

**Dynegy / Multi-Pollution Standard Hearing Testimony**

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

I have been personally affected by air pollution from coal-burning power plants, having lost my mother to cancer, my father to heart disease, and my younger brother to stroke, very likely due to our home's close proximity to these local polluters. My own childhood was spent suffering from asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia, up until my moving away to college.

As head of my local *Sierra Club* climate and energy committee and other such organizations, I am aware of how dirty energy providers are trying to hold their position against clean renewables, and to even increase their profits before their product is no longer needed. Such is the case of Dynegy's pressuring the IEPA to lower its pollution standards, so they can keep running older, dirtier, but cheaper power plants while mothballing newer, cleaner and more expensive ones. This would not only cost ratepayers more and kill many high-wage jobs, but as the *Chicago Tribune* reported in January, "*Dynegy could emit nearly double the amount of sulphur dioxide they emitted last year*"!

The IPCB should stand up for clean air ***and the citizens of Illinois***, not rubber-stamp the Governor's backroom deal to help Texas-based Dynegy and its new parent Vistra Energy stay ahead of the game. Besides, the acquisition of Dynegy by Vistra will financially help both companies enough that they won't need to gouge ***and poison*** their Illinois customers!

Thank You for your time!

Don Dieckmann, Sierra Club member,

And Better Building Institute Inc. (nfp) founder