

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
September 15, 1994

CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY)	
OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 94-252
)	(Provisional Variance)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

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

Pursuant to Section 35(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/35(b)), Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) recommend that the Board grant a provisional variance to allow Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois to obtain water main construction permits from the Agency during a period of Restricted Status. Such request for a provisional variance and the Notification of Recommendation was filed with the Board by the Agency on Wednesday, September 14, 1994. Pursuant to Section 35(b) of the Act, the Board must issue the variance within two (2) days of this filing.

Pursuant to Section 35(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/35(b)), the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency), by and through its Director, Mary A. Gade, seeks a provisional variance for Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois in order to allow it to construct water main extensions.

Specifically, the Agency recommends that we grant Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois a (forty-five) 45-day provisional variance for its DuPage County facility from Standards of Issuance and Restricted Status requirements as set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 602.105(b) and 602.106(a), but only as the rules relate to water storage capacity of the within Liberty Ridge Estates public water supply. The Agency request that this provisional variance shall commence on the date of the Board Order granting it and continue for a period not longer than 45 days.

The Agency recommends that the Board grant the requested provisional variance with specified conditions. The Agency agrees that the repairs are necessary. The Agency anticipates that the requested provisional variance would have minimal environmental impact on the receiving stream. The Agency is unaware of any public water supplies that the requested provisional variance would adversely impact. The Agency

maintains that a grant of a provisional variance would violate no federal laws. The Agency finds that a denial of the requested provisional variance would create an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on the petitioner.

Provisional variances are by their very nature temporary. The responsibilities of the Agency and the Board in these short-term provisional variances are different from the responsibilities in standard variances. (See 415 ILCS 5/35 (b) & 36(c)). In provisional variances it is the responsibility of the Agency to make the technical determinations and finding of arbitrary or unreasonable hardship. The Board's responsibility is to adopt a formal order, to assure the formal maintenance of the record, to assure the enforceability of the variance, and to provide notification of the action by a press release.

Having received the Agency recommendation finding that a denial of the requested relief would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship, the Board hereby grants the petitioner a provisional variance from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 602.105(b) and 602.106(a), on the following conditions:

1. The term of this provisional variance shall commence on September 15, 1994 and continue for a period not longer than 45 days.;
2. Until the 22,000 gallon hydropneumatic storage tank is installed and operational, the Agency will issue construct-only permits for the extension of water mains to petitioner's facility.
3. The petitioner shall, upon completion of the 22,000 gallon hydropneumatic storage tank, notify in writing Leonard Lindstrom, P.E., Regional Manager, of the Agency's Elgin Regional office, 595 S. State, Elgin Illinois 60123 within five (5) days.

Petitioner shall execute a copy of a Certificate of Acceptance of this provisional variance and forward that copy within ten (10) days of the date of this order of the Board to the Agency:

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and the Certificate of Acceptance shall take the following form:

CERTIFICATION

I (We), _____,
hereby accept and agree to be bound by all terms
and conditions of the order of the Pollution
Control Board in PCB 94-252, September 15, 1994.

Petitioner

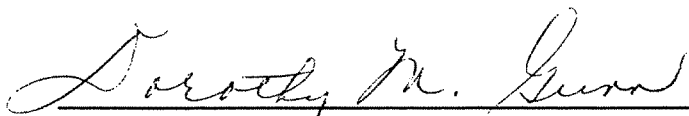
Authorized Agent

Title

Date

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control
Board, do hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the
15th day of September, 1994, by a vote of
6-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board