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C/o John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's' Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

My name is David Fuqua and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois. I'm writing to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading its power stations to meet new state emission standards.

The Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) Joppa Power Plant has long played a vital role in our economy. The company provides hundreds of well-paying jobs for the state and the property tax it generates goes toward local public services, like our schools, parks and libraries. In today's challenging economy and high unemployment, we need all the help we can get.

I understand the necessity of regulating power plant emissions in the state. But unfortunately, AER does not have the ability to make the costly capital investments needed for the pollution control equipment at this time. If AER were to make the upgrades under the existing deadline, it would have no other choice but to shut down some of its power stations.

The bottom line is that if the Joppa Power Plant closes, it would have a devastating impact on this town. We continue to see job losses in this community; Honeywell, LaFarge, and the Tamms closure. We can't afford to lose any more jobs, and we certainly can't afford to cut any vital local services like emergency response or public safety.

AER is not asking to be excused from the emission requirements. It simply is asking for more time to meet the required limits in the future years while voluntarily reducing its emissions below what is required today – a win-win for everybody.

We need the Joppa Power Plant. For the sake of our community and its people, please support AER's petition for an extension.

Sincerely,

David G. Fuqua  
Chief Executive Officer

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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's' Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois, I write to you today to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its pending petition. Because of the AER Joppa Power Plant's vital role in the local economy, I ask that the Illinois Pollution Control Board extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet state standards.

As an educator, I know firsthand the importance of education in a community. The local school district acquires a critical portion of its funding from the revenue generated by Joppa Power Plant's property taxes. Joppa Power Plant specifically supports Shawnee Community College by providing funding for our performing arts program, our regional revitalization initiative and academic scholarships.

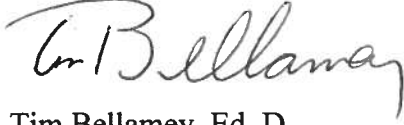
Furthermore, AER supports hundreds of well-paying jobs, boosting household income and stimulating local commerce. Its multimillion property tax revenue supports essential public services in addition to education, such as emergency response and public safety.

Considering AER's support in this community, I would like to address the potential consequences of declining its extension request. If the company was forced to take drastic action in order to obtain the necessary pollution control equipment, the Joppa Power Plant could be potentially shut down. This would have devastating effects on our area, and specifically, our schools. The Joppa Power plant also supports a variety of community organizations throughout Massac County and the surrounding region. The plant and its employees are tremendous corporate citizens.

I fully support the state's initiative to regulate power plant emissions, which AER supports as well. In fact, the company has made a vow to further lower its emissions during the time it needs to get back on its feet, even beyond what the state requires. Our only request is that it has more time to meet these requirements and invest in the costly pollution control equipment needed.

To make the world a brighter, better place, education and environmental protection must go hand in hand. With that said, please consider the weight of your decision and what it would mean for our community and its people, please support AER's petition for temporary relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Bellamey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "T" and "B".

Tim Bellamey, Ed. D.  
President

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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of the Metropolis Chamber of Commerce, I'm writing in support of Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading energy stations as required by the new state emission standards.

The Metropolis Chamber of Commerce is a local organization that promotes and encourages businesses and economic development in Metropolis.

For many years, AER has played a vital role in our local economy. The EEI Energy Center provides well-paying jobs for our community and the revenue generated from its property tax goes toward essential local public services, like our schools, parks and libraries. In today's troubled economy, we need all the help we can get.

But unfortunately, AER does not have the financial support to make such capital investments at this time. If AER were to make the upgrades under the existing deadline, it would have no other choice but to shut down some of its energy centers. Without the EEI Energy Center, Metropolis would be devastatingly short of valuable jobs and vital local services such as emergency response and public safety.

AER is not asking to be excused from the emission requirements. In fact it has agreed to take additional steps – beyond what is required – to further ensure clean air and reduce emissions. It simply asks for more time to make meet the requirements and achieve the state's environmental goals, which it agrees must take place.

The recession has been hard on all of us, and to ensure the livelihood of Metropolis, please support AER's petition for temporary relief.

Sincerely,



Kelly Stratemeyer, President Board of Directors  
Metropolis Chamber of Commerce



Crossroads of Opportunity

July 26, 2012

Illinois Pollution Control Board  
C/o John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
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**Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's' Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126**

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

Please accept this letter of support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet new state emission standards. As you are aware, AER has been working steadily in their efforts to attain compliance and I am confident that AER will achieve compliance within their proposed request.

As the mayor of Effingham, Illinois, I know AER is an important proponent of our local economy. The Newton Energy Center currently employs 158 people, and these well-paying jobs boost the household income and spur economic development in our community. The City of Effingham serves as a micropolitan center for this entire region of southern Illinois and the employees of the Newton Energy Center support our economy both directly and indirectly. The plant is also an imperative source of property tax revenue for Jasper County which in turn supports essential public services and education for the students at the Jasper County School District.

I understand the interest for Illinois to adopt stricter air regulations. In fact, our community and AER support this direction as well.

