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Jim Schultz, Director
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
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Re: Request for Economic Impact Study on: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 214, Sulfur Limitations, Part 217, Nitrogen Oxides Emissions, and Part 225, Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources
Board Docket R15-21

Dear Director Schultz:

I am writing to request that your Department conduct an economic impact study concerning the above rulemaking proposal. On April 28, 2015, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed this rulemaking generally proposing to control emissions of sulfur dioxide in and around areas designated as nonattainment with respect to the 2010 sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The Agency filed the proposal pursuant to Sections 4, 10, 27, 28, and 28.2 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) and Section 102.202 of the Board's procedural rules. 415 ILCS 5/4, 10, 27, 28, 28.2 (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.202.

Section 27(b) of the Act requires, among other things, that the Board do the following:

- (1) request that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity conduct a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. The Department may within 30 to 45 days of such request produce a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. At a minimum, the economic impact study shall address (A) economic, environmental, and public health benefits that may be achieved through compliance with the proposed rules, (B) the effects of the proposed rules on employment levels, commercial productivity, the economic growth of small businesses with 100 or less employees, and the State's overall economy, and (C) the cost per unit of pollution reduced and the variability in cost based on the size of the facility and the percentage of company revenues expected to be used to implement the proposed rules; and

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- (2) conduct at least one public hearing on the economic impact of those new rules. At least 20 days before the hearing, the Board shall notify the public of the hearing and make the economic impact study, or the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's explanation for not producing an economic impact study, available to the public. Such public hearing may be held simultaneously or as a part of any Board hearing considering such new rules. 415 ILCS 5/27(b) (2012).

If I, or my staff, can provide you with any additional information, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Deanna Glosser, Ph.D.
Chairman
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cc: John T. Therriault, Clerk