BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
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Complainant,)	
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V.)	PCB No. 10-86
)	(Water-Enforcement)
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ILLINOIS FUEL COMPANY, LLC,)	
a Kentucky limited liability company,)	
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Respondent.)	

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

To: See Attached Service List

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board by electronic filing a STATUS REPORT, a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you.

> LISA MADIGAN Attorney General State of Illinois

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Dated: December 8, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that I have served on the date of December 8, 2015, the attached STATUS REPORT upon the persons listed on the Service List by electronic and First Class Mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box in Springfield, Illinois by the time of 5:00 PM.

<u>/s/ David G. Samuels</u> DAVID G. SAMUELS Assistant Attorney General

Dated: December 8, 2015

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STATUS REPORT

NOW COMES the Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and, pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.514, provides a status report detailing the progress of the proceeding. Complainant reports:

1. On November 5, 2015, the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") granted a request for a stay of this proceeding to allow Complainant time to determine whether any settlement of the issues in this proceeding might be reached with Cheyenne Resources, Inc. ("Cheyenne"), a non-party that has assumed from Respondent the lease on one of the mines at issue in this proceeding.

2. On November 18, 2015, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") determined that it needed more information and time to evaluate the request to transfer Respondent's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit to Cheyenne for the mine Cheyenne assumed from Respondent. Unknown at this time is the current state of compliance at the various outflows covered by the NPDES permit. The Illinois EPA expects to complete its analysis within the next sixty (60) days.

3. On November 30, 2015, representatives from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Illinois EPA, and Cheyenne participated in a conference call regarding Illinois EPA's need for more information and time to evaluate the permit transfer request. It was agreed that settlement negotiations in this proceeding will be based in part on Illinois EPA's findings, and therefore, a further stay of the instant proceeding was necessary until Illinois EPA's analysis was complete. Further discussion between Complainant and Cheyenne is expected to take place after Illinois EPA completes its analysis.

4. On December 3, 2015, Cheyenne provided documentation to aid Illinois EPA's evaluation of the mine, and will provide additional documentation as necessary moving forward.

5. On December 7, 2015, the stay of this proceeding expired.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

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