BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC Electrostatic Precipitator for Will County Station, Unit No. 4

> PCB 14-(Tax Certification - Air)

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 04-02-100-028-9006 or portion thereof

NOTICE

TO: [Electronic filing] John Therriault, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board State of Illinois Center 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601

> [Service by mail] Steve Santarelli Illinois Department of Revenue 101 West Jefferson P.O. Box 19033 Springfield, Illinois 62794

[Service by mail] Fred McCluskey Midwest Generation, LLC 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3500 Chicago, Illinois 60605

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today electronically filed with the Office of the Pollution Control Board the **APPEARANCE** and **RECOMMENDATION** of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a paper copy of which is herewith served upon the applicant and a representative of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Respectfully submitted by,

ls Robb H. Layman

Robb H. Layman Assistant Counsel

Date: December 6, 2013

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, IL 62794-9276 Telephone: (217) 524-9137

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APPEARANCE

I hereby file my Appearance in this proceeding on behalf of the Illinois Environmental

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RECOMMENDATION

NOW COMES the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("Illinois EPA"), through its attorneys, and pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204 of the ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD'S ("Board") procedural regulations, files the Illinois EPA's Recommendation in the above-referenced request for tax certification of pollution control facilities. The Illinois EPA recommends **issuance** of a tax certification covering the subject matter of the request. In support thereof, the Illinois EPA states as follows:

1. On or about April 25, 2008, the Illinois EPA received an application and supporting information from MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC, ("Midwest Gen") concerning the proposed tax certification of certain air emission sources and/or equipment located at its Romeoville generating station in Will County, Illinois. A copy of the application is attached hereto. **[Exhibit A]**. Following a belated discovery that the application had been misplaced, the Illinois EPA's undersigned attorney sought and obtained verbal confirmation from Midwest Gen concerning the continuing need for certification of the subject sources and/or equipment on December 6, 2013.

2. The applicant's principal business address is as follows:

Midwest Generation 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3500 Chicago, Illinois 60605

3. The facility address is as follows:

Midwest Generation Will County Station 529 East 135th Street Romeoville, Illinois 60446

4. The subject matter of this request consists of an Electrostatic Precipitator ("ESP"), which was constructed and installed by Midwest Gen on Unit No. 4 of the Will County Station. The ESP is a conventional pollution control device that, as described in the application, generates "an electric charge on the particles (including ash) [from a steam electric boiler] to be collected and propels them by electronic forces to the collecting plates." *See*, Exhibit A, page 1 at Section D. The ESP includes "an intense discharging field" that ionizes the carrier gases, charging the entrained particles and causing them to bind with the charged collecting plates. *Id.* Dust collected from the plates is directed to storage hoppers and sent, via pneumatic conveyor, to a storage silo. *Id.* The subject control device effectively removes particulates from the electrical generation process, thus reducing particulate matter emissions that would otherwise be emitted from the steam boiler. *Id.*

Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10 (2002), defines
"pollution control facilities" as:

"any system, method, construction, device or appliance appurtenant thereto, or any portion of any building or equipment, that is designed, constructed, installed or operated for the primary purpose of: (a) eliminating, preventing, or reducing air or water pollution... or (b) treating, pretreating, modifying or disposing of any potential solid, liquid, gaseous pollutant which if released without treatment, pretreatment, modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property."

Pollution control facilities are entitled to preferential tax treatment, as provided by
35 ILCS 200/11-5 (2002).

7. Based on information in the application and the primary purpose of the ESP to eliminate, prevent or reduce air pollution, it is the Illinois EPA's engineering judgment that the control device and related appurtenances may be considered as "pollution control facilities" in accordance with the statutory definition and consistent with the Board's regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200. [Exhibit B].

8. Because the information in the application for the ESP satisfies the aforementioned statutory and regulatory criteria, the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board **issue** the applicant's requested tax certification.

Respectfully submitted by,

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DATED: December 6, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 6th day of December, 2013, I electronically filed the following

instruments entitled NOTICE, APPEARANCE and RECOMMENDATION with:

John Therriault, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board 100 West Randolph Street Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601

and, further, that I did send a true and correct paper copy of the same foregoing instruments, by

First Class Mail with postage thereon fully paid and deposited into the possession of the United

States Postal Service, to:

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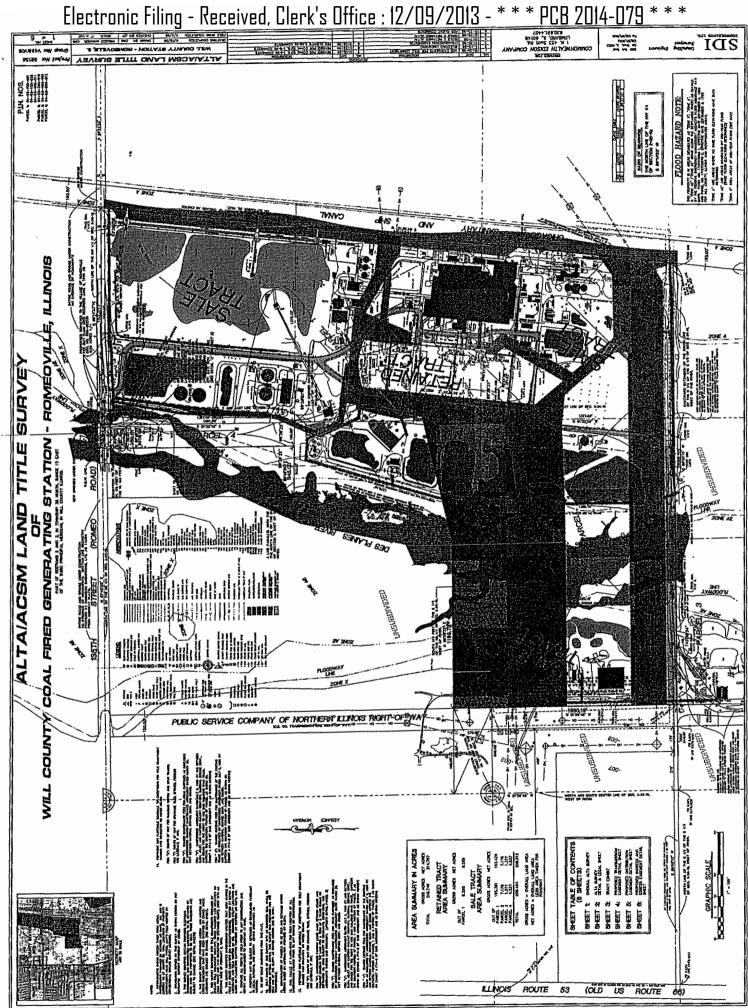
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY P. O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276 This. Agency is authorized to request this infonnation under 11linois RevisedSta"tues, 1979. Chapter, 120, Section 502a-5. Disclosure of this information is voluntary. However. failure to comply could prevent your application front being processed or colild result in denial of your application for certification.

