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October 21, 2017

The Illinois Pollution Control Board  
Attn: Clerk of the Board  
100 West Randolph, Suite 1,1-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Rulemaking – Air R18-20  
Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 225.233, Multi-Pollutant Standards (MPS)  
Request for Public Hearing in Peoria, IL

To the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

As a concerned citizen and over 40 year resident of Peoria, IL, I am requesting that a public hearing regarding R 18-20 be held in Peoria. The Dynegy Edwards Power Plant is located along the Illinois River in the Peoria Metropolitan Area and air pollution from this plant goes downwind impacting much of greater Peoria. The most impoverished and primarily minority residential neighborhoods of Peoria are on the south side of the city closest to the plant. Impacts from the proposed changes to the Multi-Pollutant Standards are an environmental justice issue for Peoria and of significant local concern for what your actions will mean to increased air pollution and health risks for all of us as residents.

The Edwards Power Plant is one of the most highly polluting plants in the Dynegy Illinois fleet. This plant has been a poor step-child even before Dynegy, as Ameren also failed to upgrade pollution controls and invest in best available technologies for Edwards. My concern is that Dynegy will run Edwards more to maximize their out-of-state headquarter's profits and benefits to their shareholders with we local citizens paying with increased asthma attacks, heart attacks, and a host of other health and wellness problems. Parts of both Peoria County and Tazewell County are listed by EPA as nonattainment areas for violating sulfur dioxide limits set by the national Ambient Air Quality Standards. The proposed changes in R18-20 have every indication of making all our lives here in Peoria worse because of the increased potential for very serious air pollution.

I respectfully request that the Illinois Pollution Control Board needs to hear from local communities that will suffer from these proposed regulations changes. Please hold an evening hearing in Peoria so that the public can point out their concerns.

Sincerely,



Joyce Blumenshine