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Mr. Terry Darton
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**Re: Public Record Regarding Proposed Merged-Stack Stationary Source Permit
to Operate, Mirant Potomac River Generating Station, Alexandria, Virginia**

Dear Mr. Darton:

The City of Alexandria appreciates VDEQ's decision to extend the public comment period on the above-referenced State Operating Permit ("SOP") from January 29, 2008 until February 13, 2008. The extended date adheres to the State Air Pollution Control Board's ("Board") direction that the comment period remain open for two weeks following the submission by Mirant of stack testing data on the use of sodium bicarbonate.

Unfortunately, although it submitted its sodium bicarbonate injection test report on January 30, 2008, Mirant has yet again flaunted the Board's direction and submitted data that is woefully inadequate, lacking as it does any information regarding sulfur dioxide ("SO₂") emissions, the very pollutant the new sorbent is intended to control. Furthermore, there is no comprehensive accounting of other pollutants affected by this change in the method of operation.

This report cannot be used as the basis for the closure of the public record in two weeks. It is categorically not what the Board directed and anticipated that Mirant would submit and is hardly worthy of public comment. Worse, it is entirely likely that Mirant will wait to submit SO₂ data until just before the close of the comment period so as to preclude public scrutiny of the test results. To avoid such an outcome, it is essential that VDEQ keep the public record open until two weeks following Mirant's submission of all relevant data regarding the sodium bicarbonate injection testing.

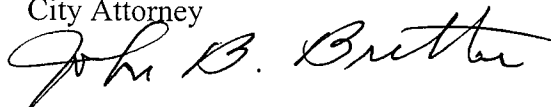
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Alexandria and the public rely on VDEQ to ensure fairness in this process. We strongly urge VDEQ not to permit Mirant to manipulate the process to its advantage.

Sincerely,



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