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The following information is submitted in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax code, as amended, and of my knowledge, is true and correct. The facilities claimed herein are "pollution control facilities" as defined for the Illinois Property Tax Code. Section 11-10 of the Illinois Property Tax Code. Fred McCluskey Vice President, Technical Services							



In-Furnace, Retrofit Ultra-Low NOx Control Technology for Tangential, Coal-Fired Boilers: The ABB C-E Services TFS 2000TMR System

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ABSTRACT

United Illuminating and ABB C-E Services, Inc. report the first commercial retrofit installation and performance results from a TFS2000TMR firing system. Pre-retrofit and post-retrofit field trials were conducted to evaluate the impact of the retrofit design on the boiler emissions and thermal performance. During testing, the retrofitted 390-MW_e utility boiler demonstrated NOx emissions on the order of 0.25 lb/10⁶ Btu, while firing Eastern bituminous coal over the entire load range, without increase in unburned carbon (UBC). A potential minimum NOx emission level of 0.16 lb/10⁶ Btu was achieved in parametric testing. The effects of the retrofit on boiler emissions, thermal performance and operating experience are reported.

INTRODUCTION

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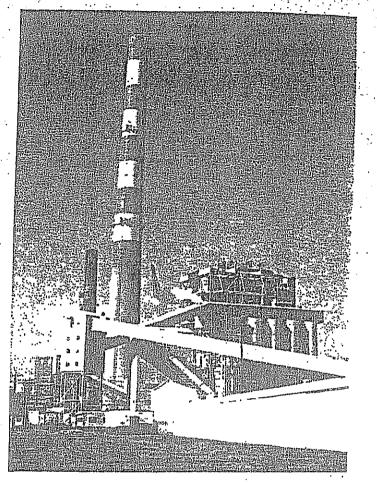
United Illuminating (UI) provides electricity to south-central Connecticut. In 1984, the electricity produced in the UI system came from an energy mix that was 94% fuel oil and 6% nuclear. To diversify its fuel base, in that year UI reconverted the Bridgeport Harbor Station Unit 3 (Figure 1) for coal firing. By 1985, the contribution of oil to UI's energy mix was reduced to 53%; nuclear was 9%, and coal had provided 37%. Continuing with its strategy of utilizing diverse fuels, UI shifted its energy mix to 1% natural gas, 5% hydro, 8% trash-to-energy, 17% oil, 35 % nuclear, and 34% coal by 1992.¹

The city of Bridgeport is located in a "Severe" ozone nonattainment area under the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) Title I. Bridgeport Harbor Station Unit 3 (BHS Unit 3) is a Phase II unit under CAAA Title IV. The State of Connecticut's Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT) NOx limitation is 0.38 lb/10⁶ Btu for tangential coal-fired boilers. With UI's fuel strategy in place, the utility decided to retrofit BHS Unit 3, its only coal-burning unit, with an aggressive low NOx firing system.

ABB C-E Services invited UI to participate in a research and development project in which BHS Unit 3 would serve as the first commercial field demonstration of TFS 2000[™]B technology. Similar technology had previously demonstrated ultra-low NOx emissions at the laboratory scale,²

UNIT DESCRIPTION

BHS Unit 3 is a Combustion Engineering, Inc., Controlled Circulation[®] steam generator with radiant reheat cycle and a pressurized furnace (Figure 2). It was designed in



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Figure 1: United Illuminating's Bridgeport Harbor Station

1965 and commissioned in 1968. The steam generator is rated at 2,700,000 lb/hr primary steam flow at maximum continuous rating (MCR), with a corresponding reheat flow of 2,387,000 lb/hr. The MCR design superheat and reheat outlet steam temperatures are 1005 F. Operating pressure at the superheater outlet is 2629 psig.

Nominally rated at 390 MW_e, the unit was equipped with a Tilting Tangential Firing System for firing pulverized coal from five elevations and oil from four elevations. During the reconversion to coal firing in 1984, close-coupled overfire air was added. BHS Unit 3 operates with Eastern U.S. bituminous coals from sources in Kentucky. The coal composition is relatively uniform, with a low sulfur content and low slagging/fouling potential. Table 1 shows a typical coal analysis for BHS Unit 3.

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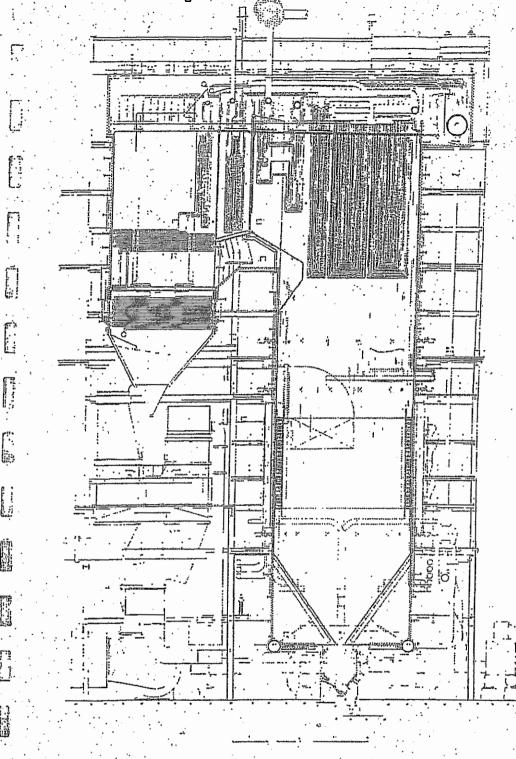


Figure 2: Brideport Harbor Station Unit 3, Pre-Retrofit Side Elevation

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BHS Unit 3 is typically operated on automatic load dispatch, generating steam at MCR on weekdays and at control load or lower on nights and weekends. Pre-retrofit NOx emissions under normal operating conditions were in the range of 0.55-0.60 lb NOx/10⁶ Btu. The unit

•	Moisture 5.4%
	Volatile Matter 30.1%
	Fixed Carbon 57.7%
	Ash 6.8%
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	Sulfur 0.7%
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Table 1: Typical Coal Analysis

had no history of significant slagging or fouling, and no history of pressure part failures related to the coal properties.

