

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 22, 1972

APPLICATION OF COMMONWEALTH EDISON)
CO. AND IOWA-ILLINOIS GAS & ELECTRIC) # 71-20
CO. (QUAD-CITIES))

Supplementary Order of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

The applicants by letter of February 15 have informed us that pursuant to Iowa requirements they plan to construct a spray canal to accommodate one-half of the plant's cooling water discharge. They ask whether additional proceedings before us are necessary to obtain permission to construct this canal. We say no.

The original hearings preceding our issuance of the Quad-Cities permit contained ample evidence as to the good and bad effects of spray canals, as a serious issue in that proceeding was whether or not such a canal should be required. Our conclusion was that no such canal was necessary at the time, not that it was undesirable. As we understand the new plan, it will give further assurance that the Illinois standards for river temperature will be met. The evidence does not indicate that fogging or other side effects will be so great as to forbid the use of the canal. No modification of the initial permit is necessary.

The applicants further state their intention to seek a modification of the permit to allow operation without the diffuser pipe during the spring of 1972 because of regulatory delays in obtaining permits to construct the diffuser. We do not construe the February 15 letter as that request; when the applicants are ready they may submit such a request and we shall entertain it. It appears likely that a hearing will be necessary on such an application, and we urge that its filing not be unduly delayed.

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Supplementary Order this 22 day of February, 1972 by a vote of 5-0.

