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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Division of Public Water Supplies
Groundwater Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
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Attn: Mr. Bill Buscher, P.G.
Manager, Hydrogeology and Compliance Unit

Re: **Vermilion North and Old East Ash Ponds Sites**
Dynergy Midwest Generation, LLC Response to IEPA September 11, 2014 Letter

Mr. Buscher:

In a letter dated September 11, 2014, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) recommended that Dynergy Midwest Generation, LLC (DMG) conduct several additional studies and analyses 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 analyses to the Agency, Illinois DNR, Midwest Region National Park Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for comment and revision, as needed.

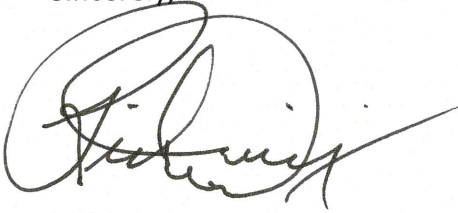
As noted in the Agency's letter, "closure with the ash left in place option assumes the appropriate permits can be obtained from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service to armor the river bank." For several years, DMG has been working to obtain permits from the National Park Service (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 analyses 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

us to use to reinforce the river bank, we can begin to perform the additional studies and analyses recommended by the Agency.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Diericx", with a large, stylized initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

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