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Dear: Mr. John Therriault

I would like to request that Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from the state's regulation on air emissions PC# 8519

I'm an employee at the Powerton station that Midwest Generation owns. As an employee I'm treated very kindly by management, they are generous and respectful. Senior Management from Edison International are also very humble and seem sincere.

I'm no dummy, I do realize that fossil fuels such as coal are propably not the healthiest option for people. I believe when providing energy we should consider costs, availability and health factors.

The environmental groups such as the Sierra Club are good at protests, but offer no solutions for clean power. How many of the environmental group's members would be willing to give up air conditioning, heat, transportation, and other luxuries in their protest for closing coal-fired plants.

The energy market works on supply and demand like any other business. If the Sierra Club could eliminate the demand for electricity every energy business in the country would close. Already we have coal-fired

units are slated to close, to comply with Federal Air regulations and the weak economy.

The middle class is suffering and any increase in the cost of electricity would be harmful to the middle class. In the industry many coal energy companies have entered into bankruptcy, ^{because} ~~but~~ ^{of} the record low costs of electricity. Environmental emissions equipment is expensive to purchase and install, and ultimately the consumers would have to pay the bill for increased electrical costs.

Most of the Sierra Clubs members are pretty well to-do people and would have no problem paying extra for electricity, I wonder if the club could donate money to poorer people to afford electricity since their agenda is ultimately increasing the cost of electricity.[?]

Mr. Therriault please consider all the different angles in the Pollution Board's decision on Midwest Generation, it seems to me that its in the best interest of the state to allow Midwest Generation ~~the~~ temporary relief.

Thank You

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