Good afternoon. My name is Mike Hall and I am here representing the Jasper County Board. Jasper County appreciates the workshop the Illinois commerce commision is providing. Some history on Jasper County; we have a declining population of 9700, no industry and no interstate access. Jasper County lacks in the way of medical facilities and hospitals. Our senior citizens feel more secure moving to a county with access to medical care and our young people are leaving the area for better jobs.

Jasper county wishes to express its concern to the commission about the potential closing of the Dynergy Plant located in Jasper County. The Dynergy Plant has been an economic mainstay for Jasper County and the surrounding area for over 40 years.

Dynergy is the largest property tax payer to the county and Jasper County School District.

In 2017, the property taxes paid by Dynergy were $3,616,984.00. The tax dollars received from Dynergy pays 25% to our school district and helps support our schools. Losing this tax base would be a devastating loss for our school system. We have nothing else available in the county to help make up this loss.

Dynergy makes up 29% of the total tax base for Jasper County.

We are concerned about job losses, property tax losses and negative economic impact of the plan shutdown.

Jasper County supports the downstate capacity market reforms that have been proposed by Dynergy and are incorporated in House Bill 4141. We support these proposed solutions that they would provide for market reforms, rather than for a rate payer funded subsidy like the General Assembly and the Governor have for Exelon Plants.

Jasper County needs longer term planning beyond just the next fiscal year.

Thank You