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January 13, 2004

The Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
c/o The Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street
Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

PC#1

Re: R04-11
Ameren Elgin Site Specific Noise Rulemaking

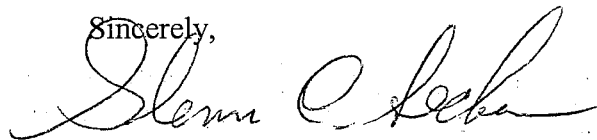
Dear Board Members:

Realen Homes, L.P. is the owner and developer of the property often referred to as the Realen Property in the Petition before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The property is directly west from the Ameren Elgin Facility located on Gifford Road, which road acts as the City of Elgin/Village of Bartlett boundary. As explained by Ameren in its Petition, Realen purchased the property from the SWANCC, and petitioned the Village of Bartlett to annex and zone the property to permit the construction of 210 homes and 119 town homes in 32 buildings on the property beginning in 2004.

The Village of Bartlett granted Realen's petition to annex and zone the property for the aforesaid residential use. Realen has been discussing with Ameren the impact of this land use change on its Elgin Facility. Ameren has shared with us and we have examined the noise studies and noise surveys Ameren conducted in 2000 and 2003, as well as the site specific noise levels it proposes for its Facility to the Board. Realen intends to utilize double pain insulated glass windows and insulated exterior walls and ceilings which should help minimize any noise issues.

Based upon the review of the Petition and its supporting evidence, I agree with Ameren that the Board should grant the site specific noise emission limits requested. I make this endorsement confident that should these limits be adopted by the Board, the future homeowners will be able to fully enjoy use of the homes offered by Realen in the Village of Bartlett.

Sincerely,



Counsel for Realen Homes

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