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To whom it may concern:

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My name is Mike Linville I'm from Brooksville Kentucky and proud union worker at AES/DP&L Stuart Station in southern Ohio.

It has come to our attention that our plant as well as the Killen station are subject to shutdown as soon as 2018 due to the vitality of the plants. Not ruling in favor of DPL would not only be impacting the close to 1000 workers on site each day, but also their families and communities in our surrounding area. These plants are the most up-to-date in scrubber technology and are as modern as they can be. So closing them really doesn't make much sense.

As is the case with close to 80% of the people that work here I am the breadwinner income. My spouse works but her wage doesn't not bring in enough to support our family and she is a nurse. This job is one of if not the best job in this area and shutting down the plant will cause many good working people to uproot their families to find work in other areas. In my particular case it will also take a qualified nurse away from the area.

That brings me to this area. The closure of these plants will have catastrophic consequences to this area. The local economy will take a sharp decline due to the lack of money to be spent in turn will cause the closing of many little stores and businesses. Our quiet little communities will turn into ghost towns. There are no local jobs left to turn to. School systems will take a huge hit. They will have to start cutting out programs to stay afloat. In turn cutting out programs will not give our children an outlet to express themselves leading to possible behavior issues as well as lack of learning.

With the closing of the plant and no jobs in the area to apply for. What will these good people have to stay positive about? People will move away chasing opportunities leaving these areas in the dust with nothing and no one to help.

I want to thank you for your time and just ask that you rule in favor of DPL on the rate case. In doing so not only would you save many jobs, but also save the local communities from going by the wayside.

Mike Linville

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