

IN SUPPORT OF MIDWEST GENERATION'S
REQUESTED VARIANCE

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
DOCKET NUMBER PCB 13-24

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Mr. John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Re: Support for Requested Variance, Docket No. PCB 13-24

Dear Mr. Therriault:

I respectfully request that the Illinois Pollution Control Board approve Midwest Generation's request for temporary relief from comprehensive state regulations that have ensured ongoing reductions in air emissions from the company's plants from 2008 to 2019.

Midwest Generation is merely asking permission to reduce, not eliminate, spending on environmental improvements during two years in the middle of a 12-year emissions reduction program. The company has been meeting all of its environmental commitments under state regulations, and even with the variance, would meet all requirements by the time the state program ends in 2019.

I also would ask that the IPCB consider that it granted Ameren relief just a few months ago that went beyond what Midwest Generation is requesting.

Midwest Generation employs 845 men and women, 64 percent of them union members. It provides jobs for hundreds of additional workers, most of them members of the building and construction trades. It spends close to \$400 million on goods and services from Illinois companies and to support various Illinois organizations, and nearly \$5 million on local property taxes. And it provides energy to homes and businesses throughout our state. It is deserving of your support for the requested variance.

Thank you for considering my letter.

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