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P.C. # 48

Re: Public Comment in **Support** of Illinois Power Holdings' Petition,
Docket No. 20~~X~~ - 14-10 (Air-Variance)

- Boilermakers
- Bricklayers
- Carpenters
- Electrical Workers
- Elevator Constructors
- Heat & Frost Insulators
- Iron Workers
- Laborers
- Millwrights
- Operating Engineers
- Painters/Glaziers
- Plasterers – Cement Masons
- Plumbers
- Road Sprinkler Fitters
- Roofers
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Steamfitters
- Teamsters

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

As President of the West Central Illinois Building Trades, my jurisdiction covers the American Energy Resources' Duck Creek plant in Canton, Illinois and Edwards Plant in Bartonville, Illinois. Additionally, we represent workers at the Dynegy Plant in Havana, Illinois. I write to you today to express our support for approval of the above mentioned variance request by Illinois Power Holdings (IPH), a Dynegy subsidiary.

Ameren Energy Resources (AER) and Dynegy are important employers of highly skilled Illinois workers, with collective bargaining agreements, and both companies provide strong economic benefits to the State of Illinois and their local communities. Their support for working families and local economies across Illinois is particularly important during the continued trying economic times, which remain especially harsh in Central and Southern Illinois.

Dynegy has stepped up to help support much-needed union jobs and economic activity in Illinois through IPH's proposed acquisition of AER. With this transaction, Dynegy plans to double its operations and investment in Illinois as a responsible neighbor and major employer offering highly-skilled, well-paying union jobs.

In September 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted 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. As a closing condition under the transaction agreement, if this petition for temporary relief is not granted these environmental and economic benefits will be at risk.

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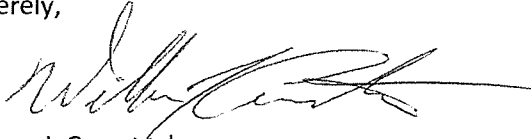
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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT
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A successful transfer of the plants to IPH offers the best opportunity for the hard-working union members, their families and our communities in addition to a stable tax base that provides critical support for our local schools, emergency response organizations and countless local governments.

We urge the Board to improve air quality and support much-needed union jobs by granting IPH's petition for the requested temporary relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Comstock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William J. Comstock
President, West Central Illinois Building Trades