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Clerk of the Board
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RE: Public Comment on Docket 2012-126
Ameren – Newton Power Station

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I understand that Ameren has applied for a variance from the deadline you have asked them to meet regarding their air emissions.

I also understand that if this variance is not granted, the hardship this deadline will create for Ameren will be devastating for them and countless others. Ameren Corporate and three generators in Illinois will be forced to deal with the ripple effect.

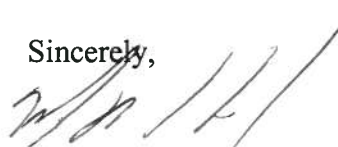
The three generators are Newton, Joppa and Edwards. Two of the three may have to close. While Newton is the largest and newest of the three, I am still very concerned.

I can only speak in support of Ameren and the Newton Power Station, because I know very little of the other two generators: approximately 50% of our property taxes come from the Newton Power Station. Forty-one percent of that goes to our school district. If the Newton Power Station shuts down, so will our schools, the City of Newton and Jasper County. The tsunami created will be insurmountable.

Please look at the big picture. We must not just look at our natural resources. We must also look at our human resources and make an attempt to be business friendly. It won't matter if we're environmentally friendly if there's no one left downstate to enjoy it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Bolander, Mayor

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