



August 16, 2013

Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
C/o John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph Street, Ste. 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

Pct# 101

**Re: Public Comment in Support of Illinois Power Holdings' Variance Petition
Docket No. 2014-010**

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the communities and businesses in our region, we are writing in support of the variance petition filed by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary, currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. It is our understanding that IPH has reached an agreement to purchase power plants currently owned by Ameren Energy Resources (AER).

As a regional development organization, we continue to advocate for a balanced approach to environmental regulations that provides flexibility for companies in implementing compliance strategies. In September 2012, this Board saw fit to grant AER's variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. IPH is seeking similar relief and is committed to complying with the compliance conditions previously imposed by the Board.

The petition, if granted, will provide continued certainty to the AER employees, their families and communities that count on the economic benefit the energy centers provide. Obtaining the variance is a closing condition under the Ameren-IPH transaction agreement. Without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty about the plants' futures.

These energy centers not only provide well-paying jobs in our community, but also serve as an important source of property tax revenue to help support important public services, including support for our cash-strapped schools. We again ask the Board to give careful thought to the impact to our communities if any of the energy centers were to close due to costly regulations and a dire economic outlook.

Sincerely,

Monica J. Bristow, President



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RE: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition, Docket No. 2014-010
(Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

As locally elected officials and residents, we write to you today to express our support for the above mentioned variance by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary. In September 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board saw fit to grant Ameren Energy Resources' (AER) variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. The variance request applies to Dynegy's Baldwin Power Plant, a facility in our community. We urge the Board to grant IPH's petition so that the benefits to our community are not lost.

If granted, IPH will provide continued certainty to the employees and communities in Central and Southern Illinois that count on the economic benefit of the continued operation of these facilities. Dynegy is an Illinois employer with a strong environmental track-record. The variance is a closing condition under the Ameren-IPH transaction agreement. Without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty for the future of the plants and those who depend upon them – including our community and our regional economy.

A vibrant business climate is essential for the residents in our communities, and even the prospect of potential shutdowns would stifle economic growth and development in Central and Southern Illinois. A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for the workers, their families and for our communities, a stable tax base that provides critical support for our local schools, emergency response organizations, and countless local governments.

Considering the harsh facts and the opportunity to improve air quality, while supporting much-needed union jobs and economic benefits, we urge the Board to please support IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief. The welfare of our future depends on it.

Sincerely,

David Holder, Chairman
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

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pc# 103

Re: Peabody Energy's Public Comment in Support of Illinois Power Holding's Petition
(Docket No. 2014-010)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

Peabody Energy is writing to offer its support for approval of the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary.

In September 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted the variance request of Ameren Energy Resources (AER), noting the environmental and economic benefits of the request. IPH is now seeking similar relief and has stated its commitment to achieving the compliance conditions previously imposed by the Board.

As a coal supplier to both AER and Dynegy, Peabody Energy and the employees of its subsidiaries support the Illinois power generation industry by providing jobs and tax revenues. We understand that if this petition for temporary relief is not granted, these economic and environmental benefits may be at risk. Dynegy's proposed acquisition of AER will help provide jobs both in the power generation industry as well as the coal and other ancillary industries and will also provide much needed economic activity that supports a number of government services and local schools.

On behalf of Peabody Energy, which employs almost 900 people throughout the state of Illinois, we urge the Board to grant IHP's petition for temporary relief which will enable us to work toward our environmental goals and maintain much-needed Illinois jobs and economic activity.

Sincerely,

Keith Haley
Senior Vice President Midwest Operations
Peabody Energy Americas

August 6, 2013

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Re: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition, Docket No. 2014-010
(Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

As a contractor of Dynegy, our company and its employees depend upon a vibrant Illinois power generation industry for our livelihood. Unfortunately, the industry has been hard hit by the national economic crisis and market conditions, particularly here in Illinois. As an employer, I am writing to share my support for approval of the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary.

Dynegy has stepped up to help support much-needed union jobs and economic activity in Illinois through IPH's proposed acquisition of Ameren Energy Resources (AER). With this transaction, Dynegy plans to double its operations and investment in Illinois as a responsible neighbor and major employer of highly-skilled, well-paying union jobs.

In September 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted AER's variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. IPH is seeking similar relief and is committed to complying with the compliance conditions previously imposed by the Board. As a closing condition under the transaction agreement, if this petition for temporary relief is not granted these environmental and economic benefits will be at risk.

A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for hundreds of workers, their families and our communities in addition to a stable tax base that provides critical support for our local schools, emergency response organizations and countless local governments.

AER and Dynegy are important economic engines for the state of Illinois and our local communities, especially in economically challenged Central and Southern Illinois. On behalf of our company which started as a Chicago insulation contractor and has grown into an international corporation, and has supported jobs and paid taxes in Illinois for 49 years, I urge the Board to improve air quality and support much-needed Illinois jobs and economic activity by granting IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief.

Sincerely,



Blair Schultz
VP Midwest
Brand Energy Services, LLC