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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD August 31, 2010

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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 (Subdocket A and B) (Rulemaking - Water)

ORIGINAL

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

DATES, TIMES, AND PLACE:

OCTOBER 19, 2010

9:00 a.m. JRTC Auditorium James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Chicago, IL

OCTOBER 20, 2010

9:00 a.m. Room C-500 Michael A. Bilandic Building 160 N. LaSalle Chicago, IL

PURPOSE OF HEARINGS:

Merit and Economic

ATTENDING BOARD MEMBER:

G. Tanner Girard

HEARING OFFICER:

Marie E. Tipsord

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On August 5, 2010, the Board granted a motion filed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) to hold additional hearings in subdocket B concerning the final report on the Chicago Health Environmental Exposure and Recreation Study (CHEERS). A prehearing conference was held on August 18, 2010, to discuss potential hearing dates and participants agreed on potential hearing dates. The hearings on

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CHEERS are scheduled for October 19 and 20, 2010. Prefiled testimony shall be filed by September 20, 2010, and prefiled questions by October 4, 2010.

In addition for Subdocket A, this hearing is scheduled to fulfill the statutory obligations under Section 27(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/27(b) (2008)). Section 27(b) of the Act requires the Board to request the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to conduct an economic impact study on certain proposed rules prior to adoption of those rules. If DCEO chooses to conduct the economic impact study, DCEO has 30 to 45 days after such request to produce a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. The Board must then make the economic impact study, or DCEO's explanation for not conducting the study, available to the public at least 20 days before a public hearing on the economic impact of the proposed rules. The Board sent to DCEO the request on August 11, 2010. The Board has not yet received a response from DCEO.

All filings in this proceeding will be available on the Board's web page at <u>www.ipcb.state.il.us</u> and participants may file electronically on the Board's web page. The prefiled testimony and questions must be served on the persons on the service list, except it is not necessary to serve the hearing officer with the prefiled testimony and questions for these hearings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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