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Dynegy Commits to Air Quality Plan for Peoria Area

Illinois Power Holdings (a subsidiary of Dynegy) with Illinois State Senator David Koehler (District 46) and Illinois State Representative Mike Unes (District 91), announced on January 12, a voluntary Memorandum of Agreement, executed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), that will reduce allowable emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) from the E. D. Edwards Power Station by more than 90%. The agreement, already effective, will help the Greater Peoria area comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) 1-hour SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

"We are committed to the Greater Peoria communities and the environment, and are proud of our contributions to the economic vitality of our communities," said Ted Lindenbusch, Plant Managing Director at the Edwards Power Station.

"Today's agreement shows Dynegy's commitment to improving the environmental conditions of Central Illinois while continuing to provide excellent jobs to its residents," said State Representative Unes.

Legislative Committee Membership Announced

Committee membership lists have now been announced for the 99th Illinois General Assembly, which was sworn into office on January 14th at the State Capitol in Springfield. The new rosters contain several significant changes in leadership for committees that deal with energy policy legislation and issues.

In the State Senate, both the Energy Committee and the Environment Committee will have new Chairs. Long-time Senate Energy Committee Chair Mike Jacobs (D-East Moline) was defeated in the November General Election, so energy industry stakeholders knew their key Senate committee would have new leadership.

Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) will become Chair of Senate Energy (now officially known as the Energy and Public Utilities Committee). Senator Hunter has served in the Senate since 2003. Vice-Chair of the

Energy Committee will be Senator Iris Martinez (D-Chicago). The committee will have 14 Democrats.

Senator Sue Rezin (R-Morris) will lead the committee's seven Republicans as Minority Spokesperson.

Senate Environment (now officially known as the Environment and Conservation Committee) will be chaired by Senator David Koehler (D-Peoria). Senator Heather Steans (D-Chicago) will continue to serve as Vice-Chair. Sen. Kyle McCarter (R-Vandalia) will be the Republican Spokesperson. The committee will have 8 Democrats and 4 Republicans.

Over in the House of Representatives, the only committee not to experience a change in majority leadership will be the House Public Utilities Committee. Rep. Brandon Phelps (D-Harrisburg) will continue to chair the committee and Rep. Andre

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Committee memberships have been determined (see Page 3), so now it's time to get down to the business of the first Spring Session of the 99th Illinois General Assembly. There's a sense of excitement around the Capitol building, but also a sense of uncertainty. Not only because of a new administration, but also because there are lots of new legislators who are getting their first exposure to the phenomenon that is a big time legislative session. Best of luck to everyone and remember, for better or worse, we will make it to June! **IEF**

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Dynergy

"Edwards is an important part of our community, providing not only energy, but also high quality jobs and \$82 million in total economic activity that powers our communities. I applaud this proactive environmental strategy by Dynergy and for their willingness to further commit to our regional economy in Central Illinois."

Dynergy has previously taken active steps to reduce its environmental impact, investing \$2 billion in environmental controls in facilities across Illinois and recently announcing a goal to recycle 100% of coal combustion by-products by 2020.

"By taking another step in this commitment, Dynergy is ensuring that the Peoria area is quickly moving toward attainment of federal standards," said State

Senator Dave Koehler. "As a responsible community partner and neighbor, Dynergy is committed to working with the Greater Peoria community. We are glad to see that Dynergy continues to push forward in controlling emissions even when it limits operation options that could be more profitable in the short term." **IEF**

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Legislative Committee

Thapedi (D-Chicago) will continue as Vice-Chair.

Rep. Ed Sullivan (R-Mundelein) will become Republican Spokesperson on the committee, replacing Rep. Mike Bost who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. The committee will consist of 12 Democrats and 9 Republicans.

Lots of changes took place at the top of other energy policy committees. The new Chair of the House Energy Committee will be Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora) and Rep. Michelle Mussman (D-Schaumburg) will become Vice-Chair. Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer (R-Jacksonville) will serve as Republican Spokesperson. The Energy Committee will have 6 Democrats and 5 Republicans.

Rep. Pat Verschoore (D-Rock Island) will become chair of the House Environment Committee. Rep. Carol Sente (D-Vernon Hills) will continue as Vice-Chair of the committee, which will have 10 Democrats and 7 Republicans. Rep. Mike Tryon (R-Crystal Lake) will be Republican Spokesperson.

In an interesting development for energy industry observers, the House also created a Special Committee on Renewable Energy and Sustainability. The partisan makeup will be 11 Democrats and 8 Republicans and the committee will be chaired by Rep. Ann Williams (D-Chicago). Vice-Chair will be Rep. Emily McAsey (D-Romeoville). Rep. Thomas Morrison (R-Palatine) will be the Republican Spokesperson on the committee.

A complete list of members of the regular standing committees can be found on Page 3 of this edition of the *Illinois Energy Forum*. **IEF**

Heads of ICC and Illinois EPA Named by Governor

Gov. Bruce Rauner has nominated the leaders of two state agencies that deal with important energy policy issues. The governor named Brien Sheahan to be Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) and Lisa Bonnett as Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

Sheahan most recently assisted the Governor's Transition Committee as Counsel. Prior to that he was a key staff person for the Rauner campaign. Before joining the campaign, Sheahan worked as the Director of Government Relations at Navistar.