TFS 2000™R SYSTEM DESIGN

The TFS 2000™R System at BHS Unit 3 is an integrated retrofit design based on the successful laboratory development of Combustion Engineering, Inc.'s (ABB C-E) TFS_2000™ system for new boilers.² The challenge is to provide the most aggressive control of NOx emissions possible within the constraints of a fixed furnace geometry, without introducing any radical or negative departures from either design or operating practices. Previous research and development efforts suggested that the laboratory results for absolute NOx emissions, and trends for carbon monoxide and unburned carbon, were consistent with a utility boiler.3 Therefore, the next step

in the commercialization of the TFS 2000™R technology was a field demonstration on a large utility boiler.

The basic design philosophy of the TFS 2000™R firing system is based on the integration of four major principles:

- 1. Firing zone stoichiometry control
- 2. Pulverized coal fineness control
 - 3. Initial combustion process control
 - 4. Concentric firing

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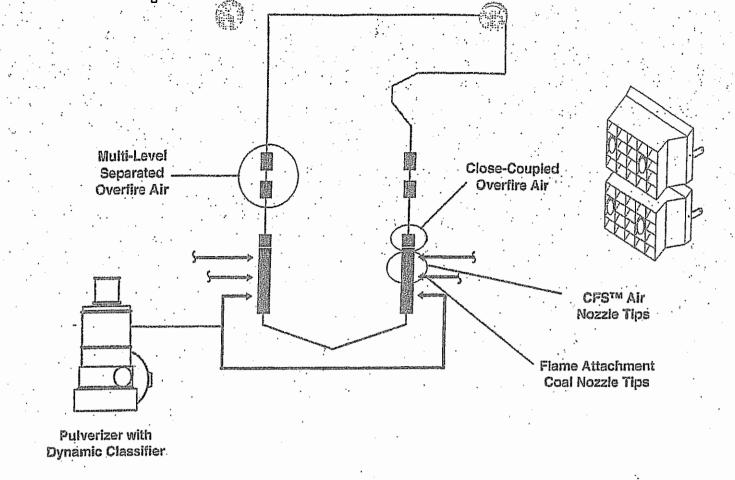


Figure 3: Schematic Diagram of a TFS 2000R Firing System

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Laboratory testing has indicated that there is an optimum main firing zone stoichiometry for minimizing NOx emissions.² However, achieving this level of stoichiometry can result in high levels of CO and UBC. The TFS 2000TMR system (Figure 3) controls the process of NOx formation and destruction in distinct regions of the furnace by "staging" the introduction of air through flame attachment coal nozzle tips and multiple levels of separated overfire air (SOFA) and close-coupled overfire air (CCOFA). The TFS 2000TMR system thereby optimizes the entire stoichiometry history of the coal particlęs, to minimize NOx emissions. –

Pulverized coal fineness is controlled by use of a Dynamic[™] classifier. The rotating classifier vanes more effectively prevent larger coal particles from exiting the pulverizer, and this helps decrease the UBC levels in the flyash. Finer coal particles can also enhance fuel-bound nitrogen conversion and its subsequent reduction to molecular nitrogen under staged firing conditions by allowing rapid ignition near the coal nozzle tip.

Flame attachment coal nozzle tips are incorporated in the TFS 2000™R system design to provide early fuel

devolatilization within an oxygen-deficient zone. With conventional firing systems, coal is devolatilized in an oxygen-rich environment, and the fuel nitrogen released can readily react with the available oxygen to form nitrogen oxide compounds. With the flame attachment coal nozzle tip, rapid coal devolatilization is accomplished by establishing a flame front near the exit of the tip. The coal nozzle tip design is based on existing flame characteristics, coal constituents, and fuel line transport conditions. Besides the NOx emissions control benefits, establishing coal ignition early in the combustion process improves flame stability and minimizes increases in unburned coal levels.

ABB's patented CFS[™] concentric firing system air nozzle tips direct some of the secondary air in the main firing zone away from the fuel streams. Offsetting the air decreases the local firing zone stoichiometry during the initial combustion stages.

Concentric firing also creates an oxidizing environment near the furnace waterwalls in and above the main firing zone. This reduces ash deposition quantity and tenacity. Increased oxygen levels along the waterwalls also

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decreases the potential for corrol is, especially with coals having high concentrations of sulfur, iron, or alkali metals.

The specific equipment components selected to achieve these elements of combustion will vary for different retrofit installations, depending on the design and maintenance condition of the installed equipment, and on the constructability constraints at the site.

TFS 2000™R SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

The retrofit equipment described below for the field demonstration of TFS 2000[™]R technology at BHS Unit 3 was installed in the Fall of 1993. The installation coincided with a scheduled maintenance outage for the turbine-generator. The outage duration was 8.5 weeks.

Windboxes

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Because the existing main windboxes at BHS Unit 3 were in a deteriorated condition and the planned outage duration was short, the main windboxes were completely replaced with new, pre-assembled units. Each new. main windbox (Figure 4) contains one bottom air compartment, four elevations of air/oil compartments with CFS™ air nozzle tips above and below the oil gun tips, two elevations of CCOFA compartments, and five elevations of coal compartments with flame attachment coal nozzle tips. New tilt mechanisms were provided at the compartments, re-using existing tilt drives. Secondary air flow to the windbox air registers is controlled by means of louver dampers equipped with self-lubricating damper bearing assemblies.

With ABB's flame attachment coal nozzle tips, the ignition point of the coal occurs closer to the nozzle tip than it does for conventional coal nozzle tips. The rapid fuel ignition produces a stable volatile matter flame and minimizes NOx production in the fuel-rich stream.

The CFS™ air nozzle tips supplied at BHS Unit 3 are equipped with manually-adjustable horizontal yaw mechanisms. The yaw adjustment is set so that a portion of the secondary air is directed away from the fuel streams toward an imaginary circle that is concentric with the main firing circle. The yaw angle is set during commissioning and is not changed during normal operation of the boiler.

The CCOFA elevation air registers direct a portion of the secondary air into the furnace at the top of the main windboxes. Each CCOFA compartment is equipped with ABB's patented horizontal yaw adjustment mechanism. The manual yaw adjustment enables each CCOFA air jet to be independently directed for effective mixing.

