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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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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 local School Board we write to you today to express our support for the above mentioned variance request 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.

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.

Adopted this 15th day of August, 2013 by the Red Bud CUSD #132 Board of Education.


President


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Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

As Executive Director for the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development, I write to you today to express our support for approval of the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary.

Ameren Energy Resources (AER) and Dynegy are important employers of unionized Illinois workers and both companies provide strong economic benefits to the State of Illinois and to our local communities. Their support for working families and local economies across Illinois is particularly important during the continued trying economic times, which remain especially harsh in Central and Southern Illinois.

Dynegy has stepped up to help support much-needed union jobs and economic activity in Illinois through IPH's proposed acquisition of AER. With this transaction, Dynegy plans to double its operations and investment in Illinois as a responsible neighbor and major employer offering 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 the hard-working union members, 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.

We urge the Board to improve air quality and support much-needed union jobs by granting IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief.

Sincerely,

Missy Towery
Executive Director