



Will County

CENTER for ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

January 28, 2013

Mr. John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
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**Re: Support for Midwest Generation's Requested Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24**

Dear Mr. Therriault:

The Will County Center for Economic Development (CED) is a private nonprofit development corporation whose mission is to assist in the retention and attraction of business and industry in Will County. The CED supports Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from certain State of Illinois air pollution control requirements. It is a reasonable request for a small amount of regulatory flexibility that can greatly benefit local economies and jobs.

Midwest Generation operates its Illinois plants safely and with integrity and is committed to supporting local communities surrounding its plants. They have always done an excellent job of explaining its environmental responsibilities and compliance with state and federal regulations.

Obviously health and safety considerations come first. But Midwest Generation has demonstrated time and again it understands its role as an engaged corporate citizen of our community. Will County needs Midwest Generation to continue to provide jobs and contribute dollars to our economies and government budgets.

Like others in its industry, Midwest Generation is going through a tough time financially due to depressed energy prices at the same time it's required to make additional capital investments to meet new air quality regulations.

The temporary relief requested by Midwest Generation is intended to help the company manage through a period of financial hardship and hopefully avoid plants closings and layoffs. The Will County and Joliet generating stations provide good jobs for local residents and much-needed tax dollars for government services and schools. It invests time, energy and dollars in our community.

The CED urges the Illinois Pollution Control Board to approve Midwest Generation's request.

Thank you for considering and registering my comment.

Sincerely,

John E. Greuling  
President & CEO