

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
Proposed Issuance of Construction Permits/)
PSD Approvals to United States Steel Corporation)
in Granite City and Gateway Energy & Coke)
Company, LLC in Granite City)

ORDER

A public hearing regarding the above captioned matter was held November 8, 2007, in Granite City, Illinois. This matter had been set to receive written comments until closure of the record on December 8, 2007. On November 26, 2007, the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic, Washington University School of Law, on behalf of the American Bottom Conservancy, requested an extension of the comment period, specifically until December 22, 2007, to submit written comments due to the numerous legal and technical issues that are unusually complex. On November 29, 2007, Citizens for Smart Growth also requested an extension of the comment period, but did not specifically set forth an alternative closure date. On November 30, 2007, United States Steel Corporation and Gateway Energy & Coke Company, LLC, submitted a letter opposing any extension of the public comment period because timing is critical to the successful completion of the projects; however, in the alternative, if any extension is granted, such extension should not exceed one week. On November 30, 2007, the Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter, requested at least a two-week, or possibly longer, extension of time for public comments because of the complexity of the permitting and the many issues involved.

After due consideration, the Hearing Officer, pursuant to authority set forth under 35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 166.191, hereby grants the requests for extension and orders that the comment period in this matter is extended from December 8, 2007, to December 22, 2007. Accordingly, written comments must be postmarked by midnight December 22, 2007.

Date: December 3, 2007

John J. Kim, Hearing Officer