

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of John Cronan <jecronan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 3:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Support for the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007

Pct# 4487

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

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Nationally, coal-fired power plants are the largest sources of SO₂ and mercury emissions, and are among the largest single source emitters of NO_x. Emissions of these air pollutants impact human and ecosystem health in a number of ways. High levels of SO₂ and NO_x can exacerbate respiratory symptoms in at-risk individuals (including children and the elderly), including asthma and COPD attacks. Exposure to mercury, a potent neurotoxin, can result in developmental delays (e.g. speech, motor, and memory skills) in children, and cause nervous system damage in adults. Wildlife and plant species are also impacted by the toxic effects of these pollutants, (e.g. reproductive impacts of mercury to wildlife, SO₂-derived acid rain damage to foliage).

In addition to the health impacts of directly regulated chemicals, SO₂ and NO_x are also precursors to other harmful pollutants such as fine particulate matter and ground-level ozone. Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) is a complex mixture of solid and liquid particles, and a very large proportion of measured PM_{2.5} results from the chemical transformation of SO₂ and various NO_x molecules in the atmosphere.

Numerous scientific studies and authoritative panels have identified PM_{2.5} as harmful to human health, with causal linkages found between short- and long-term exposures and premature mortality and cardiovascular effects. According to a 2010 report by the National Research Council, in 2005 alone, the annual health and related damages from particulate, NO_x, and SO₂ cost the public \$62 billion (2007 USD). The vast majority (\$53 billion) of these costs were due to health damages associated with the transformation of SO₂ into PM_{2.5}.

As it stands, the CPS is designed to require substantial reductions in the emission rates of SO₂, NO_x, and mercury. These reductions will allow for substantial gains in the public health of our state and surrounding regions, particularly for vulnerable populations and areas that do not meet federal air quality standards. Notably, two coal-fired power plants regulated by the CPS are in areas that the Illinois EPA has identified as not attaining federal SO₂ standards. By maintaining the present CPS emission rate requirements for each of the pollutants, you will ensure that the health improvements behind the spirit of the law remain intact, and that the public does not bear the costs of polluter non-compliance. We applaud you for your decision to put the CPS in place six years ago, and we ask that you continue to show your support for this standard by voting against any effort to weaken its protective power.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Cronan
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Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of Lucy Park <tiger@uic.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 8:47 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Support for the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007

Feb 5, 2013

P CT#4488

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Sincerely,

Dr. Lucy Park
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Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of David Cugell <mymble@northwestern.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 5:17 PM
To: Therriault, John
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Sincerely,

Dr. David Cugell
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Evanston, IL 60201-2583
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Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Matthew Schmitz <mattschmitz7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

PCB #4490

Dear Control Board Members,

Please reject Midwest Generation's request for a variance of the historic clean air standards Illinois adopted in 2006 (docket no. PCB 2013-024). Hold the company to its previous commitment, which is vital to protecting public health and the environment.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Schmitz
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Lindenhurst, IL 60046-8326

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Victor Miller <vicsmiller@sbcglobal.net>
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Sincerely,

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Lincolnshire, IL 60069-4418
(847) 597-1991

PC#4491

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Fraser <ehf@bookbeast.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013



PCB 4492

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Fraser
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Chicago, IL 60626-6262

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Mollie Bunis <mollie@stratphilanthropy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Mollie Bunis
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Chicago, IL 60613-2599
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PCB#4493

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Andrew Fisher <fishorgn1580@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

Don't let Midwest Generation create a loophole to continue pouring tons of toxic air pollution through! Please reject Midwest Generation's request for a variance of the historic clean air standards Illinois adopted in 2006 (docket no. PCB 2013-024). Hold the company to its previous commitment, which is vital to protecting public health and the environment.

It is the responsibility and duty of the Board to protect Illinois residents from being taken advantage of by companies like Midwest Generation, which has delayed compliance with clean air laws for long enough and which has hidden behind threats to slash jobs and close plants. As you know from the Board's earlier experience with Ameren, a variance doesn't guarantee jobs or that plants will stay open.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Fisher
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Evanston, IL 60201-4494

Pct#4494

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Lois Lipton <lois.lipton@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

Please reject Midwest Generation's request for a variance of the historic clean air standards Illinois adopted in 2006 (docket no. PCB 2013-024). Hold the company to its previous commitment, which is vital to protecting public health and the environment.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lois Lipton
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Chicago, IL 60654-7573
(312) 587-0835

Pet#495

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Richard Stuckey <rjstuckey@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

Please reject Midwest Generation's request for a variance of the historic clean air standards Illinois adopted in 2006 (docket no. PCB 2013-024). Hold the company to its previous commitment, which is vital to protecting public health and the environment.

It is the responsibility and duty of the Board to protect Illinois residents from being taken advantage of by companies like Midwest Generation, which has delayed compliance with clean air laws for long enough and which has hidden behind threats to slash jobs and close plants. As you know from the Board's earlier experience with Ameren, a variance doesn't guarantee jobs or that plants will stay open.