Two new SOFA registers were added above each of the new main windboxes. Each SOFA register contains three air compartments with adjustable horizontal yaw

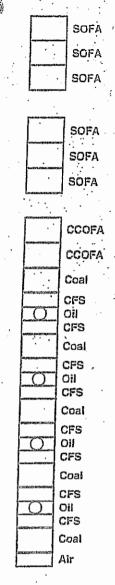


Figure 4: Schematic Diagram of TFS 2000R Windboxes at BHS Unit 3

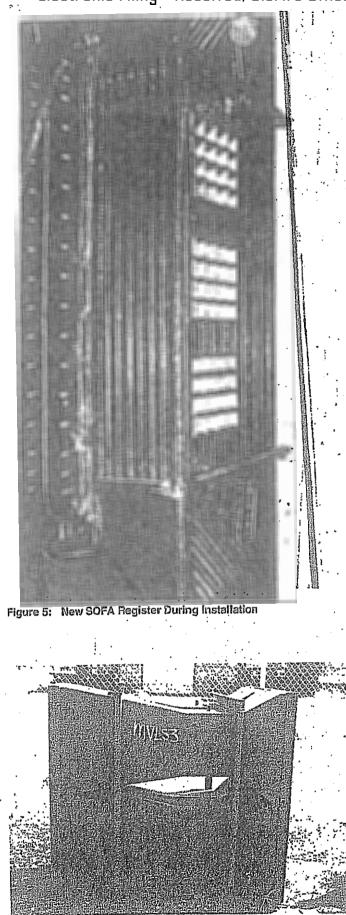
and vertical tilt mechanisms (Figure 5). During commissioning, the yaw angle is set to minimize carbon monoxide and UBC emissions. This is a manual adjustment that is not intended to be varied during operation.

To measure the SOFA air flow, an annular venturi (Figure 6) was installed in each SOFA air supply duct. ABB's patented annular venturi design requires only about two-thirds the length of a standard venturi and measures air flow with an accuracy of ±5 percent. It has a signal-to-noise ratio of approximately 10. Annular venturi are not required components for a TFS 2000[™]R system retrofit.

Pulverizer Modifications

Pulverizer modifications to implement TFS 2000™R technology are also site-specific, and depend greatly on the condition of the existing pulverizers, as well as the

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coal to be fired a the retrofit. BHS Unit 3's five pulverizers were well-maintained and in good operating condition prior to the retrofit. The pulverizers were upgraded to permit operation at higher fineness levels without coal flow de-rating. The existing "spider" fan wheels were replaced by new high efficiency fans (HEF) utilizing the existing exhauster casings. In addition, the existing 600-Hp pulverizer motors were replaced with new 700-Hp motors. Figure 7 shows one of the new HEF wheels.

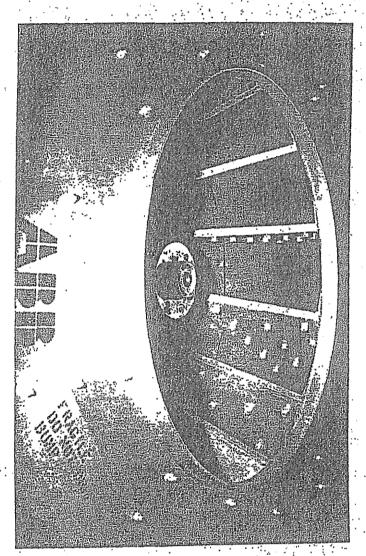


Figure 7: New HEF Wheel in the Existing Exhauster Casing

In each pulverizer, a new Dynamic[™] classifier replaced the existing static classifier. The Dynamic[™] classifier has a vaned rotor that is supported by two bearings. It is driven by a 40-Hp motor, and the speed of rotation is controlled through an ac variable-speed controller. Figure 8 is a photograph of one of the pulverizers during the installation of the Dynamic[™] classifier. The Dynamic[™] classifier effectively eliminates large coal particles (+50-mesh or +70-mesh) and minimizes the

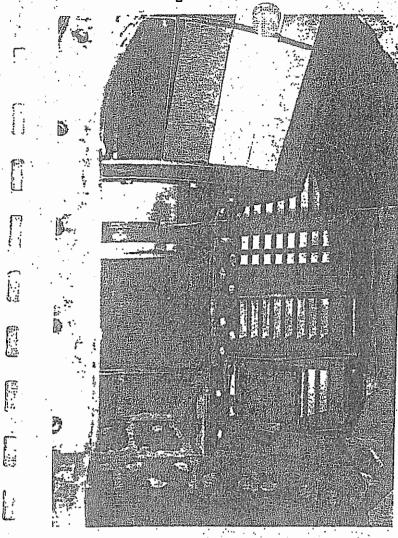


Figure 8: New Dynamic™ Classifier During Installation

fraction of +100-mesh coal particles. It allows extensive : operational flexibility, and can be used to compensate for the effects of pulverizer wear, load changes, and changes in coal type or grindability.

Additional Work

Pressure part replacements requiring four main windbox tube panels and four SOFA tube panels accompanied the new windboxes and SOFA registers. Additional pressure part modifications were made at BHS Unit 3 to eliminate interferences with the SOFA register installation.

As part of the research and development project. 39 waterwall chordal thermocouples and 135 convective section thermocouples were installed to provide accurate and convenient measurements of the boiler's thermal performance under load. In addition, six waterwall test panels were installed to investigate industry concerns regarding long-term waterwall tube wastage under substoichiometric firing conditions. These panels were fabricated of new were subjected to ultrasonic thickness measurement prior to installation. Tubing thickness will be regularly monitored during future maintenance outages. Figure 9 shows the approximate locations of this test equipment.

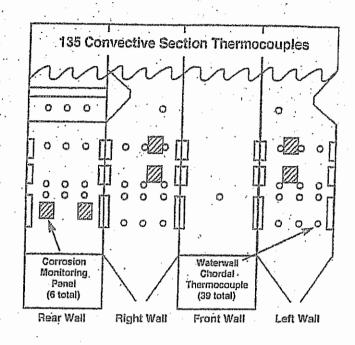


Figure 9: Locations of Test Thermocouples and Test Panels

Control system inputs/outputs and logic were added for operation of SOFA dampers and Dynamic[™] classifiers, and to expand the operational flexibility of all windbox dampers. In addition, UI elected to perform additional back pass modifications, to upgrade the DCS control system and to add continuous stack emissions monitors and stack elevator during the outage. These modifications were not required for the new firing system.

