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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Pollution Control Board

P.C. # 42

Re: Public Comment in **Support** of the Granting of Illinois Power Holdings' for Variance Petition, Docket Number PCB-14-10 (Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the communities and businesses in our districts, we are writing in support of the variance petition filed by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary, currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. It is our understanding that IPH has reached an agreement to purchase power plants currently owners by Ameren Energy Resources (AER).

As members of Congress, we continue to advocate for a balanced approach to environmental regulations that provides flexibility for companies in implementing compliance strategies. In September 2012, this Board saw fit to grant AER's variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. IPH/Dynegy is seeking similar relief and is committed to complying with the compliance conditions previously imposed by the Board.

Not only do the plants provide well-paying jobs in our communities, but the energy centers serve as an important source of property tax revenue to help support important public services, including support for our cash-strapped schools. We again ask the Board to give careful thought to the impact to our communities if any of the energy centers were to close due to costly regulations and a dire economic outlook.

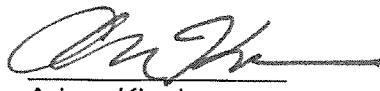
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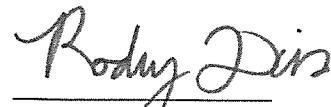
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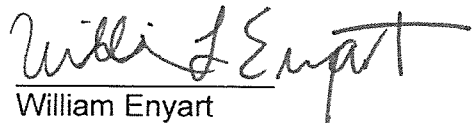
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