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**IN SUPPORT OF MIDWEST GENERATION'S
REQUESTED VARIANCE**

**ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
DOCKET NUMBER PCB 13-24**

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board**

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

PC# 8509

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

Dear Mr. Therriault:

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.

Midwest Generation is merely asking permission to reduce, not eliminate, spending on environmental improvements during two years in the middle of a 12-year emissions reduction program. The company has been meeting all of its environmental commitments under state regulations, and even with the variance, would meet all requirements by the time the state program ends in 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. And it provides energy to homes and businesses throughout our state. It is deserving of your support for the requested variance.

Thank you for considering my letter.


Elizabeth Nevarez
Executive Director

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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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