

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

VINCENT AND JENNIFER NERI,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB No. 05-213
)	(Enforcement – Noise)
TNT LOGISTICS NORTH AMERICA)	
INC.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Ms. Dorothy M. Gunn	Bradley P. Halloran, Esq.
Clerk of the Board	Hearing Officer
Illinois Pollution Control Board	Illinois Pollution Control Board
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(PERSONS ON ATTACHED SERVICE LIST)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board **RESPONDENT'S OPINION WITNESS DISCLOSURE AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION WITNESS DISCLOSURE**, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

TNT LOGISTICS NORTH
AMERICA INC.,
Respondent,

By: /s/ Thomas G. Safley
One of Its Attorneys

Dated: June 1, 2006

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas G. Safley, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have served the attached RESPONDENT'S OPINION WITNESS DISCLOSURE AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION WITNESS

DISCLOSURE upon:

Ms. Dorothy M. Gunn
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via electronic mail on June 1, 2006; and upon:

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by depositing said documents in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, in Springfield, Illinois on June 1, 2006.

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NOW COMES Respondent, TNT LOGISTICS NORTH AMERICA INC.

(“TNT”), by its attorneys, HODGE DWYER ZEMAN, and for its Opinion Witness Disclosure and Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental Opinion Witness Disclosure, states as follows:

1. The January 30, 2006, Order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) Hearing Officer set various deadlines in this matter, including the following:

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| April 15, 2006 | Complainants’ opinion witness(es) and their opinion(s) disclosed. |
| June 1, 2006 | Respondent’s opinion witness(es) and their opinion(s) disclosed. |

2. Complainants did not disclose any opinion witness(es) to TNT on April 15, 2006.

3. Rather, on May 31, 2006, Complainants transmitted to the undersigned their “list of . . . opinion witnesses” (“Complainants’ opinion witness list”) by facsimile.

4. Complainants’ opinion witness list states that the persons identified therein “can testify to the noise levels observed at” Complainants’ property.

5. To the extent that Complainants' opinion witness list constitutes a disclosure of "opinion witness(es) and their opinion(s)" in compliance with the Hearing Officer's January 30, 2006, Order, TNT identifies the following opinion witness whom it might call at hearing to provide opinion witness testimony regarding the allegations made in Complainants' Complaint, in response to any opinion witness testimony offered by Complainants, if Complainants are granted leave to present such opinion witness testimony:

Dr. Paul D. Schomer
Schomer & Associates
2117 Robert Drive
Champaign, Illinois 61821

6. A copy of Dr. Schomer's current résumé is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

7. TNT cannot at this time identify any opinions of Dr. Schomer that TNT might offer at hearing, due to the vague nature of Complainants' opinion witness disclosure.

8. By making this disclosure, TNT does not waive its right to object to any opinion witness testimony that Complainants might attempt to offer at hearing on the grounds that Complainants failed to disclose such opinion witness testimony prior to hearing as required by the Hearing Officer's January 30, 2006 Order, or on any other grounds.

9. In addition to the above, in light of the fact that Complainants produced their opinion witness list to TNT the day before TNT's responsive opinion witness list was due, TNT has not had an opportunity to consider whether it wishes to make any expert witness disclosures in addition to the disclosure of Dr. Schomer made above.

10. Accordingly, TNT moves the Hearing Officer for an extension of time, to and including July 18, 2006, to fully consider Complainants' opinion witness list and to make any supplemental responsive opinion witness disclosure.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, TNT LOGISTICS NORTH AMERICA INC., makes its opinion witness disclosure as set forth above, and moves the Hearing Officer to grant it an extension of time to make a supplemental opinion witness disclosure as set forth above.

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PAUL D. SCHOMER **Acoustical Engineer**

BS, Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois, 1965.
MS, Electrical Engineering-Acoustics, University of California, 1966.
Ph.D., Electrical Engineering-Acoustics, University of Illinois, 1971.

EXPERIENCE

Dr. Schomer has extensive experience, publications, and patents in the areas of environmental noise and its assessment, human and community response to noise, instrumentation and methodology for the measurement and monitoring of noise, architectural acoustics, and acoustical measurements of building parameters. He is a consultant to industry and government, an adjunct Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering (Acoustics) and member of the graduate faculty of the University of Illinois, and a research leader in acoustics. His recognition by his peers as an international leader in the area of environmental noise is demonstrated by his chapters in reference books, his over 35 refereed publications, his leadership in Standards organizations and professional societies, and his awards and honors. Dr. Schomer is also standards Director for the Acoustical Society of America.

As an international leader in the area of environmental noise, Dr. Schomer is chairperson of the United States delegation to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Acoustics and Noise committees, chairperson of the American National Standards Committee dealing with noise, chairperson of the ISO working groups which deal with environmental noise and with impulsive noise measurement, chairperson of the American National Standards Institute working group which deals with environmental noise, and he is the United States representative to the International Organization for Standardization in the areas of aircraft noise and impulsive sources. He is the Standards Director for the Acoustical Society of America, a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers Aircraft Noise Committee, a principle contributor to current efforts in the area of standardizing airport noise monitoring, and Executive Director, past vice-president for membership, and twice a past member of the board of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering.

Dr. Schomer has 35 years of experience dealing with noise measurement and the effects of noise on people and communities. This experience includes blast and mining noise, gunfire noise, airport, aircraft, helicopter, construction and traffic noise, and general industrial and urban noise. The citation for his selection as a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America references his studies on community response to noise, and most of his work with the National Academy of Science has been concerned with noise assessment.

