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RE: Public Comment in **Support** of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Filing to Revise the Multi-Pollutant Standards, Docket Number 18-20

Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I am the Executive Director of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce in Pekin, Illinois. The E.D. Edwards Power Station is located near my community. I am writing to share my support for the Illinois EPA's proposed revision to the state Multi-Pollutant Standards (MPS), currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The proposed rules strengthen the state environmental standards and the economics of a vital downstate Illinois economic resource. I urge you to approve the revision.

There are clear economic and environmental benefits to revising this rule. The proposed rule caps allowable sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions from the Dynegy fleet of plants below the limits set by the current MPS agreements. Under the MPS proposal, the IEPA estimates that allowable annual emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> would be 17% lower than under the current rule, while NO<sub>x</sub> emissions would be 24% lower. The MPS rules were created when the plants were owned and operated by separate owners, so it is simply good policy to bring all the plants under a single, consistent rule. This rule revision streamlines regulations, which benefits Illinois residents and businesses.

Dynegy has demonstrated its commitment to Illinois and the environment. Approximately \$2 billion has been invested in the Dynegy fleet for emission control. This allows Dynegy to meet the tighter allowable caps in the MPS proposal and build on the trend of lower emissions from Dynegy's Illinois fleet over the last two decades – an SO<sub>2</sub> reduction of 90%, with significant reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> and other emissions.

Additionally, E. D. Edwards Power Station is a significant contributor to the local and State economy. This facility serves as a vital economic engine for my community, the region and the state. Not only does the E. D. Edwards Power Station provide nearly 100 well-paying jobs in our community, but Dynegy's employees also spend that money in the local region, helping boost household income for all.

I ask the Board to please give careful thought to the environmental benefits of this rule revision and the economic contributions of the covered facilities to the downstate economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William T. Fleming'.

William T. Fleming, IOM, ACE  
Executive Director