

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
May 7, 1992

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, )  
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Petitioner, )  
 )  
v. ) PCB 90-244  
 ) (Permit Appeal)  
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL )  
PROTECTION AGENCY, )  
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Respondent. )

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by M. Nardulli):

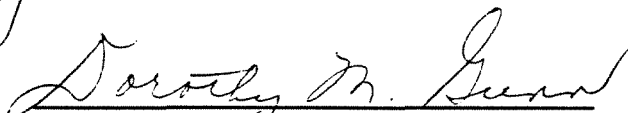
This matter comes before the Board on a joint motion for reconsideration and extension of hearing date filed on May 5, 1992. By the instant motion, the parties ask that the Board reconsider its decision of April 9, 1992 directing the hearing officer to set this matter for hearing. The order directed the hearing officer to schedule this matter for hearing by May 11, 1992, and to finish all hearings by July 15, 1992.

This petition was filed with the Board on December 26, 1990. The parties assert that they have been working together since the filing of the petition in order to resolve this matter. Specifically, the parties have engaged in settlement telephone conferences and meetings on January 11, 1991 and on January 16, 1992. Additionally, General Electric Company (GE) conducted a technical investigation and issued a revised draft work plan on August 28, 1991. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) responded to the draft work plan with comments on January 15, 1992, and GE submitted a technical response to the Agency's written comments on March 18, 1992. The parties have scheduled another settlement meeting for June 1, 1992. Finally, GE has recently hired a new environmental manager and GE believes his input will be essential in the upcoming settlement negotiations. For these reasons, the parties assert that scheduling a hearing in this matter would not promote settlement.

The Board hereby grants the parties' motion to reconsider. Upon reconsideration, the Board vacates the Board's April 9, 1992 order. Additionally, the Board directs the parties to file a status report with the Board to be received by the Board no later than June 30, 1992. The Board notes that the June 30, 1992 date will allow the Board the time necessary to hold a hearing prior to the December 31, 1992 decision deadline, if a hearing is necessary.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1992, by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board