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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Investigation and Audit Division

Memorandum

Date: 11/23/2016

Re: Heather Dickens

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Docketing Case No.:16-0395-EL-SSO

Notes:

Please docket the attached in the case number above.

Message:

To whom it may concern:

My name is Heather and my husband has been employed at Dayton Power and Light for the past 9 years. Recently the issue has been raised that both the Killen Station and J.M. Stuart Station Coal Power plants will be closing. I understand that cost and regulations play a huge part in the closing of these plants, however if closed, it will be devastating to not only my family but my community.

My husband used to travel as a boilermaker but once employed at DP&L it has allowed him to stay close to home and provide a great living for us and our 2 year old daughter. He has benefits and insurance that our family also needs. He is the primary breadwinner in our family. WE DEPEND on his income to run our household. We will most likely lose everything we have if the plants shut down. And if they do shut down, and my husband is forced to travel or we have to relocate, it will also be devastating. We have worked our whole lives to be able to own our home and to provide for our daughter. We should not have to sacrifice not being able to see him, in order for him to find a job that will support us.

Our community also depends on these power plants. They employ hundreds of people and bring in millions of tax dollars the helps our schools and local activities. If the power plants are closed, thousands of local jobs will suffer, not only at the power plants. My job as a government employee in our county clerk's office will most likely be affected, along with many others. If I lose my job as well, our family will suffer a tremendous hardship.

Other jobs will suffer, and many of our local businesses will suffer. If the power plants close, and people lose their jobs, they will not have money to shop at our businesses, buy new cars, fix their old ones, or pay their water or grocery bills. It will cause a massive trickle down

effect and our small county will become a ghost town. Residents will be forced to move out of the county to find jobs, which in turn brings in less tax dollars and hurts the whole region. This town in my home, it is where we both were born and raised. We cannot imagine living and raising our children anywhere else.

I have been crying and sick to my stomach for the past week since I heard this news. My husband has come home in tears wondering how he will provide for his family. Please do whatever it takes to keep these plants open, for the sake of my family and my community.

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