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Dear Interested Party:

This letter is in reference to a Permit to Install application for Consumers Energy's proposed installation and operation of a new 930 MW (gross power output) coal-fired Advanced Supercritical Pulverized Coal boiler, steam turbine generator, and auxiliary processes and equipment at the existing Karn-Weadock Generating Station. The facility is located at 2742 North Weadock Highway, Essexville, Michigan. The Permit to Install application is identified as No. 341-07.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has announced a public comment period on the draft permit conditions, as required by state requirements and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51.161. The public comment period is to solicit written comments prior to making a final decision on the permit application. Written comments received during the comment period will be considered in the final permit decision. Please mail comments by May 6, 2009, to Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor, MDEQ, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760.

Comments may also be submitted from the webpage <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> (click on "Submit Comment" under the Consumers Energy, Karn-Weadock Facility - Permit to Install No. 341-07 listing). Comments sent via email must be received by midnight on May 6, 2009.

On March 26, 2009, an informational session in panel format will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center, Royal Troon Room, 2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City, Michigan. During this Question and Answer session staff will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed project.

The public hearings will be held on April 14 and 15, 2009, with formal testimony taken at that time.

On April 14, a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center, Royal Troon Room, 2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City, Michigan. Staff will be available to answer questions prior to the hearing from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in open-house format.

Additional public hearings will be held on April 15, 2009, starting at 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center, Royal Troon Room, 2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City, Michigan. Staff will be available to answer questions prior to the hearing from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in open-house format.

The sole purpose of the public hearing will be to take formal testimony on the record. During testimony, questions will not be answered; however, staff will be available to answer questions outside the hearing room.

After resolving any issues raised during the public comment period and the hearing, a final decision will be made on the permit application.

The "Notice of Air Pollution Comment Period and Public Hearing," the "Fact Sheet," and the draft permit conditions regarding our analysis of this proposed project are available at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> or you may contact me for printed copies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Chris Hare, MDEQ