Bonnett has worked for IEPA for nearly 20 years, serving in a number of management positions, eventually rising to director in 2013. She was the agency's Chief Financial Officer for 12 years. **IEF**

Illinois 99th General Assembly Committees

Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee

Democrats

Sen. Mattie Hunter, Chair (Chicago)
 Sen. Iris Y. Martinez, Vice-Chair (Chicago)
 Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr. (Belleville)
 Sen. Thomas Cullerton (Villa Park)
 Sen. Gary Forby (Benton)
 Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford (Chicago)
 Sen. Terry Link (Gurnee)
 Sen. John G. Mulroe (Chicago)
 Sen. Antonio Muñoz (Chicago)
 Sen. Michael Noland (Elgin)
 Sen. Kwame Raoul (Chicago)
 Sen. Martin A. Sandoval (Chicago)
 Sen. Donne E. Trotter (Chicago)
 Sen. Patricia Van Pelt (Chicago)

Republicans

Sen. Sue Rezin, Spokesperson (Morris)
 Sen. Neil Anderson (Moline)
 Sen. William E. Brady (Bloomington)
 Sen. Karen McConaughay (St. Charles)
 Sen. Matt Murphy (Palatine)
 Sen. Chris Nybo (Lombard)
 Sen. Dave Syverson (Rockford)

Senate Environment & Conservation Committee

Democrats

Sen. David Koehler, Chair (Peoria)
 Sen. Heather A. Steans, Vice-Chair (Chicago)
 Sen. Scott Bennett (Urbana)
 Sen. Melinda Bush (Grayslake)
 Sen. Linda Holmes (Aurora)
 Sen. Pat McGuire (Joliet)
 Sen. Julie A. Morrison (Deerfield)
 Sen. John M. Sullivan (Rushville)

Republicans

Sen. Kyle McCarter, Spokesperson (Vandalia)
 Sen. Tim Bivins (Dixon)
 Sen. Wm. Sam McCann (Jacksonville)
 Sen. Dale A. Righter (Mattoon)

House Energy Committee

Democrats

Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia, Chair (Aurora)
 Rep. Michelle Mussman, Vice-Chair (Schaumburg)
 Rep. Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr. (East St. Louis)
 Rep. Andre Thapedi (Chicago)
 Rep. Will Guzzardi (Chicago)
 Rep. Pamela Reaves-Harris (Chicago)

Republicans

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, Spokesperson (Jacksonville)
 Rep. John D. Anthony (Plainfield)
 Rep. Peter Breen (Lombard)
 Rep. Mike Fortner (West Chicago)
 Rep. Bill Mitchell (Forsyth)

House Environment Committee

Democrats

Rep. Pat Verschoore, Chair (Rock Island)
 Rep. Carol A. Sente, Vice-Chair (Vernon Hills)
 Rep. Carol Ammons (Urbana)
 Rep. Dan Beiser (Alton)
 Rep. Laura Fine (Glenview)
 Rep. Will Guzzardi (Chicago)
 Rep. Emily McAsey (Romeoville)
 Rep. Anna Moeller (Elgin)
 Rep. Robyn Gabel (Evanston)
 Rep. Brandon Phelps (Harrisburg)

Republicans

Rep. Michael Tryon, Spokesperson (Crystal Lake)
 Rep. Rich Brauer (Petersburg)
 Rep. Margo McDermed (Mokena)
 Rep. Charles Meier (Okawville)
 Rep. Bill Mitchell (Forsyth)
 Rep. Thomas Morrison (Palatine)
 Rep. Reginald Phillips (Charleston)

House Public Utilities Committee

Democrats

Rep. Brandon W. Phelps, Chair (Harrisburg)
 Rep. Andre Thapedi, Vice-Chair (Chicago)
 Rep. Luis Arroyo (Chicago)
 Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (Aurora)
 Rep. Fred Crespo (Streamwood)
 Rep. Jack D. Franks (Woodstock)
 Rep. Esther Golar (Chicago)
 Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth (Peoria)
 Rep. Jay Hoffman (Belleville)
 Rep. Rita Mayfield (Waukegan)
 Rep. Elaine Nekritz (Buffalo Grove)
 Rep. Pat Verschoore (Rock Island)

Republicans

Rep. Ed Sullivan, Spokesperson (Mundelein)
 Rep. Adam Brown (Decatur)
 Rep. John Cabello (Loves Park)
 Rep. David Leitch (Peoria)
 Rep. Michael McAuliffe (Chicago)
 Rep. Bill Mitchell (Forsyth)
 Rep. Ron Sandack (Downers Grove)
 Rep. Grant Wehrli (Naperville)
 Rep. Keith Wheeler (North Aurora)

AGA Operations Conference in Texas

The American Gas Association's annual Operations Conference will be held May 19-22 at the Omni in Grapevine, Texas. This is the premier technical forum for North American natural gas utility and pipeline operations management, featuring more than 80 presentations by engineering experts.

Topics include distribution and transmission integrity management, corrosion control management, utility and customer field services and operations safety. An exhibition is being presented in conjunction with the conference.

For additional information and registration, please contact Annemarie O'Donoghue at 202-824-7032 or adonoghue@aga.org. **IEF**

Current Issues Seminar In New Mexico April 19-12

THE annual Current Issues Seminar hosted by the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University will be held in the state capitol of Sante Fe on April 19-22, 2015. Among this year's participants are some of the nation's leading experts on energy policy issues.

Registration information for the Current Issues Seminar can be obtained by contacting Jeanette Walter of the Center for Public Utilities at 505-646-4876. **IEF**

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