However, in this time of economic hardship, high unemployment rates, and a shortage of job creation, AER does not have the financial resources to immediately meet the Illinois emission requirements. If the requested relief is not granted, AER would be forced to take drastic action and shutter some of its energy centers. Not only would that harm the quality of my community, it would also have a severe negative effect on the state's economy and the economy of the local communities and school districts.

AER is not asking to be excused from the emission requirements. In fact, AER has agreed to voluntarily commit to earlier reductions to achieve similar emission outcomes during the period it has requested the relief. AER is simply asking for more time to make appropriate investments in order to achieve pollution control without having to cut jobs and economic opportunities for Illinoisans.

I have made a commitment to Effingham and the State of Illinois to ensure the availability of public services and to always serve the wellbeing of our community. In doing so, I must ask the Board to please support AER's petition for temporary relief. The welfare of Effingham, Effingham County, Newton, Jasper County and the State of Illinois depends on it.

Sincerely,

Mervin D. Gillenwater  
Mayor  
City of Effingham

# Effingham

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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David W. Mingus  
Mayor

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PC#319

Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company's Petition for Variance from PCB 12-126

Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I am writing to support Ameren Energy Resources Company's (AER) request to extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet new state emission standards.

As Mayor of East Peoria, I know AER is an important proponent of our local economy. The Edwards Energy Center currently employs 110 people, and these well-paying jobs boost the household income and spur economic development in our community. The plant is also an imperative source of property tax revenue which in turn supports essential public services like education and public safety.

Please understand, in no way do I want to minimize the need for Illinois to adopt stricter air regulations. However, extending the deadline will reduce the possibility of severe economic distress to Illinoisans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding this extension. I am hopeful AER will be granted this request.

Sincerely,

David W. Mingus

DM:mg



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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's' Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

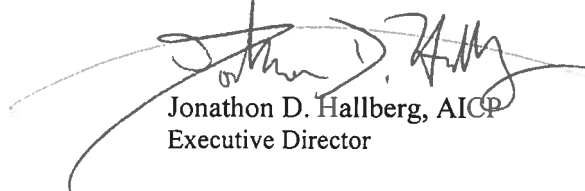
I write to you today to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet new state emission standards. As the Executive Director for the South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission, I know AER is a vital proponent of our regional economy. The Newton Energy Center currently employs 158 people, and these well-paying jobs boost the household income and spur economic development in our communities. The plant is also an imperative source of property tax revenue which, in turn, supports essential public services like education and public safety.

I understand the interest for Illinois to adopt stricter air regulations. In fact, our communities and AER support this direction as well. However, in this time of economic hardship, AER does not have the financial resources to immediately meet the Illinois emission requirements. If an unfunded mandate is not avoided, AER would be forced to take drastic action and shutter some of its energy centers. Not only would that harm the quality of our communities, it would also have a negative effect on the state's economy.

AER is not asking to be excused from the emission requirements. In fact AER has agreed to voluntarily commit to earlier reductions to achieve similar emission outcomes during the period it has requested the relief. AER is simply asks for more time to make appropriate investments in order to achieve pollution control without having to cut jobs and economic opportunities for residents of Illinois.

Just like AER's commitment to lowering emissions, I have made a commitment to Newton, Jasper County and our region to ensure the availability of public services and to always serve the well-being of our residents. In doing so, I must ask the Board to please support AER's petition for temporary relief. The welfare of our town depends on it.

Very Truly Yours,



Jonathon D. Hallberg, AICP  
Executive Director

cc. E. Mitchell  
M. Bolander



# Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the 550 members of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce and their 13,000 employees, I am writing to express support of Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading energy stations as required by the new state emission standards.

For many years, AER and its Newton Energy Center have played a vital role in our local economy. The Newton plant provides well-paying jobs for our community and the revenue generated from its property tax supports essential local public services, like schools, parks and libraries.

Due to today's troubled economy, AER does not have the financial support needed to make the required capital investments at this time. If AER were to make these upgrades under the existing deadline, it would have no choice but to shut down some of its energy centers.

Without the Newton Energy Center, Jasper County would be devastated by the loss of jobs and revenue and surrounding counties like Effingham County would also be severely affected by its closure. The Newton Energy Center is a regional economic engine, providing nearly 600 direct and indirect jobs, over \$35 million in household earnings and over \$150 million in regional economic activity.

AER is not asking to be excused from the emission requirements and in fact has agreed to take additional steps beyond what is required to further ensure clean air and reduced emissions. The company is simply asking for more time to meet the requirements and achieve the state's environmental goals.

The recession has been hard on everyone and to ensure the livelihood of this area, please support AER's petition for temporary relief.

Sincerely,

  
Norma Lansing

President





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*PC#322*

Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's' Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I write to you today to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet new state emission standards.

As the Executive Director for Crawford County Development Association, I know AER is an important proponent of our local economy. The Newton Energy Center currently employs 158 people, and these well-paying jobs boost the household income and spur economic development in Newton and the surrounding communities. The plant is also an imperative source of property tax revenue which in turn supports essential public services like education and public safety.

