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**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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PRAIRIE STATE GENERATING STATION) PSD APPEAL NO. 05-05
PERMIT NUMBER 189808AAB)

NOTICE

To:

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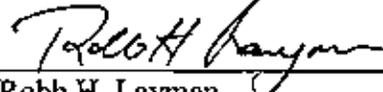
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Clerk of the Environmental Appeals Board an original (1) and five (5) copies of **APPEARANCES** and a **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE** of the Respondent, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted by,



Robb H. Layman
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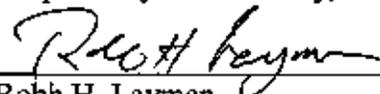
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APPEARANCE

NOW COMES Robb H. Layman, Assistant Counsel, and enters his appearance on behalf of the Respondent, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, in the above-captioned matter.

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NOW COMES Sally Carter, Assistant Counsel, and enters her appearance on behalf of the Respondent, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, in the above-captioned matter.

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE RESPONSE**

NOW COMES the Respondent, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("Illinois EPA"), by and through its attorneys, and moves the ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD ("Board") for an extension of the time to file a Response to the Petition for Review (hereinafter "Petition") filed by the Petitioners, SIERRA CLUB ("Sierra Club"), *et al.*, in the above-captioned matter.

1. Petitioners filed their Petition with the Board on June 8, 2005, seeking a review of a PSD permit determination by the Illinois EPA involving PRAIRIE STATE GENERATING STATION ("Prairie State"). The Board received the Petition on the same date.

2. The Clerk of the Board sent a copy of the Petition, together with a cover letter detailing instructions for responding to the appeal, to the Illinois EPA on June 10, 2005. The Illinois EPA received the materials on June 16, 2005. Counsel for Petitioners had previously sent the Illinois EPA an electronic copy of the Petition on June 8, 2005.

3. By the instructions contained in the Board's cover letter, the Board requested that the Illinois EPA file a formal Response to the Petition, including any relevant excerpts from the administrative record and a certified index of the entire

administrative record. If summary disposition would be sought, the Response was due with the Board by June 24, 2005. If a more detailed response to the merits of the Petition would be sought, the Response was due with the Board by no later than July 11, 2005.

4. At this juncture, the undersigned attorneys for the Illinois EPA anticipate that a handful of issues raised in the Petition may present possible grounds for summary disposition. By and large, most of the issues raised in the Petition will require a detailed response to their respective merits.

5. The Petition itself identifies twenty-one principal issues for appeal. However, the total number of sub-issues raised in the Petition is sixty and, based on current estimates, many of those sixty sub-issues involve complex technical matters.

6. One of the undersigned attorneys became involved with permitting issues relating to the Prairie State project as early as January 2004 and since that time, most of that attorney's resources have been devoted to this project alone. Prior to the filing of this appeal, her primary involvement in the case has included the assembly and preparation of a voluminous Administrative Record for this cause (i.e., estimated to consist of approximately 40,000 pages), the preparation and assembly of two state Freedom of Information Act requests, motion filings and providing review and comments to draft permits and Responsiveness Summary documents. Due to the press of those related case matters, that attorney was generally unable to begin responding to the issues raised in the Petition until shortly after a copy of the Petition was emailed to the Illinois EPA on June 8, 2005.

7. The other undersigned attorney became involved with the permitting issues relating to Prairie State in mid to late February 2005. His primary involvement

included the assembly and preparation of two state Freedom of Information Act requests, motion filings and providing review and comments to the most recent Responsiveness Summary document. Due to the press of those matters, as well as other enforcement case matters unrelated to the present appeal, that attorney was generally unable to begin responding to the issues raised in the Petition until on or after June 15, 2005.

8. As a result of the delays occasioned by the breadth of the issues raised in the appeal and other matters, the undersigned attorneys expect that a Response will require at least an additional two and one-half weeks (i.e., 18 days) to prepare and finalize. Of the sixty sub-issues raised in the appeal, the attorneys have generated draft responses to approximately one-half of the issues at the time of the filing of this Motion. Because of the magnitude of the project, it should be noted that the attorneys' supervisors recently authorized the enlistment of three other attorneys and one paralegal to assist in the development of the Illinois EPA's response.

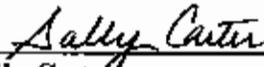
9. Based on the foregoing, the Illinois EPA formally requests an extension of 18 days in which to file its formal Response with the Board. Upon the granting of this Motion, every effort will be made by the undersigned attorneys to file the Illinois EPA's Response, together with relevant copies of the Administrative Record and a certified index of the entire Administrative Record, with the Board by Friday, July 29, 2005.

10. The grant of this extension of the filing date will ensure that the Response will fully address all of the legal and technical issues raised by the Petitioners in their appeal. In addition, an extension of this time period will not result in any hardship or prejudice to the Petitioners.

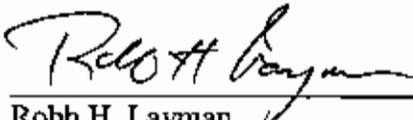
WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA respectfully requests that the Board grant this Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to thereby allow the filing of the Response to be served with the Board no later than Friday, July 29, 2005.

Respectfully submitted by,

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 6th day of July, 2005, I did send, by express mail for next-day delivery, one (1) original and five (5) copies of the following instruments entitled **APPEARANCES** and **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE** to:

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and a true and correct copy of the same foregoing instruments, by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully paid and deposited into the possession of the United States Postal Service on the 7th day of July, 2005, to:

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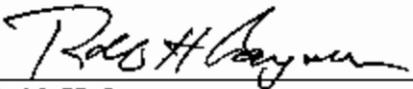
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A copy of the instruments was also faxed to both the Clerk of the Board and Bruce Nilles, Counsel for Sierra Club, on July 6, 2005.



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