ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD March 19, 1998

L. KELLER OIL PROPERTIES, INC.,)	
Petitioner,)	
v.)	PCB 98-116
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL,))	(UST - FRD)
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.A. Manning):

On March 13, 1998, L. Keller Oil Properties, Inc. (petitioner) filed a petition for review of an Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) final determination regarding eligibility for reimbursement from the Underground Storage Tank Fund. The OSFM issued a final reimbursement decision on February 18, 1998. The final determination concerns petitioner's site located at 1106 West Fayette, Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois. This matter is accepted for hearing.

The hearing must be scheduled and completed in a timely manner. The Board will assign a hearing officer to conduct hearings consistent with this order, and the Clerk of the Board shall promptly issue appropriate directions to that assigned hearing officer.

The assigned hearing officer shall inform the Clerk of the Board of the time and location of the hearing at least 30 days in advance of the hearing so that a 21-day public notice of hearing may be published. After hearing, the hearing officer shall submit an exhibit list, a statement regarding credibility of witnesses, and all actual exhibits to the Board within five days of the hearing.

If after appropriate consultation with the parties, the parties fail to provide an acceptable hearing date or if after an attempt the hearing officer is unable to consult with the parties, the hearing officer shall unilaterally set a hearing date in conformance with the schedule above. The hearing officer and the parties are encouraged to expedite this proceeding as much as possible.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 19th day of March 1998 by a vote of 7-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board