TFS 2000™R SYSTEM PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pre-retrofit and post-retrofit field trials were conducted to evaluate the impact of the new design on the boiler emissions and thermal performance. The focus of the field trials was to quantify the impact of the new firing system over the full operating range of the boiler.

BOILER EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE

The boiler emissions performance was characterized through a series of parametric tests during which certain operational parameters were varied in a systematic fashion for several scenarios of boiler load, staged firing, and secondary air biasing.

NOx Emissions

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All NOx measurements in this paper were determined via EPA Method 7E, using a chemiluminescent NOx

analyzer, and are reported in units NOx/10⁶ Btu. Figure 10 shows the relationship of the measured NOx emissions from BHS Unit 3 to the calculated stoichiometry at the top coal elevation for both the pre-retrofit and post-retrofit configurations of the boiler. All measurements were taken at MCR. The characteristic decrease in NOx emissions with decreasing stoichiometry is evident. Pre-retrofit NOx testing with the use of CCOFA showed NOx levels in the range of 0.46 - 0.58 lb NOx/10⁶ Btu.

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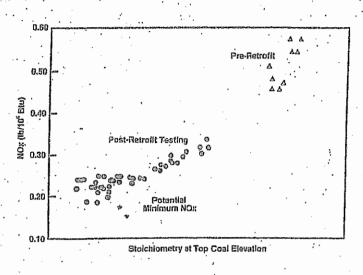


Figure 10: NOx Emissions vs. Stoichiometry at MCR

Sixty-six post-retrofit tests were conducted while varying the coal fineness and the degree of staging and mixing, along with a number of operating variables such as excess air. Post-retrofit NOx emissions as low as 0.20 lb NOx/10⁶ Btu were achieved with *no increase in the UBC in the flyash*.

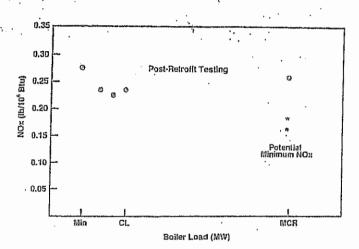
The two data points labeled "Potential Minimum NOX" (0.18 and 0.16 lb NOx/10⁶ Btu) represent short-term (approximately 3 hours) test results. These results were achieved with carbon monoxide emissions less than 200 ppm and only a two-percentage point increase in UBC emissions over the pre-retrofit level. It is significant that the potential minimum NOx results were achieved at a higher stoichiometry than many of the higher post-retrofit testing results, demonstrating that stoichiometry is not whe only variable affecting NOx emissions.

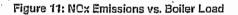
The post-retrofit test NOx emissions as a function of boiler load are shown in Figure 11. The secondary air dampers and tilts were controlled to operate the boiler with NOx emissions on the order of 0.25 lb NOx/10⁶ Btu from MCR through control load (CL), to minimum load, with no increase in UBC in the flyash. Although it is typically expected that NOx levels will increase dramatically at low boiler load cause of the required increase in excess air, at Bh. Init 3, the post-retrofit NOx emission at minimum load can be controlled to less than 0.30 lb/10⁶ Btu.

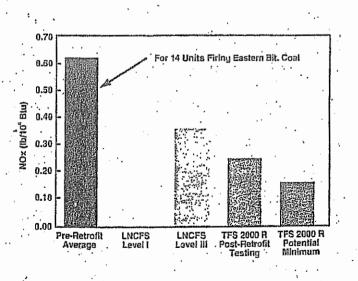
Figure 12 compares the BHS Unit 3 post-retrofit testing for NOx emissions to other low NOx retrofit results for similar coals in tangentially-fired boilers. The pre-retrofit average NOx emissions of 0.62 lb/10⁶ Btu for 14 other units firing Eastern bituminous coals is shown in the first (left) bar. ABB C-E Services' LNCFS™ firing systems were applied in these units.⁴ As shown in Figure 12, LNCFS™ system field results reached a lower limit for NOx emissions at an average of 0.36 lb/10⁶ Btu. The BHS Unit 3 field demonstration test results for NOx emissions are significantly lower.

Carbon Monoxide Emissions

All carbon monoxide (CO) measurements reported in this paper are given in units of parts per million (ppm) of









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Opacity measurements were taken with the plant instrumentation. At BHS Unit 3, the regulated opacity limit is 20%. The pre-retrofit opacity averaged less than 10%. During the post-retrofit testing, the opacity remained less than 10% for most tests, and below the regulated limit under all test conditions. Isokinetic sampling of the flue gas entering the unit's electrostatic precipitator (ESP) confirmed that there was no significant change in the flyash (dust) loading entering the ESP. No significant change in the mass ratio of flyash-to-bottom ash was observed.

BOILER OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

During post-retrofit testing on the BHS Unit 3 boiler, multiple aspects of boiler operation were investigated to ensure that there were no adverse impacts on boiler operation related to the changes in the firing system.

Ash and Slag Deposition Patterns

A long-term change in the ash and slag deposition during operation was noted. Post-retrofit ash deposition has increased in the superheater sections closest to the furnace outlet, the superheater division panels and superheater platen assemblies (Figure 2). These ash deposits are friable and easily removed. No other significant changes in ash accumulation have been observed in the convective sections of the boiler. Slagging has decreased on about one-third of the furnace wall, in the areas near the CFSTM air elevations. Although the ash and slag deposition patterns have changed, they are controllable with the existing sootblowers and wall blowers on the boiler.

The boiler had no history of waterwall corrosion before the retrofit. After approximately ten months of post-retrofit operation, no evidence of accelerated waterwall wastage has been observed.

Coal Fineness

Calibration runs for the Dynamic[™] classifier with the "B" pulverizer established the relationships among coal feed rate, fineness, and classifier rotation speed. Generally, a higher classifier rpm produces greater fineness, and rpm can be decreased as coal feed rates are decreased. At all coal feed s, the coal fineness achievable with the Dynamic[™] classifier is finer than with the static classifier. particularly in terms of decreasing or eliminating the largest +50 and +70-mesh particles. Coal particles in these size ranges have significant impact on UBC. Figure 13 compares the performance of the static classifier and the Dynamic[™] classifier at BHS Unit 3 with five pulverizers, each in service at 55,000 lb coal/h.

