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

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

Dear Mr. Therriault:

On behalf of the National Latino Education Institute (NLEI), I support Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from regulations that prohibit reasonable accommodations to address air emissions reductions from the company's plants through the year 2019.

Midwest Generation requests permission to reduce, not eliminate, spending on environmental improvements for two years during the 12-year emissions reduction program. It is my understanding that 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.

Midwest Generation employs over 800 men and women—many of whom are union members, and provides jobs for hundreds of building and construction tradespeople. Annually, the company spends nearly \$400 million on Illinois goods and services and \$5 million on local property taxes. Equally important, Midwest Generation has a deeply rooted sense of social responsibility. This is evidenced by their financial and social commitment to the State's human services and business organizations such as NLEI. In partnership with Midwest Generation, NLEI has helped thousands of individuals launch rewarding careers by creating pathways of lifelong learning that lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Leading by example, Midwest Generation's continued support of such programs and services will help thousands more reach their education and employment goals thereby enriching their communities and contributing to the State's economic prosperity.

Thank you for your consideration of Midwest Generation's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elba Aranda-Suh", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Elba Aranda-Suh
Executive Director