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Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

P.C. # 45

Re: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition, Docket No. 2014-10 (Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and our nearly 4,000 member companies, I respectfully urge your support of an air variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary. Illinois manufacturing companies employ nearly 600,000 workers and contribute the single largest share - 12.4 percent- of the Gross State Product.

Manufacturing companies rely on a vibrant Illinois power generation industry to ensure low-cost and efficient sources of energy. While the manufacturing sector has been hard hit by the national economic crisis and market conditions, particularly here in Illinois, it is beginning to see a slight resurgence. Energy costs are a major factor in manufacturing and it's essential that a strong and competitive energy market exist in order to keep prices low for businesses and residents.

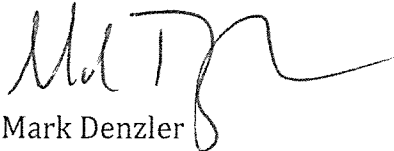
Dynegy stepped up to help support much-needed jobs and economic activity in Illinois through IPH's proposed acquisition of Ameren Energy Resources (AER). With this transaction, Dynegy plans to double its operations and investment in Illinois as a responsible neighbor and major employer of highly skilled and good paying jobs.

In September 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted AER's variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. IPH is seeking similar relief and is committed to complying with the compliance conditions previously imposed by the Board. As a closing condition under the transaction agreement, if this petition for temporary relief is not granted these environmental and economic benefits will be at risk. If the Board chooses to delay this request and require a petition be filed after IPH assumes ownership of the plants, it will insert a great deal of uncertainty into the viability of continued operation of the energy centers.

A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for hundreds of workers, their families and our communities in addition to a stable tax base that provides critical support for our local schools, emergency response organizations and countless local governments.

AER and Dynegy are important economic engines for the state of Illinois and our local communities, especially in economically challenged Central and Southern Illinois. On behalf of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, I urge the Board to improve air quality and support much-needed Illinois jobs and economic activity by granting IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Denzler', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark Denzler
Vice President & COO