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Don Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
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RE: Public Comment on Board Case R18-20 (air)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

Regarding Case R18-20 before the Board, on October 4, 2018 the Board issued its own, more stringent, order, finding that it was protective of public health and the environment. Local 51 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and it's over 3,400 members writes to share our support of the more stringent October 4, 2018 order.

The rulemaking began on October 2, 2017 with a request from Illinois EPA for expedited review. Yet, despite that request and a finding by the Board on October 4, 2018 that the rulemaking record was complete, the Board set another public hearing for January 29, 2019, which has since been delayed to allow for "re-examination" by the new administration.

In order to ensure the long-delayed benefits of the proposed revisions to the public, IBEW Local 51 respectfully requests the Board to go to second notice 30 days after closing the comment period to allow for consideration of the modified, more stringent rule by JCAR.

Sincerely,

John H. Johnson
Business Manager/Financial Secretary
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