MEMBER FIRM, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ACOUSTICAL CONSULTANTS

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MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellow - Acoustical Society of America.

Member, Board Certified, Institute of Noise Control Engineering

Selected as Corps of Engineers Engineer of the Year and One of the Top 10 Federal Engineers of the Year (1990)—National Society of Professional Engineers

Several times a member of the board and/or officer; Institute of Noise Control Engineering.

Former Executive Director, Institute of Noise Control Engineering of the USA, Inc.

Standards Director, Acoustical Society of America

Chairman, Acoustical Society of America Committee on Standards

Head of U.S. Delegation, International Organization for Standardization, Technical Committee 43 (acoustics) and Subcommittee 1 (noise).

Convener (chairman), International Organization for Standardization, Working Group 45 dealing with environmental noise assessment.

Chairman, S.A.E. Construction Site Sound Level Subcommittee, S.A.E. ConAg Committee.

Member, S.A.E. Aircraft Noise Committee and the noise monitoring subcommittee.

Reviewer for *Applied Mechanics Review*, *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, and *Noise Control Engineering Journal*.

Fellowship, University of Illinois (1968-1971).

Registered Professional Engineer (DC).

Member, Institute of Noise Control Engineering, Acoustical Society of America, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, German Acoustical Society (DEGA), European Acoustical Association

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PATENTS

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TYPICAL PROJECT EXPERIENCE**AIRPORT NOISE ASSESSMENT AND PART 150 STUDIES**

Conducting the acoustical analysis and measurements contained within airport Part 150 studies including (1) the generation of present and future, predicted noise contours, (2) the execution of noise monitoring, the comparison of monitoring results with noise contours, and the analysis of monitoring results by aircraft type, operation, and runway, and (3) the development and analysis of noise mitigation strategies.

HELIPORT DESIGN AND ASSESSMENT

Assessment of the heliport noise. Establishing the need for mitigation. Assessing mitigation alternatives.

ENTERTAINMENT NOISE

Evaluated measurements for a large, outdoor music venue. Evaluated band and DJ noise from a club as it affected the neighborhood. Suggested mitigation methods. Evaluated measurement and monitoring plans for an outdoor music performance arena.

EXPERT WITNESS REGARDING NOISE PREDICTION AND ITS EFFECTS ON PEOPLE

For the defense: Class action suit of homeowners against ARCO Oil.

For the plaintiff: Class action suit of homeowners against Peabody Coal Company.

Performed analysis of the physical noise and its predicted levels in the community. Performed assessment of the received noise and its effect on individuals and the community.

For the defense: Analyzed the audibility of gun shot sound.

For the defense/plaintiff: Predicted, measured and analyzed noise from parked outdoor refrigerator trucks in a special situation.

For the plaintiff: Predicted and analyzed the effect of strip-mining explosions on a distant factory structure.

Analyzed the audibility of off-road truck noise in a quarry delivery plant. Analyzed the audibility of a backup alarm in the presence of lawnmower noise. Analyzed the audibility of siren noise.

Analyzed the audibility of truck noise in the presence of other neighborhood noise.

For the community: Class action suits against airport noise.

GUN CLUBS/POLICE FIRING RANGES

Performed noise assessment and mitigation at several civilian and police small arms firing ranges including siting, layout, operations, and noise mitigating structures and fixtures.

INDUSTRIAL NOISE CONTROL--OUTDOORS

Performed noise assessment and mitigation at a variety of outdoor industrial operations such as an asphalt plant, a kitty-litter plant (similar drum to asphalt plant for drying clay), an ammunition disposal plant (again a heated drum), and grain elevators.

MOTOR RACEWAY NOISE

Performed assessment, evaluated existing and planned mitigation and developed alternatives.

Evaluated management and operational plans and developed alternative strategies.

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Design, testing and evaluation of outdoor warning sirens.

VEHICLE/HIGHWAY NOISE

Assessment of highway noise. Monitoring highway noise. Establishing the need for mitigation. Assessing mitigation alternatives.

ILLINOIS NOISE REGULATIONS

Examination of the adequacy of existing noise regulations contained in Subtitle H, 35 Illinois Administrative Code. Analysis of the existing rules and whether they appropriately encompass the various types of discontinuous noise and specifically, impulse noise. Recommendations for changes to sections of the Code dealing with definitions and regulatory levels.

REVISIONS TO ILLINOIS PROPERTY-LINE NOISE MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

Examination of existing measurement procedures as related to American National Standards. Recommendation of measurement procedures for determination of octave-band 1-hour equivalent levels corrected for background ambient. (No American National or International Standards exist for this type of measurement, but these are the type required by the Illinois Pollution Control Board.)

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO NOISE

Conducting and supervising international research experiments designed to explain, qualify and quantify human and community response to noise of varying character, spectra and temporal patterns. This research concentrates on comparing and contrasting special noises such as small arms, rotary-wing aircraft, or large explosions to more common noise such as road vehicles or artificially generated noise. A key to this work is conducting these experiments in real houses with real sources of sound.

TEMPORAL SAMPLING STRATEGIES FOR MONITORING AIRPORT NOISE

Analysis of daily monitoring results from many of the nation's airports. Modeling of the results by auto-regressive moving average (ARMA) models, and analysis of the results by "Monte Carlo" methods. Recommendation of airport noise sampling strategies for obtaining the required degrees of precision.