BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

EXELON GENERATION LLC,)
Petitioner,))
v.	ý
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)))
Respondent.)

PCB 16-106 (Variance- Air)

NOTICE OF FILING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we have today electronically filed **Petitioner's Response to the Recommendation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency** with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

Dated: July 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

EXELON GENERATION LLC

By: <u>/s/ Katharine F. Newman</u>

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PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.220, Exelon Generation LLC ("Exelon Generation") submits the following response to the Recommendation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Recommendation") to the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") regarding Exelon Generation's Petition for Variance ("Petition") for Exelon Generation's Byron, Clinton, Dresden and LaSalle nuclear generating stations.

Exelon Generation filed its Petition with the Board on May 18, 2016. In accordance with the requirements of 35 III. Adm. Code 104.216, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") filed its Recommendation on July 5, 2016. The Recommendation states that Illinois EPA has no objection to the Board granting Exelon Generation's Petition. Recommendation at ¶ 38. Illinois EPA does not believe that the requested variance will result in any injury to the public or environment. Recommendation at ¶ 29. Estimated SO₂ emissions from the requested variance are "extremely unlikely" to impact any current SO₂ nonattainment area or potential future nonattainment areas. Recommendation at ¶ 29. Additionally, Illinois EPA has no objection to the cost estimates and data used in the Petition or to the compliance plan proposed by Exelon Generation in its Petition. Recommendation at ¶ 28-29, 34, 36.

Exelon Generation reviewed Illinois EPA's Recommendation and concurs with the Agency's conclusions. Exelon Generation appreciates the opportunity to respond to Illinois EPA's Recommendation.

Dated: July 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that on July 14, 2016, I electronically served the attached **Petitioner's Response to the Recommendation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency** on the following persons:

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