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ANNA C. MOELLER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 43RD DISTRICT

April 17, 2018

Re: Case R2018-20

Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

In December 2016, I was among legislators from both sides of the aisle who worked with health advocates, environmental organizations and others to pass the Future Energy Jobs Act, the biggest breakthrough for clean energy in the state's history.

We applauded Gov. Rauner for signing the act, which promises a range of benefits for people across Illinois, not the least of which is healthier air to breathe

But now, less than a year and a half later, we see a stunning reversal on the part of the Rauner administration.

Gov. Rauner's EPA has now joined forces with one of the nation's major polluters in a cynical effort that, from every indication, appears to have been initiated to preserve a coal power company's assets rather than to protect the public's health.

This is the *wrong* policy. It represents the wrong way to *make* policy. And, it must be rejected.

As you know, at stake is the Multi-Pollutant Standard (MPS), a 2006 compromise between electricity generators and the state. Scrapping this agreement, as the new rule would essentially do, would roll back years of clean air progress. Dynegy would now have license to shutter coal plants that have pollution controls and run dirty plants more often.

Worse yet, according to published reports, the Rauner administration's top EPA official admitted that the goal was to keep financially struggling coal plants open by enabling Dynegy to operate plants not equipped with modern pollution controls.

The proposal gives Dynegy the ability to shut down coal plants with pollution-controlling scrubbers, and leave open those that lack them and are therefore less expensive to operate.

Vistra's CEO has said that when and if the Illinois rule changes occur, it "may result in maybe shrinking the size of our generation."

In short—don't be persuaded by the argument that this is about protecting jobs.

And don't forget that all of this is happening against the backdrop a massive bailout sought by the company from the state of Illinois. A company of this size simply has no business asking Illinois consumers to fork over a single dime—let alone hundreds of millions of dollars.

I am hopeful that this board will protect Illinois rate payers, preserve the health of our citizens and reject these proposed rule changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Moeller".

Anna Moeller
State Representative, 43rd District

CC: Hearing Officer Marie Tipsord