Robertson marks Exhibit No. 1.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: Do any members of the public
have any questions regarding Mr. White's testimony?
    (No response.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: Seeing no questions, we'll now
proceed with Board questions. At this time I'll pass the
proceedings to Ms. Liu, the Board's technical unit to address
the questions.
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MS. LIU: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. White and Ms. Flowers. Thank you for your testimony and the thoroughness of your proposal. We just have a few clarifying type questions to help put together a stronger record.

MR. WHITE: Okay.
MS. LIU: The Agency's Statement of Reasons included three comments from three different agencies on the proposal and one of them was from the Illinois Banker's Association, which was marked as Exhibit 2. The Banker's Association had requested the Agency craft some language to clarify that these revisions apply only to Irrevocable Standby Letters of Credit that are issued after the affected date of the amendment. In response to the Banker's Association's comment, the Agency stated in its Statement of Reasons that the changes suggested were not substantive.

I was wondering if you could please elaborate on why you thought those changes wouldn't be substantive?

MR. WHITE: Well, as far as for the letter of credits and the bonds right now if you get a bond or a letter of credit and it falls under Part 811, it's for 5 years. If it falls under 807, it's for 4 years. Our approach on this -and then it expires and they're supposed to get a new letter of credit. We can go ahead and we can have it renewed for one 12-month period, but after that, you know, it's done. You get
one 12-month period.
So once those are over we plan to replace those with the new letters of credit and the new bonds that follow the new format. If they're good right now, that 4 and 5 year period, we're just going to go ahead and keep them. And if they don't renew them after the 4 or 5 period we can request a 12-month extension, but after that we give one $12-m o n t h$ extension then they'll have to replace it with something else that's acceptable.

MS. LIU: So that single 12-month extension

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would apply only to the older versions of those letters --
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MR. WHITE: Yes.
MR. LIU: -- and then after it expires then the new ones would be taking effect?

MR. WHITE: Right.
MS. LIU: Okay. If they renew them?
MR. WHITE: Yes.
MS. LIU: All right. Thank you.
In Part 807.666 under Self Insurance, the proposal includes revisions to the definition of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and the proposed definition refers to the updated FASB Accounting Standards. Did you find that?

MS. FLOWERS: Do you have a page number?

MS. LIU: No. I don't have a page number.
MR. WHITE: What did you say the citation was?
MS. LIU: 807.666
MS. ZALEWSKI: It's page 1843.
MS. LIU: And it's referring to FASB Accounting Standards, right?

MS. FLOWERS: Right.
MS. LIU: Then in Part 811.715(a), also under Self Insurance, there is a definition of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles but it's different.

MS. FLOWERS: Was that the --
MS. LIU: 811.715(a)
MR. ROBERTSON: That's page 30 of 65 .
MS. LIU: This definition refers to auditing standards, and my question was: If you could take a look at those two definitions to see if they should be more consistent with each other?

MS. FLOWERS: Okay.
MS. LIU: Since the new Incorporations by Reference include both the Accounting Standards and then a separate Auditing Standard, I was wondering if you -- if this definition was intended to include both the accounting and the auditing standards?

MS. FLOWERS: Well --

MS. LIU: I don't know, but if you could take a look at that, that would be good.

MS. FLOWERS: I'll have to look at that, but I think that -- I mean you're right we need to take a look at it -- but I think, whatever 810.104 is would be the correct -because that's the Incorporation by Reference.

MS. LIU: 810.104 includes both the Auditing

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Standards --
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MS. FLOWERS: Oh, it does?
MS. LIU: Yes, FASB. -- as well as the AICPA
Auditing Standards --
MS. FLOWERS: All right.
MS. LIU: -- both incorporated.
MS. FLOWERS: So maybe it needs to say
accounting and auditing. We have accounting in one place and auditing in the other. Okay. We'll take a look at that and, yeah, maybe we need to make a change. Thank you.

MS. LIU: Sure. Okay.
Along those same lines, you refer to the FASB and the AICPA, which are both acronyms that you proposed for the Incorporations by Reference. I was wondering if those acronyms were spelled out anywhere in the rules and, if not, if should they be?

MR. WHITE: I think it's always a good idea to

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spell them out so --
    MS. FLOWERS: Where is that?
    MR. WHITE: It's in our 810.
    MS. FLOWERS: Oh, 810?
    MR. WHITE: Yeah.
    MS. FLOWERS: Yeah. Did you just notice that in
part 810 or maybe some other place?
    MS. LIU: The acronym --
    MR. WHITE: We just need to spell it out in one
place.
    MS. LIU: Yeah.
    MS. FLOWERS: Okay.
    MR. WHITE: And we kind of do with the AICPA,
but not the Financial Accountant Standard.
    MS. FLOWERS: And we can take a look at that
too. Thank you.
    MS. LIU: Sure. Also, with the Incorporations
by Reference this wasn't one of the revisions that you had in
there, but there is an existing incorporation for Government
Accounting Standards Board Statement 18, and I believe the
full title of Statement 18, which is not included is, quote,
Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closer and
Postclosure Care Costs, and it also has a date, which is also
not included now, of August }1993\mathrm{ when it was issued.
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And I was wondering whether or not you might think it would it be appropriate to include the full title of that statement as well as the date issued in the Incorporations by Reference?

