

Dynergy-Vistra Hearing - Multi Pollution Standard
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My wife Lorraine and I have lived in Glen Carbon, IL, since 2007. The proposal to revise the Multi-Pollutant Standard for Dynergy-Vistra is particularly concerning as I have recently been dealing with a Pulmonary Embolism issue and my wife has recently been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation. We are both in our seventies. This change could allow this company to run dirtier plants and shut down cleaner ones, all while increasing profits for shareholders of a company located in Texas, not Illinois. The proposed new rules could double the pollution in these communities. The *risk and cost* to us and fellow citizens who have heart and lung issues is unacceptable. The risk of carbon emissions to our planet is just as unacceptable. There is a risk to jobs in the coal industry as occurs in many others, but there are efforts to help workers in transitioning. I worked in the maritime industry for many years while commercial ships' crews transitioned from 45 to less than 20 personnel whilst ship size went from 10 thousand tons to over 300,000 tons – you do the math. Transitioning jobs does work.

I am particularly concerned that IEPA is allowing this proposal to be considered at all. IEPA is the Illinois agency that is supposed to *protect* our environment. Any increase in coal power plant allowable emissions flies in the face of the intent of the overall provisions of the newly enacted Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA). FEJA is designed to provide *clean energy*; more dirty energy is an oxymoron. The clean air standard was created in 2006 to cut dangerous pollution & protect public health; it helps to reduce carbon emissions and fight Global Warming. *Bailout will increase emissions and is unacceptable.*

So I ask that IEPA and the Pollution Control Board take a decision to deny the Dynergy-Vistra request to rewrite the Multi Pollutant Standard. Let's get on with protecting our precious air and water.

Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony,

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