I understand the interest for Illinois to adopt stricter air regulations; in fact, our community and AER support this direction as well. However, in this time of economic hardship, AER does not have the financial resources to immediately meet the Illinois emission requirements. If the requested relief is not granted, AER will be forced to take drastic action and shutter some of its energy centers. Not only would this harm the quality of the community, it would also have a negative effect on the state's economy.

AER is not asking to be excused from the emission requirements. In fact, AER has agreed to voluntarily commit to earlier reductions to achieve similar emission outcomes during the period it has requested the relief. They are simply asking for more time to make the appropriate investments in order to achieve pollution control without having to cut jobs and economic opportunities for the people of Illinois.

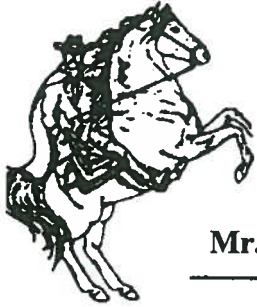
Just like AER's commitment to lowering emissions, I have made a commitment to our local communities to ensure the availability of public services and to always serve the wellbeing of our communities. In doing so, I must ask the Board to please support AER's petition for temporary relief. The welfare of Newton and our neighboring towns depend on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Berty', is written over a white background.

Robert M. Berty, Executive Director  
Crawford County Development Association

# JOPPA-MAPLE GROVE UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #38



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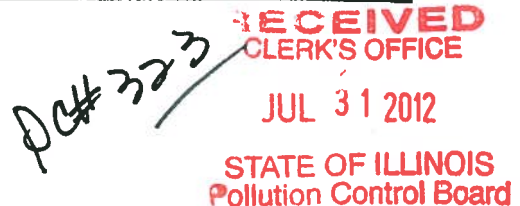


Mr. Steve Ptacek, Supt.

Mrs. Vickie Artman, Prin.

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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126



Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of Joppa-Maple Grove School District 38, I write to you today to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its pending petition. Because of the AER Joppa Power Plant's vital role in the Joppa-Maple Grove District's economy, I ask that the Illinois Pollution Control Board extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet state standards.

As an educator, I know firsthand the importance of education in a community. Joppa-Maple Grove District 38 acquires a critical portion of its funding from the revenue generated by the Joppa Power Plant's property taxes.

Furthermore, AER supports hundreds of well-paying jobs, boosting household income and stimulating local commerce. Its multimillion property tax revenue supports essential public services in addition to education, such as emergency response and public safety.

Considering AER's support in this district, I would like to address the potential consequences of declining its extension request. If the company was forced to take drastic action in order to obtain the necessary pollution control equipment, the Joppa Power Plant could be potentially shut down. This would have devastating effects on our area, and specifically, our school district.

I fully support the state's initiative to regulate power plant emissions, which AER supports as well. In fact, the company has made a vow to further lower its emissions during the time it needs to get back on its feet, even beyond what the state requires. Our only request is that it has more time to meet these requirements and invest in the costly pollution control equipment needed.

To make the world a brighter, better place, education and environmental protection must go hand in hand. With that said, please consider the weight of your decision and what it would mean for our community and its people, please support AER's petition for temporary relief.

Sincerely,

Steve Ptacek  
Superintendent, Joppa-Maple Grove District 38

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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's' Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

My name is KimFaulkner and I own a business in Metropolis, IL. I've been here for 13 years. I'm writing to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading its power stations to meet new state emission standards.

The Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) Joppa Energy Center has long played a vital role in our economy. The company provides hundreds well-paying jobs for the state and the property tax it generates goes toward local public services, like our schools, parks and libraries. In today's challenging economy and high unemployment, we need all the help we can get.

I understand the necessity of regulating power plant emissions in the state. But unfortunately, AER does not have the ability to make the costly capital investments needed for the pollution control equipment at this time. If AER were to make the upgrades under the existing deadline, it would have no other choice but to shut down some of its power stations.

The bottom line is that if the Joppa Energy Center closes, it would have a devastating impact on this town. We can't afford to lose any more jobs, and we certainly can't afford to cut any vital local services like emergency response or public safety.

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We need the Joppa Energy Center. For the sake of our community and its people, please support AER's petition for an extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Paulhus". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

# Village of Morton

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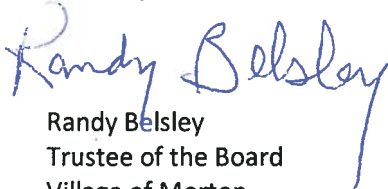
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I ask the Board to please support AER's petition for temporary relief.

Sincerely,



Randy Belsley  
Trustee of the Board  
Village of Morton



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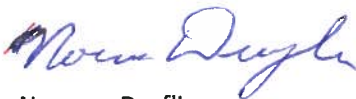
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I ask the Board to please support AER's petition for temporary relief.

Sincerely,



Norman Durflinger  
Mayor  
Village of Morton

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