ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD January 21, 1993

BRAUN'S STANDARD SERVICE,)
Petitioner,	{
v.) PCB 92-184) (Underground Storage Tank Pund) Reimbursement Determination)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,	
Respondent.	}

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. C. Marlin):

This matter comes before the Board on petitioner's December 1, 1992, appeal of the Agency's decision to deny reimbursement of corrective action costs. On December 21, 1992, petitioner filed an open waiver of its right to final Board action as provided for in Section 40 of the Environmental Protection Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 111 1/2 par. 1040 (1991)). On January 6, 1993, petitioner filed a motion to continue the hearing and final decision. On January 8, 1993, the Agency filed a response in support of the motion to continue. On January 12, 1993, the hearing officer issued an order canceling the January 19, 1993, hearing.

Petitioner asserts that the issues raised in <u>State Bank of Whittington</u>, PCB 92-152, are substantially similar to those in the instant matter. Therefore, petitioner requests a continuance pending the outcome of that case. The decision date in <u>State Bank of Whittington</u> has been waived until May 20, 1993.

The Board construes the motion to continue as a request for a stay in the proceedings. The Board does not favor open-ended "continuances" or stays of proceedings. Accordingly, the Board hereby orders a stay of proceedings in this matter until June 3, 1993. The parties are directed to confer with the hearing officer during the week of May 24, 1993, after which the hearing officer shall enter an appropriate order designed to bring these proceedings to an expeditious conclusion.

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 _________, 1993, by a vote of _________.

Dorothy M. Sinn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board