

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
June 7, 2001

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
)  
Complainant, )  
)  
v. ) PCB 97-26  
) (Enforcement – Water)  
CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE )  
COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN CIPS, )  
)  
Respondent. )

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by R.C. Flemal):

On March 7, 2001, the parties filed a stipulation and proposal for settlement. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposal for settlement filed by the parties in this matter. The complaint alleged that respondent violated Sections 12(a), (b) and (f) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/12(a), (b) and (f) (2000)) and Section 304.120(a), 304.141(a) and 620.410 of the Board's regulations on effluent standards and groundwater quality.

Pursuant to Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2000)), the Board caused publication of the required newspaper notice of the stipulation and proposal for settlement and request for relief from the hearing requirement. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. Accordingly, the Board grants a waiver of the hearing requirement.

The stipulation and proposal for settlement sets forth the facts relating to the nature, operations, and circumstances surrounding the allegations in the complaint. The stipulation does not indicate whether respondent either admits or denies the alleged violations, but respondent does agree to pay a civil penalty of \$50,000. Respondent must continue to comply with any federal, State or local regulations including, but not limited to, the Act and the Board's regulations.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusion of law in this matter.

ORDER

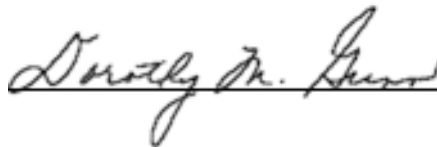
1. The Board hereby accepts the stipulation and settlement agreement executed by the People of the State of Illinois and respondent, concerning its facility located in Crawford County, Illinois. The stipulation and settlement agreement is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. The respondent, shall pay the sum of \$50,000 within 30 days of the date of this order. Such payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, designated to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and respondent's federal employer identification number shall also be included on the check (or money order) and should clearly indicate that payment is directed to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund.
  
3. The check (or money order) shall be sent by first class mail to:  
  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Fiscal Services Division  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
  
4. Any such penalty not paid within the time prescribed shall incur interest at the rate set forth in subsection (a) of Section 1003 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, (35 ILCS 5/1003), as now or hereafter amended, from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. Interest shall not accrue during the pendency of an appeal during which payment of the penalty has been stayed.
  
5. Respondent shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/41 (2000)) provides for the appeal of final Board orders to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days of the date of service of this order. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establish such filing requirements. See 172 Ill. 2d R. 335; see also Ill. Adm. Code 101.520 and 902, Motions for Reconsideration.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above opinion and order was adopted on the 7th day of June 2001 by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board