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**Batavia Town Hall Meeting Set to Discuss a Class Action Suit Concerning  
Batavia's Contract with Prairie State Energy**

*Residents and Batavia business owners are invited to attend the August 21 event,  
to be held at Batavia Public Library at 7 p.m.*

**Batavia, IL – August 19, 2014** – A group of concerned citizens and business owners in Batavia are pursuing more information about the agreement by the City of Batavia with Prairie State Generating Company and its effect on their electric rates since 2012.

On their behalf, the law firm of Childress Duffy, Chicago, filed a Class Action Complaint today in the Circuit Court of Kane County. The public is invited to learn more at a Town Hall Meeting. It takes place on Thursday, Aug. 21, beginning at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Batavia Public Library, 10 S. Batavia Ave.

The plaintiffs, led by Daniel Soliz, believe that the rise in monthly utility bills is the result of misrepresentations made by Peabody Energy, Inc. while promoting the Prairie State Energy Campus to Batavia City officials. At the meeting, plaintiffs and the law firm will share details about the lawsuit, along with instructions on becoming a class action member. The suit names five consultants to Batavia as defendants and lists 19 other entities as respondents in discovery, including Peabody Energy.

The involvement of a large number of Batavia citizens is encouraged by the plaintiffs. Utility users within Batavia who are unhappy with their monthly utility bill and wish to join this class action and/or obtain more information should visit [prairiestateenergycampusclassaction.com](http://prairiestateenergycampusclassaction.com) or call 630-457-1015. The website shares background information about the Prairie State Energy Campus, the lawsuit and developments concerning the lawsuit.

*More about the Class Action Complaint:*

The nature of the case is a ratepayer class action based upon negligent representation by the defendants to the City of Batavia. Construction, operation, and other aspects of the Prairie State Energy Campus and the cost of electricity generated there are under inspection. Property and business owners who purchase electricity from the City of Batavia are encouraged to join as members of the complaint. Visit [prairiestateenergycampusclassaction.com](http://prairiestateenergycampusclassaction.com) or call 630-457-1015 for more information and updates.