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Mr. Darin LeCrone, P.E.  
Manager, Industrial Unit  
Bureau of Water, Division of Water Pollution Control, Permits Section  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
2520 West Iles  
Springfield, IL 72794-9276

Re: Newton Power Plant – Annual Progress Report to the Notice of Planned Participation to Achieve Permanent Cessation; NPDES Permit (IL0049191)

Dear Mr. LeCrone:

On January 20, 2021, Illinois Power Generating Company (IPGC) submitted a notice of planned participation (NOPP) to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), demonstrating that the Newton Power Plant's Unit 1 qualifies as an electric generating unit that will achieve permanent cessation of coal combustion no later than December 31, 2028. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 423.19(g)(3), IPGC submits this annual progress report.

As stated in the NOPP, the Newton Unit 1 boiler is scheduled to cease coal-fired operations by December 31, 2028. IPGC's pending Part A application under the federal CCR rule currently projects a retirement date of July 2027. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 423.119(g)(4)(iii), IPGC is certifying that a retirement filing is not currently required in MISO based on the currently projected shutdown of the facility in 2027. However, based on the projected retirement date set forth in the pending Part A application, IPGC estimates that it would make a retirement filing with MISO no later than July 1, 2026 under current MISO rules.

As required by 40 C.F.R. § 423.19(g)(4), since the submission of the previous progress report on December 20, 2023, with respect to cessation of coal operations by July 2027, there have been no updates to milestones, and no completed, missed, or delayed milestones. Although there have been delays in commencing construction activities due to permitting delays, circumstances have not changed with respect to the expected completion of closure activities by October 2028. A closure construction permit application, as required under 35 IAC Part 845, was prepared and submitted to IEPA on July 28, 2022. Upon IEPA permit approval and issuance, IPGC will proceed with the other action items detailed in the revised alternative closure demonstration.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Phil Morris at 618-606-7788 or phil.morris@vistracorp.com.

Sincerely,  
Illinois Power Generating Company – Newton Power Plant

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Morris".

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