MS. FLOWERS: What is the -- what is it again? MS. LIU: It's in Incorporations by Reference. It's the accounting -- excuse me -- the Government Accounting Standards Board and you'll see Statement 18 all by itself. MS. FLOWERS: And you're saying that statement 18 has a title that we might want to --

MS. LIU: A title and the date.
MS. FLOWERS: Okay.
MR. WHITE: We might as well make it clear.
MS. FLOWERS: We can look at that. Thank you.
MS. LIU: Sure. In the Agency Statement of Reasons on page 2 to 3 , you state, quote, The main purpose of the amendments is to provide consistency throughout the Board's financial assurance programs by adding the evergreen renewal language to the bonds and the letters of credit and reducing the required terms of these instruments to 1 year or more. The Board's other financial assurance programs regulated in Parts $724,725,704$, and 848 incorporate the evergreen renewal language and 1-year term limits and are the model for the changes in 807 and 811 , end quote.

Besides the parts that you mention in this
Proposal there are other financial assurance rules that appear
in 727, and I was wondering if the proposed rules are consistent with 727.240 now or if the Agency was planning to take a look at -- if you don't know now that's all right, you can get back.

MR. WHITE: Okay.
MS. LIU: I guess maybe a more general question would be: Has the Agency already or is the Agency planning to review all of the financial assurance requirements for consistency throughout, and if 727 ought to be looked at too?

MS. FLOWERS: We can look at that, and that's because we don't have it listed. Is that what you mean?

MS. LIU: (Nods head.)
MS. FLOWERS: Thank you.
MS. LIU: The Agency's proposal included a number of revisions to the financial assurance forms, and the commonality in all the revisions was the Agency addition of the wording for the -- that allows for the expiration date to be automatically extended for a period of at least 1 year unless someone is notified 120 days prior. And that revision appears in both 807 and 811 for Illustration $C$, the Forfeiture Bond; Illustration $D$, the Performance Bond; Illustration E, the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit; and Illustration $H$,
the Operator's Bond with Parent Surety.
And the language that the Agency had proposed was, quote, The 120 days will begin on the date when both the owner and operator and the IEPA have received the notice as evidenced by return receipts, end quote.

The form letter for the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit is adopted from the federal wording in the Hazardous Waste Rules, under 40 CFR 144.70 and 264.151, and although the Agency's proposal for the letter of credit is nearly identical to that federal wording, the statement about the 120 days is substantively different than the federal counter part.

The parallel sentence in the federal language for the letter of credit states, quote, In the event you are so notified, any unused portion of the credit shall be available upon presentation of your sight draft for 120 days after the date of receipt of both you and [owner's or operator's name] as shown on the signed return receipts.

So basically the federal wording provides that the unused credit should be made available, but the proposed Illinois version does not include that provision. However, existing rules under 848 for the Management of Used Tires and Waste Tires, the language for the letter of credit there does follow the federal language.

So I was wondering if the agency could take a look at 848 along side of the federal wording and see if perhaps for at least the letter of credit whether or not we should be following more closely the federal language other than what you proposed here?

MS. FLOWERS: This is our Part 811 Letter Of

Credit?

MS. LIU: 811 and 807, the Letter of Credit which was Illustration $E$ and in 848 I think it's Illustration C, and the federal wording is -- would you like a citation to that?

MS. FLOWERS: If you have it.
MS. LIU: Yeah. It's 40 CFR 144.70 and 264.151.

MS. FLOWERS: Okay. We can take a look at that.
MS. LIU: I know that that statement is
consistent. You added it to each one of the form letters, but I think in the case the letters of credit you lose some of the meaning from the federal parallel language when you simply use that.

MS. FLOWERS: Okay.

MS. LIU: So maybe you can look at it?

MS. FLOWERS: Okay.
MS. LIU: In addition, in that letter of credit there is language about who's going to be served by certified
mail and I think the wording for all the other revisions in the forms included the owner and the operator and the Illinois EPA, but for the letter of credit somehow the EPA got left off of people to be notified by certified mail. And I was wondering if you meant to include the Illinois EPA? It's in that same paragraph.

MS. FLOWERS: Okay. We can look at that.
MS. LIU: Okay. That's it for me. Thank you.
MR. ROBERTSON: At this point I'd ask if anyone else has any questions for Mr. White?
(No response.)
MR. ROBERTSON: Seeing no questions, would anybody else wish to testify on any other matter in this proceeding?
(No response.)
MR. ROBERTSON: Seeing no comments, the Board would also like to address an additional matter: When the Agency filed this proposal, the Board become aware of a small typo in Part 811 that needs to be corrected. The typo appears under Subpart $C$ at $811.309(h) 53$. However, since subpart $C$ is not currently open the Board will be adding Subpart $C$ to the docket to make the necessary revision.

This change will merely correct a reference to 811.130, that should be 811.310. Do we have any questions on

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this change?
    (No response.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: Seeing no questions, before we
close today did anybody wish to comment on the letter
submitted to the DCEO or the DCEO's nonresponse?
    (No response.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: Seeing no comments, at this
point I would like to go off the record and set the dates for
the next part of this proceeding.
    (Off the record.)
    MR. ROBERTSON: I'd like to go back on the
record now. Thank you.
    So the second hearing in this matter will now be
set for July 15th at 1:00 p.m. to take place in Chicago, and
prefiled testimony must be filed with the Board by June 15,
2010.
    I believe that's all. I would like to thank
everybody for your time in attending this matter today and
making yourselves available. And with that this hearing is
now adjourned.
    (Off the record.)
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I, ROBIN L. STRANIMEIER, an Illinois Notary Public, Illinois CSR, and RPR, do HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing record was made before me on May 11, 2010, at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Douglas Conference Room, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 12th day of May, 2010.

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