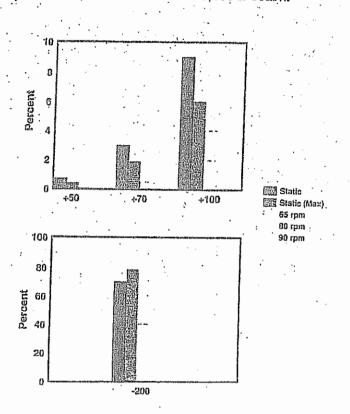


Figure 13: Comparison of Static and Dynamic Classifier Fineness Results

Pulverizer performance has met expectations, with the exception of a "rumble" condition that occurred during testing at high classifier rotation speeds. High fineness "rumble" can occur with either dynamic or static classifiers on a high-fineness setting. High fineness "rumble" is an instability, leading to vibrations, that is caused by an increase in recirculation of fine particles. At BHS Unit 3, the Dynamic™ classifier rotational speed is currently limited to avoid high fineness "rumble". A study is in progress at the ABB Power Plant Laboratories Pulverizer Development Facility in Windsor, Conn., to develop a methodology for predicting/preventing the onset of high fineness "rumble".⁵

Furnace Oxygen Imbalance

The oxygen concentration in the flue gas was measured at the economizer outlet in accordance with EPA Method 3A. Post-retrofit left/right oxygen imbalance is less than or equal to the pre-retrofit performance.

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Boiler Efficiency

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The installation of the TFS 2000[™]R firing system did not affect the boiler thermal efficiency (ASME Performance Test Code 4.1). Pre-retrofit and post-retrofit boiler efficiencies were calculated at MCR and at control load, and the efficiency remained at 91.4 - 91.7 percent, regardless of the NOx emissions level.

Steam Temperature/Flow Control

All post-retrofit operation of the boiler confirms that the superheater and reheater design outlet steam temperatures can be maintained at loads from MCR through control load. In addition, the superheater and reheater design pressures and mass flow rates are maintained at all loads from MCR through control load.

Steam temperature control is accomplished through the use of the adjustable tilts and the interstage desuperheaters. The windbox tilts continue to operate within their normal range.

At both the maximum and potential minimum NOx emissions levels, the post-retrofit reheater desuperheater. spray water flows were about the same as the pre-retrofit levels. Thus, the implementation of TFS 2000[™]R technology does not adversely impact the unit's heat rate.

Element Steam Temperature Imbalance

Eight pre-retrofit tests and two post-retrofit tests were analyzed. Two of the pre-retrofit tests were for normal operation, three were for operation with the top secondary air dampers closed, and three were for operation with three tilt positions. One post-retrofit test was conducted with maximum SOFA and acceptable boiler operation, and the other was at the minimum NOx emission. The (low temperature) superheater rear pendant outlet – steam temperatures, (high temperature) superheater finishing pendant outlet temperatures, and the high temperature reheater outlet temperatures were measured and analyzed. As compared to the initial operation of the unit, firing oil, in 1968, there was no significant difference in the element steam temperature profiles caused by the TFS 2000[™]R system.

Maximum Local Heat Absorption Rates

The peak waterwall heat absorption rates calculated from readings with the chordal thermocouples installed in the furnace walls were well below the design values and confirm that the post-retrofit departure from nucleate boiling (DNB) margin for the boiler remains within ABB C-E design standards.

Vertical Heat Absorption Profile

The vertical heat absorption profile, as measured through the chordal waterwall thermocouples is similar

under all post-retuine perating conditions. There is a slight shift in the function vertical heat absorption profile towards the upper furnace under potential minimum NOx conditions. This shift did not adversely affect boiler waterwall circulation.

UBC AS A FUNCTION OF NOX EMISSIONS

Significant increases in UBC levels in the flyash have been documented for boilers retrofitted with earlier low NOx firing systems.⁴ Pre-retrofit UBC levels at BHS Unit 3 were in the range of 5.8 - 8.0 percent carbon. For a tangentially-fired boiler with an Eastern bituminous coal, this range is about average.

The flyash samples for both the pre-retrofit and postretrofit UBC results were obtained in accordance with EPA Method 17. Carbon content was determined directly, not by loss of ignition (LOI).

UBC levels for post-retrofit operation at BHS Unit 3 with three different fineness levels are given in Figure 14. For this comparison, boiler load was held constant at MCR. The trend of increasing UBC with decreasing NOx emissions is evident for the three post-retrofit data sets. The trends also illustrate that UBC control is dependent upon the particle size of the coal. NOx emissions as low as 0.20 lb/10⁶ Btu were obtained with no increase above pre-retrofit levels of UBC in the flyash.

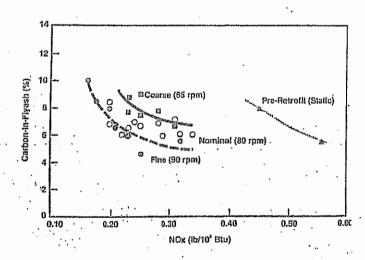


Figure 14: UBC in Flyash vs. NOx Emissions at MCR

COMMERCIAL OPERATING EXPERIENCE

The unit has been operating commercially, post-retrofit, firing coal for about ten months. The unit operates under load dispatch at MCR on weekdays from about 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. At night and on weekends, the unit load is decreased to as low as 140 MW. Operators report no significant operational problems, and no indication of accelerated waterwall wastage or corrosion has been observed.

CONCLUSIONS

United Illuminating and ABB C-E Services consider the retrofit of Bridgeport Harbor Station's Unit 3 to be a commercially and technically successful full-scale demonstration of TFS 2000[™]R technology. The boiler thermal performance and efficiency are unchanged from the pre-retrofit conditions. Although the slagging/fouling patterns have changed slightly from pre-retrofit, the existing sootblowers and wall blowers are capable of controlling them.

During testing, the boiler consistently demonstrated NOx emissions on the order of 0.25 lb/10⁶ Btu over the entire load range, with no increase in unburned carbon in the flyash. The lowest NOx emissions measured for this boiler during post-retrofit parametric testing is 0.16 lb/10⁶ Btu. The potential for long-term operation of the boiler at this level has not been thoroughly investigated. In approximately ten months of commercial operation, operation of the boiler with the TFS 2000[™]R technology has caused no significant adverse impact on boiler operation or availability.

