

DISTRICT OFFICE:  
19 S. CAPITOL ST.  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554  
309-620-8631  
FAX: 309-349-3046  
repunes@gmail.com



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**MICHAEL UNES**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 91st DISTRICT

COMMITTEES:  
CITIES & VILLAGES  
TRANSPORTATION: VEHICLES  
& SAFETY  
INSURANCE  
SMALL BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT  
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
& COMMERCE  
TOURISM & CONVENTIONS  
AGING

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE:  
240A-W STRATTON BUILDING  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706  
217-782-8152  
FAX: 217-782-1275

January 17, 2013

Mr. John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

*PCIB 4A*

RECEIVED  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
JAN 18 2013  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Pollution Control Board

**Re: Support for Midwest Generation's Requested Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24**

Dear Mr. Therriault:

Please consider this my letter of strong support Midwest Generation's request for short-term relief from state regulations governing emissions at its coal-fired power plants from the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

Midwest Generation operates a coal-fired power plant in my district and has been a responsible corporate partner for our community. Midwest Generation is a company that has conducted itself with a great deal of integrity and responsibility to stakeholders -- whether employees, policymakers or communities surrounding its plants. Its request for a variance is straightforward and reasonable.

Midwest Generation seeks permission to invest less than it otherwise would have during just two years of the State's 12-year emissions reductions program. The company is not looking to duck its responsibilities; it merely wants to defer some capital expenses for environmental improvements as it goes through a financial restructuring.

Even if granted the variance, Midwest Generation would still hit the state-mandated emissions targets by the end of the program in 2019. And, its emissions from 2013-16 would be less than projected when current state regulations were adopted in 2007. In other words, the request would result in lower emissions than currently required.

Midwest Generation contributes a great deal to the Illinois economy. It provides 850 good jobs for its employees (65 percent union) and hundreds more for building and construction trade union members hired for special projects in the plants. It purchases hundreds of millions of dollars of goods and services from Illinois companies. It pays nearly \$5 million in property taxes to support local schools and municipal services. It has always shown a strong commitment to corporate citizenship through involvement in community, civic and charitable organizations.

I respectfully request that the Board give fair consideration for Midwest Generation's request and voice my strong support for its approval. Thank you for considering and registering my comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Unes".

Mike Unes  
State Representative, 91<sup>st</sup> District