

**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 Energy Generating Company, Grand Tower Power Station located on Ferry Road in Grand Tower 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 (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions and requires the owners and operators to hold SO<sub>2</sub> allowances to account for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions beginning in the year 2000. An allowance is a limited authorization to emit up to one ton of SO<sub>2</sub> 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 SO<sub>2</sub> allowances to cover emissions from other sources under a marketable allowance program.

This permit would not affect Ameren Energy Generating Company's responsibility to meet all applicable local, state, and federal requirements. The designated representative and alternate designated representative for the Grand Tower plant are Mr. Paul Agathen, 314/554-2552 and Mr. Michael L. Menne, 314/554-2816, respectively.

Persons wanting more information may review the Illinois EPA's draft permit and the SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> compliance plan at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2309 West Main Street in Marion, 618/993-7200 and 1340 North Ninth Street, Springfield, 217/782-7027. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request to the Illinois EPA.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of this permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 16, 2001. If sufficient interest is expressed in this permit, 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.