



ILLINOIS STATE SENATE  
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July 17, 2013

Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board  
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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:

On behalf of the people, communities and businesses in my district, I write to you today to emphasize my support for the variance petition filed by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary, currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The seriousness of the request and the need to foster a positive business climate to support a struggling Illinois economy as well as to balance environmental concerns compel me to share my views and ask you to authorize IPH's variance request.

Dynegy, through its IPH subsidiary, has agreed to acquire Ameren Energy Resources (AER), which would double Dynegy's operations and investment in Illinois. The variance petition is a closing condition under the Ameren-IPH transaction agreement.

I currently serve as the elected State Senator for the 46th District, which is home to two AER energy centers. These facilities near Liverpool and Bartonville employ hard-working union members and serve as vital economic engines for my district, the region and the state of Illinois. Not only does AER currently provide well-paying jobs in our community, but AER employees also invest that money back into the community to help boost household income for all. The energy centers further serve as an important source of property tax revenue to help support important public services, including support for our cash-strapped schools.

In September 2012, this Board saw fit to grant a similar variance request by AER, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so and finding the

variance to be a “net benefit to air quality.” It is important to note that all of the relevant market and economic conditions that led to the need for the existing variance remain substantially unchanged.

The petition, if granted, will provide continued certainty to the employees, their families and communities that count on the economic benefit the energy centers provide. Without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty about the plants’ futures and a potential economic loss for our communities, the region and the state.

Dynegy and its subsidiaries are committed to Illinois and our environment, recently investing \$1 billion in an environmental upgrade program at its Illinois facilities, creating over 2,000 construction jobs across Illinois. IPH is committed to the responsible operation of the AER energy centers and their communities — consistent with the Board-ordered compliance commitments set forth in the existing variance.

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

Considering the opportunity before us, I ask the Board to support the IPH petition for temporary relief as the best path forward for improving air quality while protecting much-needed jobs and economic benefits that we depend upon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Koehler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Koehler  
State Senator, 46<sup>th</sup> District