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BEFORE THE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

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IN RE: PROPOSED RULEMAKING NOX EMISSION STANDARDS FOR
GLASS MELTING FURNACES

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BEFORE: PATRICK HENDERSON, Member

HEARING: May 19, 2008

2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building

400 Market Street

Room 105

Harrisburg, PA 17105

WITNESSES: NONE



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By Mr. Henderson

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. HENDERSON:

Good afternoon. I would like to welcome you to the Environmental Quality Board's public hearing on the proposed NOx Emission Standards for Glass Melting Furnaces rulemaking. My name is Patrick Henderson. I am a member of the Environmental Quality Board representing Senator Mary Jo White. I call this hearing to order at 2:05 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to formally accept testimony on the proposed NOx Emission Standards for Glass Melting Furnaces rulemaking. In addition to this hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will hold hearings on the proposed rulemaking in Wilkes-Barre on May 21st, 2008 and in Pittsburgh on May 23rd, 2008.

The proposed rulemaking is a part of the Commonwealth's strategy to reduce ozone transport to achieve and maintain the health-based eight-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard. The rulemaking establishes NOx emission control requirements, emission standards and emission limitations for glass melting furnaces during the ozone season, May 1st through September 30th, as well as other requirements

1 for the purpose of reducing NOx emissions from glass
2 melting furnaces effective May 1st, 2009.

3 Glass melting furnaces are one of the
4 largest industrial NOx emission source categories in
5 the Commonwealth and account for approximately 21
6 percent of the more than 45,000 tons per year of NOx
7 emitted into the air from all non-electric-generating
8 units in the Commonwealth. Under this rulemaking, the
9 owners or operators of these facilities will be
10 required to meet NOx emission limitations and emission
11 standards and to comply with administrative
12 requirements, including emissions monitoring and
13 reporting.

14 Compliance options, including emissions
15 averaging and the use of CAIR NOx Ozone Season
16 allowances, are included in the rulemaking to provide
17 owners and operators flexibility in meeting the
18 proposed standards. During the development of the
19 proposed rulemaking, the Department consulted with the
20 Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the
21 Citizens Advisory Council's Air Committee.

22 In order to give everyone an equal
23 opportunity to comment on this proposal, I would like
24 to establish the following ground rules. One, I will
25 first call upon the witnesses who have pre-registered

1 to testify at this hearing. After hearing from these
2 witnesses, I will provide any other interested parties
3 with the opportunity to testify as time allows. Two,
4 testimony is limited to ten minutes for each witness.
5 Three, organizations are requested to designate one
6 witness to present testimony on its behalf. Four,
7 each witness is asked to submit three written copies
8 of his or her testimony to aid in transcribing the
9 hearing. Please hand me your copies prior to
10 presenting your testimony. Five, please state your
11 name, address and affiliation for the record prior to
12 presenting your testimony. We would appreciate your
13 help by spelling names and terms that may not be
14 generally familiar so that the transcript can be as
15 accurate as possible. Six, because the purpose of the
16 hearing is to receive comments on the proposal, EQB
17 or DEP staff may question witnesses. However, the
18 witnesses may not question the EQB or DEP staff.

19 In addition to or in place of oral
20 testimony presented at today's hearing, interested
21 persons may also submit written comments on this
22 proposal. All comments must be received by the EQB on
23 or before June 23rd, 2008. Comments should be
24 addressed to the Environmental Quality Board, P.O. Box
25 8477, Harrisburg, PA, 17105-8477. Comments may also

1 be submitted by e-mail to the EQB at
2 RegComments@state.pa.us by June 23rd, 2008. All
3 comments received at this hearing, as well as written
4 or electronic comments received by June 23rd, 2008
5 will be considered by the EQB and will become included
6 in a comment/response document, which will be prepared
7 by the Department and reviewed by the EQB prior to the
8 Board taking its final action on this regulation.
9 Anyone interested in a copy of the transcript of this
10 hearing may contact the reporter here this afternoon
11 to arrange to purchase a copy.

12 I would now like to call the first
13 witness and we have no pre-registered witnesses today,
14 so I would invite anyone interested in offering
15 testimony to step forward. We will leave the record
16 open for a period of time to see if anyone arrives.

17 SHORT BREAK TAKEN

18 MR. HENDERSON:

19 We have no other witnesses present on
20 behalf of the Environmental Quality Board. I hereby
21 adjourn this hearing at 2:24 p.m.

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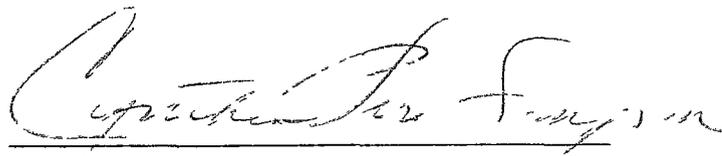
23 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 2:24 P.M.

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