



January 22, 2018

Mr. Torsten Clausen, Director of Policy
Illinois Commerce Commission
160 North LaSalle Street
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Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Clausen:

The members at the generating stations represented by I.U.O.E. Local 148 are active stakeholders of the pending legislation. The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 148 has been representing approximately 225 members in downstate Illinois for over thirty-seven years. Due to the structure of the MISO Zone-4 market it has been increasingly difficult for their employers to compete. The Future Energy Job Act only added to the problem by not allowing generation from older coal-fired plants to successfully compete for sale capacity and long-term energy contracts.

Our members are provided good wages and benefits that sustain their families and communities. Without these generating stations, not only they, but the surrounding communities will be devastated by the closing of the facilities if something is not done.

The establishment of a competitive capacity procurement mechanism that addresses the long-term resource adequacy issues that are currently placing southern Illinois at risk of a capacity shortfall is needed. Therefore, the members of I.U.O.E. Local 148 support HB-4141 and SB-2250.

Sincerely,

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