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Mr. John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

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**Re: Support for Requested Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24**

Dear Mr. Therriault:

As Waukegan Public Library Board of Trustees, we are residents of Waukegan as well, and applaud the efforts that Midwest Generation has made and plans to make in pursuing a healthier environment. They are also an active participant in our community and support necessary programs in education, literacy and health, and have generously supported library programs and initiatives since 2007.

On behalf of the Library Board, I respectfully request that the Illinois Pollution Control Board approve Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from comprehensive state regulations that have ensured ongoing reductions in air emissions from the company's plants from 2008 to 2019.

I also would ask that the IPCB consider that it granted Ameren relief just a few months ago that went beyond what Midwest Generation is requesting.

Midwest Generation employs 845 men and women; 64 percent of them union members. It provides jobs for hundreds of additional workers, most of them members of the building and construction trades. It spends close to \$400 million on goods and services from Illinois companies and to support various Illinois organizations, and nearly \$5 million on local property taxes. It also provides energy to homes and businesses throughout our state. It is deserving of your support for the requested variance.

Sincerely,

*Charmaine Harris*

Charmaine Harris, PhD.  
WPL Board President

*cc: Mark Nagel*