

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JO-CARROLL DEPOT LRA

Resolution No. 15

*A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority in support of the Rentech Energy Midwest Coal Gasification Conversion Project in Jo Daviess County, Illinois.*

**WHEREAS**, the Rentech Energy Midwest Corporation purchased the former Royster Clark anhydrous ammonia production plant in April of 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, it was the intention of Rentech Energy Midwest Corporation to convert that facility from utilizing natural gas as a feed stock to produce anhydrous ammonia over to utilizing Illinois coal as a feed stock for the same purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Rentech Energy Midwest Corporation intends to convert this plant over the next three years at a cost of over \$800,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the conversion of that plant will utilize over 1,000 union trades professionals during that same time period, in the process contributing hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy; and

**WHEREAS** the final result will be to hire an additional 120 full-time employees at that facility while retaining the current workforce of 120 full-time positions with combined annual payroll of over \$12 million; and

**WHEREAS**, an additional 150 new coal mining jobs will be created in Southern Illinois to support this one project with Illinois coal; and

**WHEREAS**, this being the only anhydrous ammonia production plant left in the State of Illinois that will be producing over 680,000 tons of anhydrous ammonia per year equal to about 35 percent of all such product consumed by farmers each year in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, a byproduct of this process will be the production of 36 million gallons of environmentally friendly biodegradable diesel fuel each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JO-CARROLL DEPOT LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

*Section 1. The Jo-Carroll Depot LRA hereby encourages the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and United States Environmental Protection Agency to grant this project all the necessary operating permits required to begin construction and production of this facility as soon as possible.*

Section 2. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE LRA that it will encourage expansion of this plant at a later date for additional capacity in furtherance of developing clean, and environmentally friendly alternatives to the current production of conventional energy sources derived from petroleum.

Ayes: Don Crawford, Bill McFadden, Ed Olds, Bill Sparbue, Roland Wangst, Bill Wright

Nays: none

Absent: Steve Keffer

Passed this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2007 by the Board of

Directors of the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority.  
*Wm S. McFadden*  
Chairman

State of Illinois )  
) ss. )  
County of Carroll )

I, Wanda Honerbaum, Secretary of the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority, keeper of the records and files thereof in accordance with law; do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting held at Savanna, Illinois on the date aforesaid in accordance with law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Savanna, Illinois this 3rd day of October 2007.

*Wanda S. Honerbaum*  
Secretary