

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Martin Culik <mnculik@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 9:47 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. Martin Culik
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Bloomington, IL 61704-1513
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Serena Larkin <slarkinenvt@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Serena Larkin
952 NW Holcomb Dr
Mundelein, IL 60060-1849

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Drew Foxx
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Carbondale, IL 62901-1318

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Sincerely,

Dr. Max Margolis
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Dave Wilms <dwilms20@gmail.com>
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Mr. Dave Wilms
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Libertyville, IL 60048-1339
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of George Alonzo <chico399@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 8:19 AM
To: Therriault, John
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Sincerely,

Mr. George Alonzo
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Chicago, IL 60609-1143

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Pollution Control Board

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Joe Alonzo <jbam65@yahoo.com>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Joe Alonzo
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Karen Nason <karennason@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 8:49 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Nason
6430 27th St
Berwyn, IL 60402-2762

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of Victoria Persky <vwprsky@uic.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 6:48 AM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Support for the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007

Feb 6, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

As health professionals living and working in Illinois, we support the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007. By controlling power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and mercury, the CPS helps protect the air we breathe, the local fish we eat, and the wildlife and natural spaces we love from harmful pollution. We are concerned by the present effort to weaken the CPS before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. We urge you to vote against any action eroding requirements of the CPS standards.

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.

2/6/2013

PC # 4577

Sincerely,

Dr. Victoria Persky
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Chicago, IL 60612-4310
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Jery hutchinson <hutch@hutchinson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 8:49 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Jery hutchinson
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Oak Park, IL 60302-1562

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Laura Davis <lauramdavis90@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 9:19 AM
To: Therriault, John
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Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Davis
2134 Harrowgate Drive
Inverness, IL 60010-5425
(847) 304-4275

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PC # 4580

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Mary Simon <mary@thesimon.co>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 1:19 PM
To: Therriault, John
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Simon
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Chicago, IL 60640-1639
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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Colleen Sarna <colleen.sarna@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 1:32 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

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Illinois Pollution Control Board

Dear Control Board,

I object to Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance, Docket No. PCB 2013-024.

The Midwest Generation coal plants are some of the biggest emitters of sulfur dioxide in Illinois. Sulfur dioxide poses a serious threat to our health and our environment by contributing to asthma attacks, chronic pulmonary disease, and respiratory hospitalizations.

Granting these delays for Midwest Generation does not ensure the long-term stability of their workers' jobs and the company has provided no clear plan for how it will stay in compliance with the changes they have asked for. Like Ameren, they may well abandon operations in the near future.

The Illinois Pollution Control Board has an obligation to protect the health of Illinois residents and should uphold the agreement that was made in 2007 to reduce harmful pollution from Illinois' aging coal plants. This is critical for my health and our environment and I respectfully ask that you deny Midwest Generation's variance request.

Sincerely,

Colleen Sarna
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Chicago, IL 60601-7447
(312) 251-1680

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Andrew Weithe <alweithe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 10:19 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Weithe
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Chicago, IL 60622-5531

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of DENNIS NELSON <dennisonelson987@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 10:19 AM
To: Therriault, John
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Dear Control Board Members,

As an energy-environmental researcher, I am one of the original activists working on cleaner energy and cleaner air matters since around the first "EARTH DAY" (April 22, 1970)--going on 43 years now, strong! PLEASE REJECT MIDWEST GENERATION'S REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE OF THE HISTORIC CLEANER AIR STANDARDS, REGARDING RETROFITTING ITS EXISTING COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS WITH UP-TO-DATE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY, WHICH ILLINOIS ADOPTED IN 2006 (Docket No. PCB

2013-024) [Under the original agreement, the cleaner air standards were to reduce mercury, sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen oxides (NO_x).

Then, Midwest Generation committed to a schedule for cutting its SO₂ and NO_x pollutants in return for more time to make its reductions in mercury emissions. The State of IL held up its end of the bargain, and Midwest Generation got more time. Unfortunately, now, the company wants its commitment WEAKENED! Its 'dirty' coal-fired power plants would CONTINUE POLLUTING AT HIGHER LEVELS (BEYOND THE LEGAL LIMIT) FOR TWO MORE YEARS!! Outrageous and unacceptable!!! The Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) MUST HOLD Midwest Generation to its previous commitment, which is vital to protecting our health and environmental quality.

It is the RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY of the Illinois Pollution Control Board to protect Illinoisan residents from being taken advantage of by companies like Midwest Generation-- which has DELAYED COMPLIANCE with our cleaner air laws for WAY TOO LONG, and which has hidden behind threats to slash coal plant workers' jobs AND close its coal plants. As you know from the IPCB's earlier experience with Ameren, a variance does NOT necessarily guarantee jobs or that the plants will stay open.