Besides, we don't need these plants to stay open. They are among the worst environmental polluters in the area. The sooner they close down the better. So, please, no more extension for polluters.

The people of Illinois should not have to suffer from years of extra pollution. Midwest Generation should live up to their promise to install modern pollution controls on schedule or, preferably, just shut down NOW.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Stuckey
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Chicago, IL 60614-5016

PCB#02496

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Matt Slade <matt.slade@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Pet # 4497

Dear Control Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Slade
230 Theodore St
Loves Park, IL 61111-4052

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Michael Henningson <trussguy@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 2:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Henningson
711 Downing Pl
Geneva, IL 60134-3488

PC#4498

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Ryan Williams <ryan.l.williams@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 2:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

Please reject Midwest Generation's request for a variance of the historic clean air standards Illinois adopted in 2006 (docket no. PCB 2013-024). Hold the company to its previous commitment, which is vital to protecting public health and the environment.

As the IPCB knows from the earlier experience with Ameren, permitting a variance does NOT guarantee jobs or that plants will stay open.

It is the responsibility and duty of the Board to protect Illinois residents from suffering the harmful effects of pollution produced by companies like Midwest Generation, which has fought and delayed compliance with clean air laws for years, always hiding behind threats to slash jobs and close plants that are already destined for failure due to declining energy prices and competition from clean energy providers such as Integrys.

The people of Illinois should not have to suffer the permanent effects of harmful pollution to grant an exception to the law on behalf of a failing industry. Midwest Generation must live up to their promise to install modern pollution controls on schedule with no exceptions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Williams
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(312) 405-0045

PC# 4499

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of John Mass man <massmjw55@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 2:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Mass man
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Antioch, IL 60002-7422

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Laura Alonzo <lauraalonzo38@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 2:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

PCB 4501

Dear Control Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Alonzo
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Chicago, IL 60638-1343
(773) 586-2212

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Susan D. Lannin <susan82@earthlink.net>
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To: Therriault, John
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Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

pcb#4502

Dear Control Board Members,

I urge you to reject Midwest Generation's request for a variance of the historic clean air standards Illinois adopted in 2006 (docket no. PCB 2013-024). I ask that you please hold this company to its previous commitment in order to protect public health and our environment.

If granted, this variance won't solve Midwest Generation's overall financial problems. It won't guarantee that their plants stay open or that the plant workers keep their jobs. What it will do is allow dirty coal plants to pollute at higher levels for two more years.

The people of Illinois deserve the clean air they were promised.

Midwest Generation must be held to what they have promised: to install modern pollution controls on schedule.

It is the responsibility and duty of the Board to protect Illinois residents from companies like Midwest Generation, who delay compliance with clean air laws and hide behind threats to slash jobs and close plants. As you know from the Board's earlier experience with Ameren, a variance doesn't guarantee jobs or that plants will stay open. These companies must follow the law. They have benefitted from earlier grace periods. It is time for them to live up to their part of the agreement.

The people of Illinois should not have to suffer from years of extra pollution. Midwest Generation should live up to their promise to install modern pollution controls on schedule.

Sincerely,

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Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Edward Hatfield <edhatfield1@comcast.net>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Hatfield
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Lisle, IL 60532-3152

PC#4508.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ben Alsip
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PCB#4504

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Melanie Eckner <tekst@operamail.com>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Melanie Eckner
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Chicago, IL 60640-4264

PC# 4805

Therriault, John

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PC#4506

Sincerely,

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Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Gracia Bittner <gbittner@bww.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 3:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 5, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

Please reject Midwest Generation's request for a variance of the historic clean air standards Illinois adopted in 2006 (docket no. PCB 2013-024). Hold the company to its previous commitment, which is vital to protecting public health and the environment.

It is the responsibility and duty of the Board to protect Illinois residents from being taken advantage of by companies like Midwest Generation, which has delayed compliance with clean air laws for long enough and which has hidden behind threats to slash jobs and close plants. As you know from the Board's earlier experience with Ameren, a variance doesn't guarantee jobs or that plants will stay open.

The people of Illinois should not have to suffer from years of extra pollution. Midwest Generation should live up to their promise to install modern pollution controls on schedule.

Sincerely,

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of Sarah Lovinger <greendoc99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 3:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Support for the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007

Feb 5, 2013

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Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 3:11 PM
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Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of Rowland Chang <rwchang@northwestern.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 3:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Support for the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007

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Sincerely,

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Chicago, IL 60601-3218

PCB 13-24

Re: Support for Midwest Generation's Requested Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24

I support Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from Illinois pollution control regulations (Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24).

Midwest Generation is a major provider of jobs -- at its plants and at Illinois businesses that supply them with products and services. Nearly 65 percent of its 850 employees are union members, and hundreds of union members in the building and construction trades also work on special projects in the plants -- such as installing new pollution controls.

Granting the variance can help sustain the positive impact of the company's operations on local communities and businesses and help preserve property tax revenues for education and municipal services.

Even if granted the variance, Midwest Generation would still hit the original state emissions targets by the end of the program in 2019, and will reduce emissions from 2013-2016 more than was expected when current regulations were adopted.

