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Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board  
c/o John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 W. Randolph Street  
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Re: Peoria County Support of Using Enterprise Zone Benefits for Implementation of Air Quality Improvements (Docket Number 2014-010)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the people, communities and businesses in my county, I write to you today concerning the variance petition filed by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary, currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The Peoria County Board has not taken a position in support or opposition to IPH's petition.

Rather, Peoria County wishes to make public our willingness to expand our Enterprise Zone to include one of AER's current assets – the Edwards Generation Plant located in Peoria County. The site of this power plant is in proximity to an Illinois Enterprise Zone that could be extended to offer a multitude of benefits to IPH. Such benefits include, but are not limited to, a state sales tax exemption on tangible personal property purchased to upgrade the facility – including “all tangible personal property to be used or consumed in the operation of pollution control facilities” (35 ILCS 120/1e).

The Edwards Generation Plant is a significant employer in Peoria County and central Illinois. Regardless of the Board's decision on IPH's petition, Peoria County would be excited to help facilitate a major investment in the Edwards Generation Plant and its pollution control facilities through the extension of our Enterprise Zone.

Peoria County remains committed to helping business grow, protecting the health of families, retaining existing jobs, and creating new jobs here in our community.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. O'Neill III  
Chairman, Peoria County Board