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The Honorable John Therriault, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601 CLERK'S OFFICE

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Re: <u>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency v. John and Debra Watson</u> AC 2011-018 (IEPA File No. 375-10-AC)

Dear Clerk Therriault:

Enclosed please find an original letter from the Respondent, John Watson, in the above-named case. The letter was received by Illinois EPA on February 4, 2011, as indicated by the date stamp. As you are aware, the filing deadline for a petition for review in this case was February 4, 2011.

I personally received a phone message from John Watson time stamped February 4, 2011, indicating that he had some questions about filing a petition for review in the above-named case. Because I was not at work from February 2-4, 2011, I returned his call the following week. Mr. Watson explained that he had received the Administrative Citation package from Illinois EPA and called for more information on filing a petition for review on February 2nd or 3rd (because Illinois EPA offices were closed on February 2nd due to the blizzard, it is more likely that the call was on the 3rd). Mr. Watson indicated that the woman he spoke to informed him that if my name was on the Administrative Citation package, then he should direct any documents to me. Although I was not at work that day, I am aware that we had a temporary employee answering the phones, who is substituting for a clerical staff member currently subject to overseas deployment. Therefore, it is plausible that such a conversation took place.

Given the above circumstances, Illinois EPA has no objection to the Illinois Pollution Control Board considering this submission as a timely filed petition. However, Illinois EPA makes no representation that the petition is adequate as submitted.

During our phone conversation, I asked Mr. Watson if he signed the green card that Illinois EPA attached to his package. He told me that the card had been removed prior to his receiving the

package, and that it was his mail carrier's regular practice to remove the card and leave certified mail in his mailbox, without seeking a signature.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, you Michelle M. Ryan

Assistant Counsel

Enclosure