Thank you for considering and registering my comment.

Sincerely,

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PC#4512

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

Dear Mr. Therriault:

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Thank you for considering my letter.

NAME

Elani Hightower

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Tipsord, Marie

To: Deanna_Glosser@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Tell Midwest Generation to Stop Polluting Illinois, Object to Its Petition for a Variance!

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PC #4513

From: "Howard A. Learner" <howardalearner@elpc.org>
To: "deanna glosser" <deanna_glosser@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2013 10:08:25 AM
Subject: Tell Midwest Generation to Stop Polluting Illinois, Object to Its Petition for a Variance!



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Dear Deanna,

In 2006, Illinois made history by adopting a "best in the nation" mercury pollution reduction standard. Now, one of the largest utilities in the state – Midwest Generation – is trying to get a waiver that would allow it to delay complying with some of the key pollution reductions it agreed to. **During the public comment period, you have the opportunity to ask the Illinois Pollution Control Board to reject Midwest Generation's request for a waiver.**

The original agreement included new clean air standards for mercury, sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrous oxide (NO_x) – pollutants that harm human health and the environment. Midwest Generation committed to a schedule for reducing its SO₂ and NO_x pollution in return for more time to make its mercury reductions.

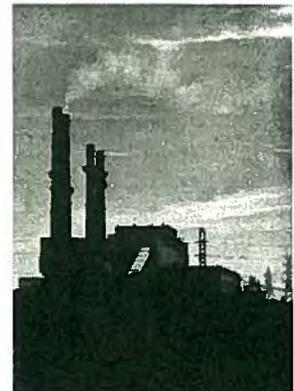
The state held up its side of the bargain, and Midwest Generation got more time, but now Midwest Generation is asking to weaken its commitments. **Ask the Illinois Pollution Control Board to reject Midwest Generation's request.**

If granted, this variance won't solve Midwest Generation's overall financial problems. It won't guarantee that their plants stay open or that the plant workers keep their jobs. What it will do is allow dirty coal plants to pollute at higher levels for two more years.

The people of Illinois deserve the clean air they were promised. Midwest Generation should live up to that promise by installing modern pollution controls on schedule. **Please take time to tell the Illinois Pollution Control Board to deny Midwest Generation's variance request.**

Sincerely,

Faith E. Buzel



Faith E. Bugal
ELPC Senior Clean Air Attorney

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Mr. John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
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PCB 13-24

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Thank you for considering my letter.

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January 24, 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:

I am writing as Illinois State Senator for the 43rd District to register my official support for Midwest Generation's request to the Illinois Pollution Control Board for temporary relief from certain State of Illinois air pollution control requirements.

Similar to many in its industry, Midwest Generation is experiencing financial difficulties at the same time it is required to make additional capital investments to meet new air quality regulations. The temporary relief Midwest Generation is seeking would allow Midwest Generation the flexibility it needs to achieve the following:

- Its long-term commitment to meeting air quality regulations;
- The reliable supply of electricity to millions of Illinois households;
- Continued employment of hundreds of area residents;
- Payment of valuable property taxes to schools, municipalities, and other units of local government.

I urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to approve Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief.

Thank you for registering my comment in the official record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat McGuire".

Pat McGuire
State Senator, 43rd District

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Re: Support for Midwest Generation's Requested Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24

Dear Mr. Therriault:

On behalf of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, I would like to be on record with the Illinois Pollution Control Board as supporting Midwest Generation in its request for short-term relief from state regulations governing emissions at its coal-fired power plants.

The company's request is straightforward, reasonable and falls in line with our support for rational regulatory flexibility while still leaving intact the overall goal and timeline established by the board. The adjustment will still provide positive benefits for the people of Illinois and predictability in the energy marketplace.

Midwest Generation's request for permission to restructure the investment schedule during just two years of the State's 12-year emissions reductions program would seem a reasonable modification. The company is not shirking its responsibilities or commitments to the overall goals of the program; it is merely asking to defer some capital expenses as it goes through a financial restructuring – something that could not have been predicted when the program was put in place more than a decade ago.

Your approval of Midwest Generation's docket is a practical accommodation for the company to continue to operate and keep our fellow citizens employed and productive. The company uses Illinois suppliers of all sizes to purchases hundreds of millions of dollars of goods

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and services. It pays nearly \$5 million in property taxes and has always shown a strong commitment to corporate citizenship through involvement in community, civic and charitable organizations.

Therefore: since Midwest Generation provides important baseload energy to the PJM market; since they have been true to their word and satisfied previous upgrades to facilities with more than \$300 million dollars of investment; since they employ thousands of hard-working Illinoisans; and, finally, since they are not asking for an extension of the regulatory goal, but for the opportunity to adjust the investment schedule of the regulatory agreement -- the Illinois Chamber respectfully asks the Pollution Control Board to approve Midwest Generation's request.

Thank you for considering and registering my comment.

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf
Executive Director, Energy Council
Illinois Chamber of Commerce