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Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board  
C/o John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
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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 supplier of transportation for AER and Dynegy, BNSF Railway and its employees are an integral part of the Illinois power generation industry. Unfortunately, the industry has been hard hit by the national economic crisis and market conditions, particularly in Illinois. I am writing to lend BNSF's support for approval of the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary.

Dynegy has stepped up to help support 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 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 local schools, emergency response organizations and countless local governments.

AER and Dynegy are important economic engines for the state of Illinois and its local communities, especially in economically challenged Central and Southern Illinois. 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,

Cc: Jill Mulligan - BNSF  
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