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Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
C/o JohnTherriault, Associate Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph Street, Ste. 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

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**RE: Dynegy Midwest Generation Petition for Variance from the Illinois
Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 2012-135**

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

My name is John Johnson and I am the Assistant Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 51. On behalf of IBEW Local 51, I am writing to share Local 51's support for Dynegy Midwest Generation (DMG) and its request for a variance concerning the trading of So2 emission credits.

DMG has complied with initiatives to lower power plant emissions. As a matter of fact their plants have met emission requirements in a timely manner.

Because of the current economy and the power production market situation many power producers are struggling to survive. IBEW Local 51 believes it is prudent to grant DMG's petition for a variance.

DMG has been a major source of economic influence throughout the State of Illinois. Their plants provide hundreds of well-paying jobs for both full time employees and the building trades. Their various environmental projects have provided an economic "boom" for Illinois construction trades all across Illinois. The property tax revenues generated by their plants greatly contributes to various tax jurisdictions in Illinois.

IBEW Local 51 requests the IPCB to grant DMG's variance request. As evidenced by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agencies position we believe granting the variance will not create an increase in emissions that could harm Illinoisans. Granting the variance to a Company who has met environmental requirements and provided economic benefits to the State of Illinois should be an easy decision to reach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John H. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John H. Johnson
Assistant Business Manager

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