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Illinois Commerce Commission Springfield, Illinois

Dear ICC Representatives:

My name is Evan Young. I'm currently the Chairman of the Montgomery County Board. First, I would like to thank the ICC for having this meeting so we can show our support for the Dynegy Power Plant. I would like to speak in support of the Coffeen Power Station. It is a significant place of employment for the county, but it is more than just that. It's an integral part of the county. The company has cooperated with the county is a variety of ways. When it was required to clean up its emissions, scrubbers were installed, and it became one of the cleanest generating plants in the country. When a new road leading to the plant was needed, a sizable amount of money was donated by the plant to build it. The cooling lake by the plant is used by fisherman from far and wide which has been a boost in our tourism dollars.

As you can see this power station is more than a plant, it's very important to the county. We want it to remain in operation for a long time, but that will not be possible if it's not treated the same as other power generating units. The inequality in funding must be addressed.

Thank you,

Evan Young, Chairman

Montgomery County Board