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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PRAIRIE STATE GENERATING)	
COMPANY, LLC,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	PCB No. 25 – 11
)	(Permit Appeal – Air)
)	
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY’S RESPONSE TO PRAIRIE
STATE GENERATING COMPANY, LLC’S MOTION TO CLARIFY**

Respondent Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“Illinois EPA”) files this response to Prairie State Generating Company, LLC’s Motion to Clarify (“Motion”).

The Illinois EPA generally agrees with Prairie State Generating Company, LLC (“Prairie State”) that the Clean Air Act Permit Program (“CAAPP”) application currently under Illinois EPA review is the same CAAPP application that was deemed administratively complete on May 18, 2011. *See Answer Including Certificate of Record on Appeal*, at 3 (Oct. 4, 2024). The Board’s Opinion and Order (“Board Order”) is premised on the finding that the Illinois EPA must act on the original 2011 CAAPP permit application within the Board’s specified schedule, subject to a requirement that Prairie State update the application. Board Order, at 5-6 (Dec. 5, 2024). Any reading that the order compels Prairie State to submit an altogether new application is erroneous, as the narrative of the Board Order plainly refers to an “updated” application, which was urged by the Illinois EPA to assure that changes in facility operations since the submittal of the original application are current. The Board Order, with respect to the language “updated, complete application,” is merely referencing the need for updated information to the application to assure

completeness of the Illinois EPA's review in the general sense, not the standard of administrative completeness met by the applicant earlier in the permit proceeding. *Id.* at 6.

Accordingly, the Illinois EPA supports the Board clarifying the second paragraph in the narrative of the Board Order to ensure that Prairie State is obligated to submit an updated application and not a new application that would entail an additional administrative completeness review and further delays in the permit proceeding.

In its request for relief, Prairie State requests, *inter alia*, that the Board replace "references to a 'new CAAPP permit application' . . . with references to 'a further update to its 2011 CAAPP permit application'." Motion, at 4. To the extent that any clarification is necessary, the Illinois EPA is generally supportive of granting Prairie State's Motion but would propose the following clarification to the second paragraph in the narrative of the Board Order:

Replacing references to "its new CAAPP permit application" with "an updated CAAPP permit application."

No additional clarification to the Board Order is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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