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Illinois Commerce Commission Springfield, Illinois

Dear ICC Representatives:

As Montgomery County Clerk, I assist county residents by providing services for elections, vital records, land records, county board proceedings, accounts payable, property tax extension as well as various other needs. Since my tenure began in 1998, I have been very appreciative of the tremendous asset Dynegy brings to our county including the high paying jobs, the dedicated employees, and the substantial tax dollars. As an example, Dynegy is Montgomery County, Illinois' Number #1 Property Taxpayer (See attached listing from the most recent tax year (2016).

Now we are faced with Dynegy's dilemma where current regulations are not allowing them to be competitive with other power suppliers, which could result in the Coffeen plant closure. This closure would be devastating to our county in many, many ways- the economic impact would result in the catastrophic loss of jobs, population, and revenue, which would cripple Montgomery County for many years to come. As you may know, Montgomery County is already one of the poorest counties in Illinois, and should Dynegy leave us, I fear that we may not overcome this loss.

I implore the Illinois Commerce Commission, our state legislators, the Governor, and our county and local leaders to work together to resolve the issues that prevent Dynegy from continuing to operate their power plants in Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me should further information be needed.

Sincerely,

Sandy Leitheiser

Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder