BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND) EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR THE) CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM) AND THE LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER:) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL.) ADM. CODE PARTS 301, 302, 303 and 304)

R08-9 (D) (Rulemaking – Water)

NOTICE OF FILING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION'S COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF A SEPARATE SUBDOCKET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHLORIDE STANDARD, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION,

Dated: January 31, 2014

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Katherine D. Hodge, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have served the

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STANDARD upon:

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NOW COMES EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION ("ExxonMobil"), by and through its attorneys, HODGE DWYER & DRIVER, and pursuant to the hearing officer's request on December 17, 2013, submits the following Comment in Support of a Separate Subdocket for the Development of a Chloride Standard.

On December 17, 2013, ExxonMobil's witness Lial Tischler presented testimony to the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") that related to, among other things, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("Illinois EPA") proposed chloride standard. Prior to that hearing, ExxonMobil commented on Illinois EPA's proposed chloride standard.¹ As noted by Mr. Tischler, serious concerns remain about Illinois EPA's proposed chloride standard, and an alternative standard may be more appropriate.²

¹ See e.g., ExxonMobil Oil Corporation's First Notice Comments, In the Matter of: Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System and Lower Des Plaines River: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301, 302, 303 and 304, R08-9 (C) at 13 (Ill.Pol.Control.Bd. July 1, 2013 (hereafter rulemaking is cited as "R08-9").

² Pre-Filed Testimony of Lial F. Tischler on Behalf of ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, R08-9(D) at 9-12 (Ill.Pol.Control.Bd. Nov. 22, 2013).

At the hearing on December 17, 2013, the hearing officer requested that any requests to stay the proceeding be directed to the hearing officer by the end of January 2014. It is ExxonMobil's understanding that Illinois EPA now plans to request that the Board create a new subdocket for the development of a chloride standard. ExxonMobil supports the formation of such a subdocket and believes that additional time for negotiations provided by the formation of such a subdocket is necessary considering the unique challenges associated with developing and implementing a standard given the significant seasonal chloride contributions of non-point sources associated with seasonal deicing activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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