

**IN SUPPORT OF MIDWEST GENERATION'S
REQUESTED VARIANCE**

**ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
DOCKET NUMBER PCB 13-24**

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

PC#517

Re: Support for Requested Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24

Dear Mr. Therriault:

I respectfully request that the Illinois Pollution Control Board approve Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from the comprehensive state regulations that dictate ongoing reductions in air emissions from the company's plants from 2008 to 2019.

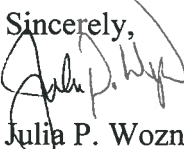
Midwest Generation is merely asking permission to reduce, not eliminate, spending on environmental improvements during two years in the middle of a 12-year emissions reduction program. The company has been meeting all of its environmental commitments under state regulations, and even with the variance, will still meet all requirements by the state program compliance deadline in 2019.

I also would ask that the IPCB consider that it granted Ameren relief just a few months ago that went well beyond what Midwest Generation is now requesting.

Midwest Generation employs 845 men and women, 64% of which are union members. It provides jobs for hundreds of additional workers, most of them members of the building and construction trades. It spends close to \$400 million annually on goods and services from Illinois companies and to support various Illinois organizations, and nearly \$5 million on local property taxes. The company also provides needed energy to homes and businesses throughout our state. It is deserving of the Board's support for the requested variance.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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