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Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board  
C/O John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 W. Randolph St. – Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

Re: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition on Air Variance

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

The Newton coal-powered generating station is vital to our economy here and in the balance of Southeastern Illinois. Our largest employers, Marathon Petroleum and Hershey Chocolate, are completely dependent on the Newton plant for their power.

Several months ago, you granted Ameren an extension of time to complete the needed upgrades. We respectfully request that you grant this same variance to Illinois Power Holdings (IPH) in order to keep our area a viable location for our present and future industry.

Respectfully,

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Robert M. Berty, Executive Director  
Crawford County Development Association

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