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Re: Case No. R2018-20

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OPINION ON DYNEGY-VISTRA AIR HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019
@ IL EPA SANGAMO ROOM, 1021 N GRAND AVE. E., SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

My name is Verlyn K. Rosenberger, a retired public school primary grade teacher in Decatur, Illinois, where I witnessed the effects of asthma in many young children. This severe health risk that affects breathing has a variety of triggering factors, including polluted outdoor air. Asthma attacks can be mild or life-threatening.

Outdoor air pollution should be regulated by the Illinois Pollution Control Board, otherwise, children have to breathe in particulates in the air. Their weakened condition can limit their opportunities to exercise and play outdoors, to take walks, attend picnics, build snowmen, take trips to the zoo and enjoy other outdoor activities that are wholesome, healthful and educational.

Children of minorities and other low-income families often live near coal-fired power plants that increase their chances of having asthma attacks. Their families' ability to pay for medical services may keep them from receiving critical care, so the children suffer.

Allowing Dynegy-Vistra to increase its emission of dangerous coal pollution by 40% would increase the possibilities of more health problems for children and adults with breathing issues.

I firmly believe that the Illinois Pollution CONTROL Board and the Illinois Environmental PROTECTION Agency should be helping the citizens of the state, not adding to their problems.

Therefore, I urge the IL EPA Board to not weaken the air pollution rules. Illinois should rather be strengthening the rules and leading the nation by producing cleaner

air using cleaner energy systems.

Respectfully submitted,

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