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July 11, 2013

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

RE: Public Comment in Support of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition, Docket No. 201⁴₀₁₀-(Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

This letter conveys my strong support for the above referenced variance petition, which was filed by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary, and is currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

Dynegy and its subsidiary, IPH, have agreed to acquire Ameren Energy Resources (AER). With this transaction, Dynegy plans to double its operations and investment in Illinois and continue as a responsible neighbor and major employer. Additionally, Dynegy has a facility located in the 47th Senate District and is a major employer in Western Illinois. This petition for temporary relief is a closing condition under the transaction agreement and, according to Dynegy, if not approved, environmental and economic benefits are at risk.

Rein 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." If granted today, the IPH petition will provide continued certainty to the AER employees and Illinois communities that count on the economic benefit of the AER energy centers. According to Dynegy, without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty for the plants' futures and a potential economic loss for our state.

Dynegy, through its power generation facilities, has been and continues to be an important economic partner in our local, state and regional economies. 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 jobs and our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sullivan".

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