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OPERATING PERMIT

PERMITTEE

Midwest Generation, LLC Attn: Karen House, Plant Manager 529 East 135th Street Romeoville, Illinois 60446-1538

Application No.: 73030973 I.D. No.: 197810AAK Applicant's Designation: WILL CO 4 Date Received: April Subject: Will County Unit 4 Date Issued: June 8, 2000 Expiration Date: May 1, 2002 Location: Will County Station, 529 East Romeo Road, Romeoville

Permit is hereby granted to the above-designated Permittee to OPERATE emission source(s) and/or air pollution control equipment consisting of the Unit 4 boiler with low NOx burners and associated hot electrostatic precipitator, a coal bunker, three turbine oil reservoirs and turbine oil tank as described in the above-referenced application. This Permitsis subject to standard conditions attached hereto and the following special condition(s): Scold

- The allowable limit for particulate matter shall be 0.10 lbs/million 1. Btu.
- The allowable limit for sulfur dioxide shall be 1.8 lbs/million Btu. 2.
- The allowable limit for opacity shall be 30 percent with certain з. exceptions as provided in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 212.123(b). -no change
- The generating load of the unit during normal daily operation shall not 4. exceed (551) megawatts (gross). Operation in excess of the load limit will be allowed for up to a total of 12 hours per month, provided the absolute maximum load does not exceed two (2) percent above the permitted load (gross megawatts).
- This permit allows operation of this unit on Rochelle and Antelope coal 5a. in accordance with January 23, 1993 letter from Don Sutton to Judy Freitag, as approved by the Illinois EPA.
- The Illinois EPA shall consider use of other coal as base fuel if b. acceptable modeling data is submitted by the Permittee or a compliance stack test is submitted to show particulate matter compliance.
- 6. Operation in excess of applicable emission standards is allowed during startup, provided that the fuel oil guns are in good working condition.

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- 7. Operation in excess of applicable emission standards is allowed during malfunction and breakdown. If a malfunction or breakdown causing the emission exceedance cannot be corrected within a 4-hour period, the maximum allowable operating level, as determined by the more restrictive of either the opacity monitor or the Load vs. Emission Chart, shall not be exceeded.
- The Permittee shall notify the Illinois EPA's regional office by 8a. telephone, mailgram, facsimile, or electronically as soon as possible during normal working hours upon the occurrence of excess emissions due to air pollution control equipment malfunctions, or breakdowns for coal fired generating units (for point sources). Precipitator malfunctions which result in excess emissions due to section trips that are reset quickly do not require Illinois EPA notification if the problem is corrected in less than 30 minutes and the total trips are limited to twice per day. The Permittee shall comply with all reasonable and safe directives of the regional office regarding such malfunctions and breakdowns. Within ten (10) working days of such occurrence the Permittee shall give a written follow-up notice to the Illinois EPA's regional office providing an explanation of the occurrence, the length of time during which operation continued under such conditions, measures taken by the Permittee to minimize excess emissions and correct deficiencies, and when normal operation resumed.
- b. Precipitator malfunctions which do not require Illinois EPA notification shall be included in the Environmental Log for Illinois EPA review.
- 9. The Permittee shall maintain records of excess emissions during malfunctions and breakdowns. As a minimum, these records shall include:
 - A full and detailed explanation of why such excess emissions occurred;
 - Thé length of time during which operation continued under such conditions;
 - c. The measures used to reduce the quantity of emissions and length of time during which such operations occurred; and
 - d. The steps the Permittee will take to prevent similar malfunctions or breakdowns.

Special Conditions Nos. 6-9 supersede Standard Condition No. 9.

 Particulate matter compliance demonstrations shall be conducted in accordance with the May 20, 1985, letter from C. L. McDonough to B. Mathur and letter dated July 10, 1992 from Don Sutton to Mary O'Toole.

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- 11. The Permittee shall submit the following reports to the Illinois EPA:
 - a. <u>Quarterly Excess Opacity Reports</u>: This report shall provide all exceedances of the 30% six-minute opacity limit during start-up, boiler malfunction, ESP malfunction, shutdown, boiler-off, sootblowing, load change and other periods. The cause of excess opacity occurrences shall be discussed in the report. This report shall be submitted within 30 days following the end of every calendar quarter.
 - b. <u>Quarterly Coal Reports</u>: This report shall provide the type, quantity, ash, sulfur, Btu and moisture contents of the coal used on a daily basis. This report shall be submitted within 30 days following the end of every calendar quarter.
 - c. <u>Annual Performance Report</u>: The following data shall be submitted to the Illinois EPA by April 15 of each year:
 - i. Annual fuel usage data for each boiler. This shall also include type of coal burned.
 - ii. Annual average fuel analysis data including ash, sulfur, moisture content and heating value.
 - iii. Annual operating data that provides operating time and capacities for each boiler.
- 12. The unit shall be operated in compliance with all terms of the operation and maintenance program dated August 14, 1995.
- 13a. The Station shall be operated in accordance with the operating program submitted pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Codes 212.304 - 212.310 dated August 14, 1995.
 - b. The Permittee shall keep a maintenance and repair log for Unit 4, listing significant activities performed with date.
- 14. The Permittee is allowed to burn boiler cleaning wastes only when the boiler is in a normal mode of operation and generating no less than 160 megawatts (gross). Burning of boiler cleaning wastes is not allowed during startup, shutdown, malfunction or breakdown.
- 15. The Permittee shall keep records of the total amount of waste material burned in these boilers. These records shall be submitted to the Illinois EPA as a part of the annual performance report.

