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STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

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Ms. Claire Manning, Chair Illinois Pollution Control Board 100 West Randolph St. - Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601

> Re: Petition of Rhodia, Inc., and Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District for An Adjusted Standard from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208 and 304.105 AS 01-9 (Adjusted Standard – Water)

Dear Ms. Manning:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Pollution Control Board act favorably on the above-captioned Adjusted Standard Petition filed by the Thorn Creek Sanitary District and Rhodia. Rhodia is an extremely important employer in Chicago Heights who currently employs approximately 250 people. It is my understanding that the requested relief which is supported by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will allow Rhodia to immediately increase its monthly production which will have the effect of generating hundreds of thousands of dollars of additional revenue which is critically needed. The long-term impact of the requested relief will allow Rhodia to make a capital investment in its existing facility. Both the revenue enhancement for the existing facility as well as the capital investment will go a long way to ensure that Rhodia remains an important employer in Chicago Heights. Please favorably act upon this request for an Adjusted Standard as soon as possible so that we can ensure that this important employer remains in Chicago Heights.

Very truly yours,

Angelo Aliambrone

Angelo A. Ciambrone Mayor of Chicago Heights

cc: Jim Daugherty, Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Sean D. Schnepper, Rhodia, Inc. Renee Cipriano, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency