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RE: Illinois Rural Water Association Regarding Docket R18-17

The Illinois Rural Water Association (Association), which represents more than 850 small community water supplies (under 10,000 population) has reviewed R18-17 and supports the Illinois Pollution Control Board moving this Docket forward to Second Notice.

While elements of this rulemaking have stimulated testimony from several witnesses in the water supply industry and from state agencies, these rules are, overwhelmingly needed. Specifically, the bulk of Illinois' current regulations regarding design, operation and maintenance of community water supply systems have not been updated since the 1980s and are currently found in five different rules. This proposal would provide a much-needed, logical and concise framework to ensure Illinois water consumers receive the best quality water possible.

Truly, the Association believes that it is in the best interest of Illinois' water consumers that this proposal be moved forward and not be allowed to languish to the point that interested parties must start this important regulatory proposal process over again.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Dunmire, Executive Director  
Illinois Rural Water Association

cc. John Kim, Acting Director  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency