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PC#53

July 19, 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. 2014 010
(Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the people, communities and businesses in downstate Illinois, I write to you today to emphasize my support for the variance petition filed by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary, currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The seriousness of the request and the need to foster a positive business climate to support a struggling Illinois economy compels me to share my views and ask you to authorize IPH's variance request.

I currently serve as the elected State Representative for the 107th and I am concerned about the economic well-being of our Central and Southern Illinois economy. Ameren Energy Resources (AER) has previously shared with the Board the positive economic and job benefits the energy centers have on the local and State economy. These facilities employ hard-working union workers and serve as a vital economic engine for my district, the region and the state of Illinois. Not only does AER currently provide well-paying jobs in our community, but AER employees also invest that money back into the community helping to boost household income for all. The energy centers further serve as an important source of property tax revenue to help support important public services, including support for our cash-strapped schools.

In September 2012, this Board saw fit to grant AER's variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so and finding the variance to be a "net benefit to air quality." IPH's variance petition is materially the same as the existing variance. It is important to note that all of the relevant market and economic conditions that led to the need for the existing variance remain substantially unchanged.

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The petition, if granted, will provide continued certainty to the employees, their families and communities that count on the economic benefit the energy centers provide. Obtaining the variance is a closing condition under the Ameren-IPH transaction agreement. Without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty about the plants' futures.

Dynegy and its subsidiaries are committed to Illinois and our environment, recently investing \$1 billion in an environmental upgrade program at its Illinois facilities, creating over 2,000 construction jobs across Illinois. IPH is committed to the responsible operation of the AER energy centers and their communities – consistent with the Board-ordered compliance commitments set forth in the existing variance.

We need to encourage Illinois companies to continue to invest in Illinois and support union jobs. With this transaction, Dynegy is doubling its operations and investment in Illinois as a responsible neighbor and major employer of well-paying union jobs.

A vibrant employer climate is essential for the residents in our communities, and even the prospect of potential shutdowns would stifle economic growth and development in Central and Southern Illinois. A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for the workers, their families and for our communities, a stable tax base that provides critical support for our local schools, emergency response organizations and countless local governments.

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 much-needed jobs and economic benefits that we depend upon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Cavaletto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

John D. Cavaletto

State Representative – 107th District



Council of Owners and Construction Associates, Inc.

RAYMOND E. WESLEY, Executive Director

July 23, 2013

PC#54

Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Re: Public Comment in Support of Illinois Power Holdings' Variance Petition Docket No. 2014-010

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the communities and businesses in our region, we are writing in support of the variance petition filed by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary, currently pending before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. It is our understanding that IPH has reached an agreement to purchase power plants currently owned by Ameren Energy Resources (AER).

As a regional development organization, we continue to advocate for a balanced approach to environmental regulations that provides flexibility for companies in implementing compliance strategies. In September 2012, this Board saw fit to grant AER's variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. IPH is seeking similar relief and is committed to complying with the compliance conditions previously imposed by the Board.

The petition, if granted, will provide continued certainty to the AER employees, their families and communities that count on the economic benefit the energy centers provide. Obtaining the variance is a closing condition under the Ameren-IPH transaction agreement. Without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty about the plants' futures.

These energy centers not only provide well-paying jobs in our community, but also serve as an important source of property tax revenue to help support important public services, including support for our cash-strapped schools. We again ask the Board to give careful thought to the impact to our communities if any of the energy centers were to close due to costly regulations and a dire economic outlook.

Sincerely,

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July 25, 2013

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PC#55

Re: **Support** for Illinois Power Holdings' Petition, Docket No. PCB²⁰14-10

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the Illinois Energy Association, I respectfully request that the Illinois Pollution Control board support Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynergy subsidiary, in its variance request as it pertains to the pending acquisition of Ameren Energy Resources (AER). If granted, the variance will allow for increased investment in Illinois' electric infrastructure while protecting the environment, and will help to provide affordable and reliable electricity throughout Illinois.

The Illinois Energy Association represents the state's investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities and many of the electric generation companies in the public policy arena.

We believe the company's request is reasonable, and it is important to the future of the electric industry in Illinois. Electric generation companies need to have as much certainty as possible if they are going to make the investment decisions necessary to provide Illinois with modern and reliable electric generation.

Dynergy has a proven track record in Illinois, and has already demonstrated its commitment to modernize Illinois' energy infrastructure while providing high quality jobs and protecting the environment. Dynergy's record as a responsible employer and good corporate citizen reinforces its commitment to operate the AER energy centers consistent with the Board-ordered compliance commitments set forth in the existing variance.

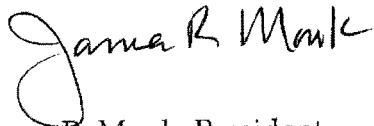
Denial of the variance request could discourage significant investment in Illinois' energy infrastructure. A denial would not only jeopardize jobs at power plants throughout Illinois, but it could also have a long-term and far-reaching effect on Illinois' ability to provide reliable and affordable electric power. These plants are important to the economic well-being of the Illinois economy and support more than 700 good-paying jobs, in communities throughout Illinois.

The economic and environmental realities have not changed since the board approved the original variance for AER back in September. Therefore, the board's determination that the variance will result in "net environmental benefit" should not change.

Ultimately, a denial of this request will set a precedent that would make it difficult for facilities with variances to be sold. Repercussions would extend beyond the electric generation industry and could make Illinois less competitive, as employers seek to invest in areas with more affordable and reliable energy resources.

Thank you for considering and registering my comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Monk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James R. Monk, President
Illinois Energy Association

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July 29, 2013

pc#56

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Re: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition, Docket No. 2014-010
(Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

As Superintendent of the Havana School District #126, I write to you today to express my support for the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary. In September 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board saw fit to grant Ameren Energy Resources' (AER) variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. The variance request applies to Dynegy and Ameren facilities in my community. I urge the Board to grant IPH's petition so that the benefits to my community are not lost.

If granted, IPH will provide continued certainty to the employees and communities in Central and Southern Illinois that count on the economic benefit of the continued operation of these facilities. Dynegy is an Illinois employer with a strong environmental track-record. The variance is a closing condition under the Ameren-IPH transaction agreement. Without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty for the future of the plants and those who depend upon them – including our community and our regional economy.

A vibrant business climate is essential for the residents in our communities, and even the prospect of potential shutdowns would stifle economic growth and development in Central and Southern Illinois. A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for the workers, their families and for our communities, a stable tax base that provides critical support for our local schools, emergency response organizations, and countless local governments.

Considering the harsh facts and the opportunity to improve air quality, while supporting much-needed union jobs and economic benefits, I urge the Board to please support IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief. The welfare of our future depends on it.

Sincerely,

R. Mathew Plater

R. Mathew Plater, Superintendent

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July 29, 2013

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PC#57

Re: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition, Docket No. 2014-010
(Air-Variance)

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

As a local superintendent of schools and resident, I write to you today to express my support for the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary. In September 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board saw fit to grant Ameren Energy Resources' (AER) variance request, recognizing both the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. The variance request applies to the Baldwin Energy Campus, a facility in my community. Dynegy has consistently donated their resources to our school district through a variety of grants, and I urge the Board to grant IPH's petition so that the benefits to my community are not lost.

If granted, IPH will provide continued certainty to the employees and communities in Central and Southern Illinois that count on the economic benefit of the continued operation of these facilities. Dynegy is an Illinois employer with a strong environmental track-record. The variance is a closing condition under the Ameren-IPH transaction agreement. Without the variance, Ameren will be forced to pursue other options for the AER energy centers, creating uncertainty for the future of the plants and those who depend upon them – including our community and our regional economy.

A vibrant business climate is essential for the residents in our communities, and even the prospect of potential shutdowns would stifle economic growth and development in Central and Southern Illinois. A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for the workers, their families and for our communities, a stable tax base that provides critical support for our local schools, emergency response organizations, and countless local governments.

Considering the harsh facts and the opportunity to improve air quality, while supporting much-needed union jobs and economic benefits, I urge the Board to please support IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief. The welfare of our future depends on it.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Tallman
Superintendent
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