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IN SUPPORT OF MIDWEST GENERATION'S REQUESTED VARIANCE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD DOCKET NUMBER PCB 13-24

January 17, 2013

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

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

I support Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from Illinois pollution control regulations (Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24).

Midwest Generation is a major provider of jobs -- at its plants and at Illinois businesses that supply them with products and services. Nearly 65 percent of its 850 employees are union members, and hundreds of union members in the building and construction trades also work on special projects in the plants – such as installing new pollution controls.

Granting the variance can help sustain the positive impact of the company's operations on local communities and businesses and help preserve property tax revenues for education and municipal services.

Even if granted the variance, Midwest Generation would still hit the original state emissions targets by the end of the program in 2019, and will reduce emissions from 2013-2016 more than was expected when current regulations were adopted.

Thank you for considering and registering my comment.

Sincerely,

Thomas Villanova President

Affiliated Trades: Architectural Ironworkers; Boilermakers and Helpers; Bricklayers and Stone Masons: Bridge and Structural Ironworkers; Carpenters: Dock and Pier Men, Millmen, Millwrights, Resilient Flour Covincers, Pile Drivers. Shipwrights and Lathers; Cement Masons; Ceramic Tile Layers & Terrazzo Workers, Terrazzo Finishers and Granite Cutters; Construction Machinists: Electricians; Elevator Coustructors; Glaziers; Architectural Metal & Glass Workers; Heat & Frost Insulators; Hoisting and Portable Operating Engineers and Oilers; Laborers: Povers, Tunnel and Sever Minors, Wreckers; Machinery Movers and Riggers: Painters and Alied Trades; Plasterers; Pipeitters; Plumbers; Pointers, Building Cleaners and Caulkers; Sheet Metal Workers; Sign and Bulletin Board Hangers; Strinklerfitters; Technical Engineers; Roofers and Waterproofers; Teansters: Executing, Grading & Asphalt.