

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 14, 1975

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY,)
 Petitioner)
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 v.) PCB 74-16
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)
 Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Dumelle):

Commonwealth Edison Company (hereinafter "Petitioner") filed a Petition For Modification Of Order on January 29, 1975. This petition sought a modification of an order dated January 3, 1975 which granted Petitioner a variance from the particulate limitations found in Rule 3-3.112 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Control of Air Pollution (hereinafter "Air Rules") as they apply to units 1 and 2 at the Sabrooke Generating Station located in Rockford, Illinois.

In the previous variance case, Petitioner was granted a variance until January 30, 1975 for Sabrooke Units 1 and 2. Unit 1 was removed from service on January 9, 1975. Petitioner states that Unit 2 is currently being operated in accordance with the restrictions set out within the order in Commonwealth Edison Company v. EPA, PCB 74-16 (January 3, 1975). Petitioner states that the Sabrooke Unit 3, which utilizes distillate oil as fuel, will be operational on February 15, 1975. Petitioner seeks a two week extension of the previously granted variance in order to utilize Sabrooke Unit 2 at minimal levels necessary to provide steam for water demineralizers, heating the station, or to prevent stack deterioration until Unit 3 is in operation. In addition, Petitioner seeks a modification of the operating restrictions on Unit 2 until Petitioner can utilize the remaining approximately 2,000 tons of coal in order to remove this potential source of dust and water pollution.

Because of the necessity of operating one unit at the Sabrooke Station at some minimal level, the short duration of the extension, and the removal of a potential air and water pollution source, the Board finds that the order entered in PCB 74-16 on January 3, 1975 should be modified as requested by Petitioner.


The Pollution Control Board hereby orders that Paragraph 5 of the Order granted in Commonwealth Edison Company

v. EPA, PCB 74-16 (January 3, 1975) be modified in accordance with the following:

With respect to Sabrooke Station Unit 2 variance is granted from Rule 3-3.112 until February 15, 1975, subject to the following condition: Sabrooke Unit 2 shall be operated only after all available Edison capacity has been utilized, including Waukegan 7. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, however, Sabrooke Unit 2 may be operated at the minimal level necessary to provide steam was water demineralizers, heating the station, to prevent stack deterioration, and to assure consumption before close-down on February 15, 1975 of all coal now at Sabrooke Station.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Order was adopted on the 16th day of February, 1975 by a vote of 4-0.


Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board