

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 2, 1972

CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC)	
SERVICE COMPANY)	PCB 71-261
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v.)	PCB 71-263
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)	

OPINION OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Kissel):

On February 21, 1972, Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPCo) submitted a Petition for Clarification to the Board. This Petition sought clarification of Paragraph 2 of the Board Order which reads as follows:

- "2. (PCB 71-262) From Units #1 and #2, at the Hutsonville Station, until January 1, 1974, provided that:
- a. Units #1 and #2 shall be on "hot standby" as defined in the Board's opinion only until September 30, 1972; and
 - b. After September 30, 1972, Units #1 and #2 shall be placed on "cold standby" as defined in the opinion, only until January 1, 1974."

CIPCo indicates that it is presently evaluating the feasibility of converting Hutsonville #1 and #2 boilers to oil. The use of oil as a fuel source would apparently bring the plant into compliance with the Illinois air pollution regulations. CIPCo then questions whether Section 2(b) of the Order acts as a limiting factor upon CIPCo's operations by insisting that the plant remain on "cold standby" until January 1, 1974. The Board Order is not intended to mandate that the plant remain on "cold standby", but only to insure that if the boilers are to be operated in violation of the applicable regulations after September 30, 1972, that they then be operated only on a "cold standby" basis. If CIPCo's change of fuel results in the Hutsonville #1 and #2 boilers coming into compliance, there exists no need at all for a variance.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion this 2nd of March, 1972, by a vote of 4-0.

Christan L. Moffett