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November 2, 2018

The Illinois Pollution Control Board
Attn: Clerk of the Board
100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Rulemaking – Air R18-20
Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 225.233, Multi-Pollutant Standards (MPS)
Request for Public Hearing in Peoria, IL

To the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

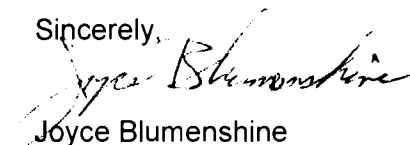
Thank you to the Illinois Pollution Control Board for your ongoing consideration of the issues regarding the proposed Air MPS Rulemaking impacting area residents, public health, environmental health and the environmental future of our state regarding the Vistra/Dynege fleet of downstate coal fired power plants. Allowing adequate time for this issue is essential.

This letter is to request that the public hearing for the second first notice proposal be held in Peoria, Illinois, and that it be scheduled after the December-New Year holidays. Hanukkah begins December 2nd, Kwanza begins December 26th. Having the hearing in January, 2019, would allow the public time to attend to this issue. It would also be very helpful to have a 30 day public notice for the hearing.

I urge you to hold the public hearing in Peoria because of many local concerns. As a long-time Peoria resident I see new comments that need to be made regarding the proposed changes and there are significant matters in the proposed changes to the MPS which will impact the Peoria area. The Peoria metro area has profound impacts from the Edwards Vistra plant. Edwards does not have adequate or up-to-date air pollution controls. Air pollution from this plant goes downwind impacting much of greater Peoria and affects low-income and primarily minority residential neighborhoods closest to the plant. Impacts from the proposed changes to the Multi-Pollutant Standards are an environmental justice issue for Peoria and of significant local concern.

I respectfully request that the Illinois Pollution Control Board hold the next public hearing for R 18-20 in Peoria, which has convenient 4-lane highway connections and that some evening hours be part of the hearing scheduling. If the hearing is held at the Peoria Public Library, adequate microphones will need to be requested ahead of time from the library staff.

Sincerely,



Joyce Blumenshine