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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Division of Public Water Supply
Groundwater Section
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Attn: Mr. Bill Buscher, P.E.
Manager, Hydrogeology and Compliance Unit

Re: Vermilion North and Old East Ash Ponds Sites
Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC Response to EPA September 25, 2014 Letter

Mr. Buscher:

In a letter dated September 25, 2014, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) recommended that Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC (DMG) conduct several additional studies and analysis regarding the Vermilion site in order to move forward with closure plans for the North Ash Pond and Old East Ash Pond. The Agency also recommended that DMG submit these additional studies and analysis to the Agency, Illinois DNR, Midwest Region National Park Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for comment and review, as needed.

As noted in the Agency's letter, "closure with the ash left in place option assumes the appropriate permits can be obtained from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service to armor the river bank." For several years, DMG has been working to obtain permits from the National Park Service (NPS) and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that would allow us to reinforce the river bank and prevent the river from encroaching upon the ash pond berms. DMG continues to work on alternate design options and permit applications for river bank armoring that we believe could be approved by USACE and NPS (i.e. essentially Item 6 in the Agency's 9-11-2014 letter). Until the USACE and NPS provide us with an indication that they will issue the permits that will allow us to protect the bank of the Middle Fork Vermilion River from erosion, it is premature to perform the additional extensive and expensive studies and analysis recommended by the Agency.

We are hopeful the USACE and NPS will continue to work with us and that, in the near future, the agencies will indicate their acceptance of a river bank armoring design and their intent to issue the necessary permits. Once we know what armoring design the USACE and NPS will allow