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**ACID RAIN PROGRAM
NOTICE OF DRAFT PHASE II PERMIT AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is proposing to issue a five year Acid Rain Phase II Permit for the Ameren Services, Gibson City Power Plant consistent with Section 39.5(17)(b), Title IV; Acid Rain Provisions, of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/1 et Seq.] and Titles IV and V of the Clean Air Act.

The acid rain permit contains provisions related to sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions and requires the owners and operators to hold SO₂ allowances to account for SO₂ emissions beginning in the year 2000. An allowance is a limited authorization to emit up to one ton of SO₂ during or after a specified calendar year. Although this plant was not eligible for an allowance allocated by USEPA, the owners or operators may obtain SO₂ allowances to cover emissions from other sources under a marketable allowance program.

This permit would not affect the Ameren Services, Gibson City Power plant's responsibility to meet all applicable local, state, and federal requirements. The designated representative and alternate designated representative for the Ameren Services, Gibson City Power plant is Mr. Paul A. Agathen, 314-554-2552 and Mr. Thomas E. Siedhoff, 314-554-2637.

Persons wanting more information may review the Illinois EPA's draft permit and the SO₂ and NO_x compliance plan at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street, Champaign and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield. The draft permit and compliance plan will be available upon request to the Illinois EPA.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of this permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight May 19, 2000. If sufficient interest is expressed in this revision, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217-782-2113, TDD phone number 217-782-9143.