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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Marie Foley <marie_foley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 10:21 AM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 7, 2013

Illinois Pollution Control Board

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Sincerely,

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Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1727
(847) 362-4157

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Carly Norris <norriscarly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 10:22 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Carly Norris
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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Barbara Mistele <bcmistele@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 10:58 AM
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We are looking for you to fix your problems and be a better steward of our corner of Lake County!

Sincerely,

Diane Ower
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Zion, IL 60099-5117
(847) 254-4538

Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Marjorie Stueckemann <mdstueck@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 11:24 AM
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Marjorie Stueckemann
611 Harvard Ln
Libertyville, IL 60048-3447
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <scientistnetwork@elpc.org> on behalf of YONG CAO <yongcao@illinois.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 12:56 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Support for the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2007

Feb 7, 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.

Sincerely,

Dr. YONG CAO

Champaign, IL

Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Cathy Keffer <cathykeffer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 12:52 PM
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Cathy Keffer
1800 Thompson Ave
Zion, IL 60099-1799

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Joe Fox <joefox@illinoisalumni.org>
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Joe Fox
1801 Sherwood Rd
Highland Park, IL 60035-2266

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Laura Pearson <ljpface@gmail.com>
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Laura Pearson
256 E Grand Ave
Apt 3
Fox Lake, IL 60020-1685

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Peggy Schramm <crazymonkeyinc@sbcglobal.net>
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Sincerely,

Peggy Schramm
1335 N Jackson St
Waukegan, IL 60085-1858

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Andy McDonough <amcdonough74@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 12:25 PM
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Sincerely,

Andy McDonough
1189 Oak Trail Dr
Libertyville, IL 60048-3409
(847) 875-0096

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Marie Irene Lee
606 N Emerald Ave
Mundelein, IL 60060-1711

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The Reverend Carol Bowen
572 S Essington Dr
Round Lake, IL 60073-5632
(224) 338-0626

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Barbara Foster <notbarbarafoster@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 1:26 PM
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Ms. Barbara Foster
315 Keystone Ave
River Forest, IL 60305-2023
(708) 366-7068

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Teresa Kania <terrykania@msn.com>
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Teresa Kania
2352 N Sunrise Dr
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Steve Jones
740 Mellody Rd
Lake Forest, IL 60045-2042

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Elizabeth Treiber
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Lincolnshire, IL 60069-4009
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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of Kendra Massey <kmassey@mybpl.org>
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Ms. Kendra Massey
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Skokie, IL 60076-2353

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Margaret Alsaraf <alsaraf@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 2:52 PM
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Margaret Alsaraf
25909 W Steeplebush Ln
Round Lake, IL 60073-5213

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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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Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Roberta Wolk <bobbiwolk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 3:52 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Please Reject Midwest Generation's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2013-024)

Feb 7, 2013

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,

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From: Environmental Law and Policy Center <elpcinfo@elpc.org> on behalf of John Bredin <jbbredin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 4:26 PM
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Sincerely,

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