Extension of the Public Comment Period in the Matter of Planned Revisions to the Clean Air Act Permitting Program Permit City Water Light and Power in Springfield through September 29, 2016

The comment period in this matter had been scheduled to end on September 6, 2016, pursuant to the request to conduct a public hearing in this matter. On August 17, 2016, the Illinois EPA received a request for a comment period extension in this matter through September 30, 2016. The request is based, in part, on the public hearing being followed by and the original comment period closure date being preceded by a holiday weekend. The request also states that it is the “standard practice at IEPA” to allow for a one month comment period following a public hearing.

35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 166.191 provides, “Unless the Hearing Officer provides otherwise, the hearing record shall be closed 30 days after the date of the last hearing.” While unconvinced that a holiday weekend justifies a comment period extension, the Illinois EPA will extend the comment period to 30 days after the hearing in this matter. The comment period in this matter will now close on September 29, 2016. All comments should reference “City Water Light and Power” in the subject line of the comments and must be postmarked in sufficient time to be physically received by the Illinois EPA no later than September 29, 2016 unless other provisions have been approved by the Hearing Officer.

August 30, 2016

Dean Studer, Hearing Officer