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Dear Mr. Brown,

Hello, I tried to send you this emailed comment on Monday night in anticipation of the Tuesday night PCB hearing. Unfortunately, the email address I entered on Monday night was incorrect. I hope you will be able to still accept it!

Thank you very much,

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From: **Aleda Diggins** <aodiggins@gmail.com>
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Comment of Aleda Diggins, aodiggins@gmail.com, January 29, 2019, Case #: R2018-20

Hello, my name is Aleda Diggins. I live in central Illinois. I am a member of Illinois People's Action. The reason I'm commenting today is to support people who suffer adverse health impacts because they live in proximity to older, less-controlled/uncontrolled power plants. I ask that the **Multi-Pollutant Standard regulations be kept in place and enforced**. I am concerned that the current proposed changes, by shifting from an emissions rate standard to a total tonnage cap standard, will allow Dynegy-Vistra to increasingly rely on older, dirtier plants.

If each plant is no longer required to meet the Multi-Pollutant Standards, this creates an opportunity for Dynegy-Vistra to avoid installing modern pollution controls on its older plants. I am afraid the health of real people living closest to those uncontrolled plants will suffer. This is a predictable outcome. These children, elders and other citizens will continue to live in "hot zones" of high air pollution. Uncontrolled plants should not be given new standards that will allow them to steal their neighbors' health.

The type of pollution standard selected is an **issue of health justice**. People cannot always choose where they live. Sometimes the only "wealth" a person has is their health. Illness caused by pollution is painful, costly, inconvenient and avoidable. All Illinois power plants should be required to invest in meeting better pollution standards as technology improves, as a matter of health justice and its corollaries, racial justice and income justice.

The ethical, Multi-Pollutant Standard takes into account the actual measurements of pollution **at the plant where it is released because that is how health impacts are distributed**. The total tonnage cap standard, by yielding only an overall air pollution average, will not have the ability to identify and regulate the specific level of pollutants emitted by a specific plant into a specific neighborhoods.

A total statewide tonnage standard allows the worst-offending plants to hide their dangerous specific plant totals by packaging their data into a combined, non-specific statewide average. People don't breathe "average" tonnage air. They breathe the quality of air that is present in their specific neighborhood.

A statewide total tonnage standard would misleadingly and unfairly treat citizens living in dangerous hot zones as though their risk of harm is equivalent to those who live a safer distance from hot zones. **Please keep the Multi-Pollution Standard Regulations in place.**

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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