The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Bureau of Air is accepting public comment and any requests for a public hearing on the termination of a variance granted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) to Illinois Power Holdings, LLC (IPH) and AmerenEnergy Medina Valley Cogen, LLC (Medina Valley) for the purpose of submitting such termination and supporting documentation to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as a revision to the Illinois State Implementation Plan (SIP) under the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 USC § 7401 et seq. In order for the termination of the variance to be considered for approval as a revision to the SIP, the State must submit it in accordance with the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 51.104.


On September 2, 2016, IPH and Medina Valley filed a Joint Motion to Terminate Variance with the Board. While in compliance with all conditions of the variance, the companies requested that the Board terminate the variance due to electricity market conditions, depressed energy pricing, and a unit retirement. On October 27, 2016, the Board granted the Joint Motion to Terminate Variance, and therefore, terminated the variance. Having terminated the variance, IPH and Medina Valley become subject to the generally-applicable standards of the MPS.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written comments from the public. Comments must be postmarked by midnight, August 12, 2019, unless a public hearing is requested. Comments and requests for hearing should be mailed to:

Brad Frost
Illinois EPA
1021 North Grand Avenue East
If a timely request for a public hearing is received by Illinois EPA by August 12, 2019, a public hearing will be scheduled through a separate notice and held to receive comments regarding the proposed SIP revision. If a public hearing is conducted, the written public comment period will be extended as provided for in the separate notice.

If no request for a public hearing is received by the Illinois EPA by August 12, 2019, no hearing will be scheduled. Verification as to whether a public hearing will or will not be held will be posted on the Illinois EPA's website at https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/default.aspx. Interested persons may also contact Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, at the phone number listed above to inquire as to the status of a public hearing.

Copies of the proposed SIP revision may be viewed by the public during regular business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m, except for State holidays) at the Illinois EPA’s offices at 1021 North Grand Avenue East in Springfield, 217/782-7027, 412 SW Washington Street in Peoria, 309/671-3022, and 2309 W. Main Street, Suite 116, Marion, 618/993-7200. Please call ahead to ensure that someone will be available to assist you. No walk-in requests for copies of this material will be accommodated, unless advance notice is provided. Requests and public inquiries should be directed to Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, at the address and phone number listed above.

If a hearing request is received, the hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Informational and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings," set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 164. This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 110(l) of the CAA (42 USC § 7410(l) (public notice for SIP revisions)).