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Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board  
c/o John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 W. Randolph Street, Ste. 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

Re: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition,  
Docket No. 2013 - 14-10 (Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

As Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Southwestern Illinois Building Trades, I represent workers at American Energy Resources' plant in Coffeen, Illinois. Additionally, I represent workers at Dynege Plants in Baldwin and Wood River, Illinois. I write to you today to express our support for approval of the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynege subsidiary.

Ameren Energy Resources (AER) and Dynege are important employers of highly skilled Illinois workers, with collective bargaining agreements, and both companies provide strong economic benefits to the State of Illinois and their local communities. Their support for working families and local economies across Illinois is particularly important during the continued trying economic times, which remain especially harsh in Central and Southern Illinois.

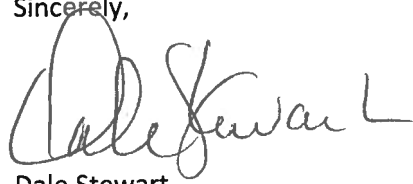
Dynege has stepped up to help support much-needed union jobs and economic activity in Illinois through IPH's proposed acquisition of AER. With this transaction, Dynege plans to double its operations and investment in Illinois as a responsible neighbor and major employer offering highly-skilled, well-paying union 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.

A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for the hard-working union members, 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.

We urge the Board to improve air quality and support much-needed union jobs by granting IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dale Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Southwestern Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council