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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on behalf of the LTV STEEL COMPANY, I have filed with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board **POST HEARING COMMENTS** of LTV Steel Company, copies of which are hereby served on you.

LTV STEEL COMPANY

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POST HEARING COMMENTS OF LTV STEEL COMPANY

LTV Steel Company ("LTV Steel"), by and through its attorneys Ross & Hardies, files these post-hearing comments in the above rulemaking. LTV Steel appreciates the opportunity to testify in this proceeding and submits these comments to follow up on that testimony.

As Mr. Rich Zavoda testified (Exhibit 6), LTV Steel's Boiler Number 4B at its Chicago Coke Plant was inadvertently not included in the proposed Appendix E attached to Part 217, Subpart U. Boiler 4B has been a permitted source since 1975 and received its Title V permit on June 15, 2000. LTV Steel's air permit contains a New Source Performance Standard NOx emission limit of .20 lbs/mmbtu. It is essential that LTV Steel's Boiler 4B be included because Appendix E identifies the primary sources to which this rulemaking applies and permanently allocates NOx emissions to those sources. Sources not included in Appendix E would have to either opt in or receive allocations from the new source set aside. Boiler 4B plainly should have been included in Appendix E and should be treated similarly to the other sources which are already listed.

The failure to include Boiler 4B could have serious consequences. At worst, LTV Steel would not be able to use its boiler at full capacity which would threaten the operation of its Chicago

Coke Plant. More likely, LTV Steel would have to purchase allocations on the open market (assuming such are available) at an unknown cost. These additional costs would place LTV Steel at a severe economic disadvantage at a time when steel companies are already suffering through a serious economic downturn. It should be noted that LTV filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on December 29, 2000.

Immediately prior to and during the hearings, LTV Steel initiated discussions with the IEPA regarding this issue. As Ms. Kroak indicated in her testimony, these discussions have been useful. The IEPA agrees that LTV Steel should be included in Appendix E and has initiated discussions with the USEPA that indicates that this mistake can be corrected. Despite the issuance of a Title V permit, which specifically limited the NOX emissions, USEPA's inventory did not accurately reflect the size and capacity of this boiler. At this point, it appears that the IEPA may be able to obtain allocations to allow Boiler 4B to continue operations.

At the hearing, LTV Steel suggested, and the IEPA agreed, that this unit should be added to Appendix E with an appropriate footnote to suggest that the proposed allocations were subject to USEPA approval. Based on that testimony at the hearing, LTV Steel suggests the following be included in Appendix E:

LTV STEEL COMPANY 031600AMC [UNIT DESIGNATION] Boiler No 4 135¹ 131¹

LTV Steel strongly urges the Board to amend Appendix E to add this language. LTV Steel should have been included in Appendix E originally and obtained a Title V permit for its facility, which specifically listed this boiler and limited its NOx emissions. LTV Steel was not included through sheer inadvertence and not from any determination that it should

¹ Pursuant to Section 217.660(f), the Budget Allocation for LTV Steel Company is subject to approval and adjustment by the USEPA.

not but be included in the budget allocations. This unit will be subject to these regulations and should be considered an Appendix E unit similar to those already included in the Appendix. The Agency agrees that this unit should be included. Further, since the allocations will be issued by USEPA and will not be taken from those issued to other units, the inclusion of LTV Steel will not prejudice the interests of any other company already included in Appendix E.

LTV Steel suggests the budget allocation of 135 tons based on its prefiled testimony (Exhibit 6) and its direct testimony at the second hearing (T. 49-54). Since that hearing, LTV Steel and the Agency have continued to discuss the appropriate number that should be included in Appendix E and have not yet arrived at an agreement. LTV Steel strongly suggests that the Board include a number in the table rather than an asterisk as proposed by the Agency, and urges the Board to adopt the number on which there was testimony at the hearing. Even after the record closes, LTV and the IEPA will continue to negotiate the appropriate budget value to be used and will present that agreed number to the USEPA.

For all these reasons, LTV Steel respectfully requests the Board to adopt this proposed language.

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