The people of the "Land of Lincoln" should NOT have to suffer from two more years of additional toxic mercury pollution.

MIDWEST GENERATION SHOULD LIVE UP TO ITS PROMISE TO INSTALL THE BEST AVAILABLE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT ON ITS CURRENT COAL PLANTS ASAP.

Sincerely,

Mr. DENNIS NELSON
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Chicago, IL 60608-5513

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Nancy Albrecht <nancy.albrecht@rcn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 10:49 AM
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Mrs. Nancy Albrecht
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Chicago, IL 60610-8404

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Donald Fricker <donfricker@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 10:49 AM
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Mr. Donald Fricker
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Mr. Mark Anderson
1301 W Belmont Ave
Chicago, IL 60657-3208
(773) 665-0277

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of n schmitt <ns1224@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 11:19 AM
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Dr. n schmitt
1274 W Lexington St
Chicago, IL 60607-4110

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Nicholas Noe <nnoe@niu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 12:49 PM
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Lisa Albrecht <lisa@solarserviceinc.com>
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Diane Dwyer <dwyerdi2005@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 12:49 PM
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(773) 334-5114

2/6/2013

PC # 4592

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Sincerely,

Mr. Aaron Charfoos
3743 N Hermitage Ave
Chicago, IL 60613-3508

2/6/2013

PC # 4594

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Patricia Armstrong <pat4nature@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:20 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 6, 2013

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Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia Armstrong
612 Staunton Rd
Naperville, IL 60565-2607
(630) 983-8404

Therriault, John

From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of Paul Brandt-Rauf <pwb1@uic.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 2:50 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Support for the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007

Feb 6, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board Members

Dear Control Board Members,

As health professionals living and working in Illinois, we support the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007. By controlling power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and mercury, the CPS helps protect the air we breathe, the local fish we eat, and the wildlife and natural spaces we love from harmful pollution. We are concerned by the present effort to weaken the CPS before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. We urge you to vote against any action eroding requirements of the CPS standards.

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.

2/6/2013

PC # 4597

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Brandt-Rauf

Skokie, IL 60076
(646) 417-4250

Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Avi Schwartz <sierra-club@shlavi.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Avi Schwartz
880 Mulberry Ct
Grayslake, IL 60030-3768

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Michael Brill <mdbrill@architex-ljh.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Michael Brill
4524 Rfd
Long Grove, IL 60047-9735

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Denise Olhava <denolhava@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Denise Olhava
232 Woodstone Cir
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-6701
(847) 520-1392

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Pamela Davies <pamela126@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Pamela Davies
514 Harris Dr
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-1658

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Barbara Adams <bladams4@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Barbara Adams
660 Creekside Cir
Gurnee, IL 60031-2057

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Jim Thale <jsthale@comcast.net>
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Sincerely,

Jim Thale
1150 Somerset Ave
Deerfield, IL 60015-2944

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Michael Streaan <mike@streaan.com>
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Sincerely,

Michael Streaan
38764 Linden Ave
Beach Park, IL 60099-3424

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Bill Shorts
<wshorts@derse.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Bill Shorts
411 Franklin St
Waukegan, IL 60085-4034
(847) 473-2149

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Lisa Lerner <lisalerner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:33 PM
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Sincerely,

Lisa Lerner
921 Ambria Dr
Mundelein, IL 60060-4815
(847) 566-3510

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Jacqueline Stingle <jjstingle@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Jacqueline Stingle
1131 Waterview Cir
Antioch, IL 60002-6210
(847) 395-0496

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Andrej Tasic <mtosic@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Andrej Tasic
585 Huntington Cir
Lake Villa, IL 60046-5231

Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Trudy Hourigan <thourigan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Trudy Hourigan
21660 N Hanover Hills Rd
Barrington, IL 60010-2447

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Scott Treiber <docscotty@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Scott Treiber
4 Fox Trl
Lincolnshire, IL 60069-4009

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of David Sher <davidsher@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:33 PM
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Sincerely,

David Sher
145 N Milwaukee Ave Apt 3027
Vernon Hills, IL 60061-4177
(847) 793-7192

Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Verena Owen <baumling@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Verena Owen
421 Ravine Dr
Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096-1333
(847) 872-1707

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Kattherine Aynilian <kaynilian@sbcglobal.net>
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Sincerely,

Kattherine Aynilian
1211 Loyola Dr
Libertyville, IL 60048-1290

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of John Carter <jcarter@cap.org>
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John Carter
22118 W Spruce Dr
Antioch, IL 60002-9376
(847) 395-7698

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Joanne Tully <jforestmike@att.nwt>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:33 PM
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Sincerely,

Joanne Tully
3531 Doechestwr
Gurnee, IL 60021

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Peggy Johannsen <pegbraun@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:33 PM
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