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Global Warming and Climate Change are real. It is serious. It is Green House Gases. It is Dynege.

The air belongs to all of us. We have a right to clean air. Dynege does not have the right to pollute for free. The state of Illinois does not have the right to relax emission requirements in order to increase Dynege's profits.

Dynege pollutes our air and water for free. When we buy Dynege electricity the price we pay does not reflect the true cost. The fine particulate matter from coal power production causes asthma, bronchitis, and heart attacks. We pay these costs not as part of our electric bill but in emergency room costs and insurance premiums. The health care and disability costs of black lung disease should be include in these costs.

Much of the discussion at the hearing in Edwardsville was about if Dynege could operate more polluting coal power plants than cleaner ones in order to make more money. Illinois policy should be such that operating in such a way that is less polluting should be the most profitable. That is there should be a price paid for carbon emissions as well as for other pollutants.

It is well known that 97% of climate scientists conclude global warming and climate change are real and we are the cause. It is less well known that over 90% of economists agree that a carbon tax would be the most effective and most cost effective method of reducing carbon emissions and associated pollution.

I recommend a carbon tax or carbon fee be assessed as close to the source as possible or when it is imported into Illinois. The fee should start at \$15/ton of carbon dioxide emission content of the fuel or equivalent. The price should increase by \$10/ton/year. If power plants can capture and sequester the carbon (CCS) or reduce emissions, then they should receive a carbon tax refund for the GHG reduction. Let me repeat, the tax must be assessed on all fossil fuel imported into Illinois.

The money collected should be divided into equal shares and returned to each Illinois resident. This would allow Dynege to effectively plan and maximize its profit while reducing green house gases. Reducing GHG would also reduce other pollutants. Refunding the money

collected will stimulate Illinois' economy growing businesses and jobs. Real Estate and Health Care are expected to see the most growth. It allows Illinois residents to reduce their carbon footprint in the ways they see fit. They can save by doing this.

A carbon tax would compensate for the hidden costs associated with coal and natural gas power production. It clearly outlines the parameters which allow Dynegy to plan for the future. The carbon tax is only collected at a few sources. The burden on Illinois to manage the program would be minimal. Please seriously consider this proposal.

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