BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND)	
EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR THE)	R08-09
CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM)	(Rulemaking – Water)
AND THE LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER:)	Subdocket D
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 35 III.)	
Adm. Code Parts 301, 302, 303 and 304)	

NOTICE OF FILING

To: John Therriault, Clerk

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(VIA electronic mail and First Class Mail)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have filed electronically today with the hearing officer <u>ILLINOIS EPA'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING PRE-FIRST NOTICE COMMENTS

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA" or "Agency"), by and through its attorneys, hereby submits its Motion for an extension of time to file pre-first Notice comments. In support thereof, the Illinois EPA states as follows:

- 1. On March 6, 2014, the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") declined Illinois EPA's request for to open a new subdocket to address chlorides and directed the hearing officer to establish a comment period and allow participants to provide final prefirst notice comments on Illinois EPA's proposed water quality standards. (Opinion and Order March 6, 2014).
- 2. On March 6, 2014, the hearing officer issued an Order that pre-first notice comments must be filed with the Board by April 7, 2014 and, if participants wished to do so, responses must be filed by April 21, 2014. (Hearing Officer Order, March 6, 2014).
- 3. Illinois EPA is currently working internally on its final pre-first comments. Due to schedules and follow-up conversations with USEPA, additional time is needed to finalize pre-first notice comments. Therefore, Illinois EPA is seeking an extension of the

comment period. Illinois EPA also requests that the extension be given to all parties in this matter.

- 4. Illinois EPA understands and appreciates the Board's desire to move Subdocket D to a conclusion. This Motion is not an attempt to unnecessarily delay the conclusion of Subdocket D.
- 5. The Agency has reached out to several participants (CITGO, EXXON, Stepan, Albert Ettinger, MWRDGC and Midwest Generation) and they have advised Illinois EPA that they have no objection to the requested extension of the comment period deadline of April 30, 2014.
- 6. The requested extension of Subdocket D comment deadline should not prejudice or harm any interested party.

WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA respectfully requests the Illinois Pollution Control Board grant its Motion for an extension of time for comments to be filed to April 30, 2014 for all participants in this rulemaking.

Respectfully submitted,

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