

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
October 10, 1972

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY)
(Dresden Unit #3))
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v.) PCB 72-350
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)
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INTERIM OPINION & ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Dumelle)

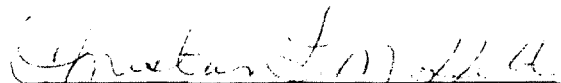
This is a petition for a one-year extension of the variance granted to Edison on November 23, 1971 (PCB 70-21) from the thermal standards outside of the applicable mixing zone on the Illinois River. That variance, by its own terms, will expire on November 23, 1972.

We find it necessary to conduct a public hearing on this new petition in order to fully comprehend the current situation. Among other issues, we would like to have more information on: the extent of the need for Dresden power in view of the recent Quad-Cities plant startup; the degree of improved water quality in this reach of the Illinois River as a result of improved treatment upstream by both the GAF Corporation and the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago; and the degree to which the river diffuser acts as a barrier to the passage of fish.

The variance granted on November 23, 1971 is hereby extended for sixty (60) days (January 22, 1973) on the condition that Edison files, by November 1, 1972, a written waiver of the right to a final decision within 90 days from the filing date of the pending petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Interim Opinion & Order were adopted on the 10 day of October, 1972 by a vote of 5-0.


Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board