

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a State Construction Permit
and Notice of Public Hearing for
Reliant Energy Aurora, L.P.

Reliant Energy Aurora, L.P., has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct an electrical generation facility to be located on the northeast corner of Eola and Ferry Roads in Aurora. The facility would use ten natural gas fired turbines to produce approximately 950 megawatts of electricity. This facility would not be a major new source of air emissions pursuant to the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (40 CFR 52.21) or "Major Stationary Source Construction and Modification" (35 IAC Part 203) rules.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 3, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Plains Elementary School, 1322 North Eola Road in Aurora. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and data and to answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the permit. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight April 17, 2000. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to the Hearing Officer, see address below.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans" 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166. All questions about the hearing procedure, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the contact listed below. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made by March 20, 2000.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/ARD-R5/permits/ilonline.htm (please look for the documents under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Aurora Public Library, Eola Branch, 555 South Eola Road in Aurora and at the Illinois EPA's offices at 1701 South First Avenue in Maywood, 708/338-7900 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

For information or requests concerning the hearing, application or draft permits, please contact:

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