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- 16. The Permittee is allowed to burn waste demineralizer resin by spreading the resin over the coal pile to be burned with the primary fuel as outlined in the Will County Unit 4 application. The waste resin shall not be hazardous. Burning of waste resin is not allowed during start up, shut down, malfunction or breakdown.
- 17a. Waste oils fitting the following description and per letter dated May 18, 1992 from Mary K. O'Toole to Don Sutton may be burned in quantities not to exceed approximately 25,000 gallons per year at Will County generating station.
 - i. Turbine oil
 - ii. Lubricating oil
 - b. The waste oil shall be blended with coal either on the active coal pile, coal belts, coal silos, or injected into the boiler.
 - c. The Permittee shall analyze a representative sample of waste oil to be burned for arsenic, cadmium, chromium lead, flash point, total halogens, sulfur, and Btu values. The analysis report shall be submitted to the Illinois EPA with permit renewal application based on yearly sampling.
 - d. The Permittee shall keep records of the quantity and analyses of waste oil fuel burned for energy recovery for a period of three (3) years. The Permittee shall report to the Illinois EPA the annual quantity of waste oil fuel burned each year as part of the Annual Performance Report.
 - e. The Permittee is allowed to burn above mentioned waste oil when the boiler is in normal mode of operation. Burning of waste oil is not allowed during startup, shutdown, malfunction or breakdown.
- 18. a. The Permittee is allowed to burn waste antifreeze by blending with coal on the active coal pile, coal belts, coal silos, or by injection into the boiler.
 - b. The quantity of antifreeze burned shall not exceed 1500 gallons per year for this source. Sampling is required on a one time basis for arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, flash point, total halogens, sulfur and Btu values. The Permittee shall sample once per year if the waste stream characteristics change from the original sample.
 - c. The Permittee shall keep records of the quantity and analyses of waste antifreeze burned for energy recovery. The Permittee shall report to the Illinois EPA the annual quantity of antifreeze burned each year as part of the Annual Performance Report.

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- d. The Permittee is allowed to burn the above mentioned waste antifreeze when the boiler is in a normal mode of operation. Burning of waste antifreeze is not allowed during start-up, shutdown, malfunction or breakdown.
- 19a. This permit allows the burning of petroleum coke. The petroleum coke shall be burned in a blend with coal which shall not exceed twelve (12) percent by heat input from petroleum coke.
 - b. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the firing of petroleum coke substitution, the Permittee shall submit a detailed description of the following to the Illinois EPA:
 - i. A detailed description of the petroleum coke feed system including all methods and measures used to insure a consistent petroleum coke/coal mixture.
 - c. i. Operations are allowed up to a 20% blend if a stack test is performed after 720 operating hours of boiler testing at 20% blend.
 - ii. The Permittee shall notify the Field Office prior to coal/petroleum coke blend is increased beyond 12% heat input from petroleum coke.
 - iii. Upon the petroleum coke/Coal ratio increased as indicated above in c(i), the Permittee must submit, have approved, and carry out a complete plan and subsequent series of emission tests. The following methods and procedures shall be used for testing of emissions, unless another method is approved by the Illinois EPA. Refer to 40 CFR 60, Appendix A for USEPA test methods:

Location of Sample Points	USEPA Method 1
Gas Flow and Velocity	USEPA Method 2
Particulate Matter	USEPA Method 5
Sulfur Dioxide	USEPA Method 6
Carbon Monoxide	USEPA Method 10
Nitrogen Oxides	USEPA Method 19

- d. Com-Ed will conduct a stack test for particulate matter and other pollutants regulated by the Act, within 45 days of an Illinois EPA request. The Illinois EPA may request a test if observations of the boilers indicate that the applicable emission limit may not be met.
- e. This permit is issued based on negligible emissions of particulate matter from petroleum coke handling unit. For this purpose, emissions shall not exceed nominal emission rates of 0.1 lb/hour and 0.44 ton/year.

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f. Com-Ed shall keep appropriate record showing the amount of petroleum coke received an blended.

The Permittee may conduct test burns of powder river basin coals (Rojo Caballo and Jacob Ranch) in Unit 4 boiler as requested in the correspondence dated June 24, 1993 for coal. The total amount of river basin coal shall not exceed 300,000 tons (of each coal). The Illinois EPA is to be notified prior to conducting test burns.

- 20a. This permit is issued based on operation of low NO_x burners being a pollution control projects whose principle purpose is to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x).
 - b. By December 31, 2000, the Permittee shall submit a performance report to the Illinois EPA for low NO_x burner system discussing the effects on NO_x emissions from the steam generating unit and any effects on emissions of other pollutants, such as carbon monoxide and particulate matter, and any effects on unit (4) efficiency or capacity.
 - c. The Illinois EPA has determined that the low NO_x burner system, as described in the application, will not constitute a modification of Unit 4 under the federal New Source Performance Standards, 40 CFR 60 because these devices have the primary function of reducing air pollutants and therefore are not considered a modification pursuant to 40 CFR 60.14(e)(5).
 - d. The Illinois EPA has determined that the low NO_x burner system, as described in the application, will not constitute a modification for Unit 4 under the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) rules because it is a pollution control project and therefore is not considered a modification pursuant to 40 CFR 52.21(b) (2) (iii) (h) and (b) (32).
- 21a. All records and logs required by this permit shall be retained at a readily accessible location at the source for at least three years from the date of entry and shall be made available for inspection and copying by the Illinois EPA upon request. Any records retained in an electronic format (e.g., computer) shall be capable of being retrieved and printed on paper during normal source office hours so as to be able to respond to an Illinois EPA request for records during the course of a source inspection.
 - b. All reports required by this permit shall be sent to the following addresses, unless otherwise indicated:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Air Pollution Control - Regional Office 1701 South First Avenue, 12th Floor Maywood, Illinois 60153

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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Air Pollution Control Compliance Section (#40) P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 67294-9276

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Please note that additional rules addressing NO_x emissions from this unit may be adopted in the near future in response to USEPA's so called "NO_x SIP call" and the development of Illinois' plans for attainment of the ozone air quality standard in the Chicago and Metro-East ozone nonattainment areas.

If you have any questions concerning on this permit, please call Youra Benofamil at 217/782-2113.

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Memorandum

Technical Recommendation for Tax Certification Approval

Date: December 29, 2008

To: Robb Layman

From: Ed Bakowski 🐬

Subject: Midwest Generation, LLC. TC 08-04-25R

This Agency received a request on April 25, 2008 from Midwest Generation, LLC. for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding tax certification of air pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204. I offer the following recommendation.

The air pollution control facilities in this request include the following:

Electrostatic Precipitator with Low Nox Burners for Unit 4 Boiler which reduces Particulate Matter emissions by producing an electric charge on particles to be collected and propels them by electronic forces to the collecting plates. Because the primary purpose of this system is to reduce or eliminate air pollution, it is certified as a pollution control facility.

This facility is located at 529 East 135th Street, Romeoville, Will County The property identification number is 04-02-100-028-9006

Based on the information included in this submittal, it is my engineering Judgement that the proposed facility may be considered "Pollution Control Facilities" under 35 IAC 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing air pollution, or as otherwise provided in this section, and therefore eligible for tax certification from the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Therefore, it is my recommendation that the Board issue the requested tax Certification for this facility.