

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 23, 1997

OK SERVICE CENTER,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	PCB 97-97
)	(UST - Reimbursement)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

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

On December 2, 1996 the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) and OK Service Center (petitioner) filed a joint notice of extension of the 35-day appeal period pursuant to Section 40 of the Environmental Protection Act, relating to the October 23, 1996 Agency determination. The Agency requested the extension "to January 21, 1997, or any other date not more than a total of 90 days from the date of the Agency's final determination." The Agency issued a final reimbursement decision on October 23, 1996, accompanied by Attachment A which contains the stated reasons for deductions. The final determination concerns the petitioners' site located at 3400 West Armitage, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. On January 21, 1997 the Board received the petitioners' petition for review. This matter is accepted for hearing.

The hearing must be scheduled and completed in a timely manner, consistent with Board practices and the applicable statutory decision deadline, or the decision deadline as extended by a waiver. (Petitioner may file a waiver of the statutory decision deadline pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.105.) The Board will assign a hearing officer to conduct hearings consistent with this order, and the Clerk of the Board shall promptly issue appropriate directions to that assigned hearing officer.

The assigned hearing officer shall inform the Clerk of the Board of the time and location of the hearing at least 40 days in advance of hearing so that public notice of hearing may be published. After hearing, the hearing officer shall submit an exhibit list, a statement regarding credibility of witnesses, and all actual exhibits to the Board within five days of the hearing.

Any briefing schedule shall provide for final filings as expeditiously as possible and, in time-limited cases, no later than 30 days prior to the decision due date, which is the final regularly scheduled Board meeting date on or before the statutory or deferred decision deadline. Absent any future waivers of the decision deadline, the statutory decision deadline is

now May 21, 1997 (120 days from January 21, 1997); the Board meeting immediately preceding the decision deadline is scheduled for May 15, 1997.

If after appropriate consultation with the parties, the parties fail to provide an acceptable hearing date or if after an attempt the hearing officer is unable to consult with the parties, the hearing officer shall unilaterally set a hearing date in conformance with the schedule above. The hearing officer and the parties are encouraged to expedite this proceeding as much as possible. The Board notes that Board rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.102) require the Agency to file the entire Agency record of the reimbursement application within 14 days of notice of the petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 1997, by a vote of _____.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board