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Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board  
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STATE OF 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 Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

We are writing in support of the application for a variance by our customer Illinois Power Holdings, LLC (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary. It is our understanding in September of 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted the former owner of these coal-fired power plants, Ameren Energy Resources, pollutant variances from 2015 to 2019 for the overall sulfur dioxide annual emission rate at seven coal-fired electric generation stations throughout southern Illinois. The Illinois Pollution Control Board granted Ameren's variance request recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of keeping the plants open, which will eventually result in future operating investments. We believe these same variances granted to Ameren should be granted to the plants' new owner Dynegy.

We find it compelling that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency concluded that the continued operation of these plants by Dynegy will not increase air emissions, and provide Dynegy with the time it needs to retrofit the plants with new emission reducing technologies, which will improve the air quality in Illinois for many more years into the future.

Our 150 year old company operates over 2,200 miles of track throughout Illinois, employs 4,000 employees with an annual payroll of \$356 million a year, and has invested over \$1 billion in private capital throughout the state over the past five years. Our workforce and the economic benefit that they bring to the entire state of Illinois is dependent on the connection to these plants because of the transportation of coal by train throughout the state.

Union Pacific urges 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. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



cc: The Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois  
Mr. Robert Guy, United Transportation Union  
Mr. Paul Piekarski, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers - Teamsters

(AGG\Dynegy Letter)