

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

**CASE NO. 16-0395-EL-SSO
CASE NO. 16-0396-EL-ATA
CASE NO. 16-0397-EL-AAM**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
RICK ADAMSON
ON BEHALF OF
THE CITIZENS TO PROTECT DP&L JOBS**

Q. Please state your name for the record.

A. Rick Adamson

Q. By whom are you employed and what are your responsibilities?

A. I am the General Manager of the Adams County Regional Water District (ACRWD). I have held several positions at the Water District for the past 30 years and am also a certified Class III Water Supply Operator through Ohio EPA.

Q. What is the Adams County Regional Water District?

A. The Adams County Regional Water District is an organization responsible for providing safe drinking water to four villages and 18,000 people throughout the county. This water is supplied by 75 foot deep wells drilled into the county's greatest natural resource, the Ohio River Valley Aquifer bordering the Ohio River.

Q. Are you a resident of Adams County?

A. I am a life-long resident of Adams County.

Q. Do you have any affiliation with The Citizens to Protect DP&L Jobs?

A. Yes I am a member of that association.

Q. What is The Citizens To Protect DP&L Jobs?

A. This is an unincorporated association whose members include business owners, property owners, taxpayers and concerned about the future of Adams County.

Q. What is your reason for becoming a member of The Citizens to Protect DP&L Jobs organization?

A. The adverse economic impact to Adams County resulting from the potential plant closings of the Stuart and Killen generating stations will be enormous. The loss of revenue from Killen Station, one of the Adams County Regional Water District's largest

consumers, will likely result in higher water rates for our customers throughout the county. The Stuart and Killen power plants should be kept open and operating for as long as possible to preserve local jobs and give our county leadership an opportunity to develop and implement plans to replace lost tax revenue needed to provide a solid future for my children, grandchildren and the citizens of Adams County.

Q. Do you have other concerns with the potential closing of the Stuart and Killen stations.

A. Yes. DP&L has not addressed the true full cost of closing these plants, including the environmental maintenance of the plants as well as decommissioning costs.

Q. Could you elaborate on the environmental issues?

A. Yes. The ACRWD water well fields are adjacent to the Killen Power Plant and the plant is in close proximity to the aquifer that supplies the ACRWD wells and public water supply. The Killen plant has a 230 acre ash pond that sits directly above this aquifer.

The Stuart Station is just twelve (12) miles east of the ACRWD's wells and directly in line with the Ohio River Valley Aquifer. The Stuart Station has several ash ponds totaling nearly 200 acres. DP&L is also conducting the Carter Hollow Landfill directly across from the Stuart Station with the capacity to hold approximately 20 million tons of gypsum.

DP&L has not addressed any decommissioning plan that would protect these public water supplies and the required environmental maintenance to protect the water supply. Nor has DP&L addressed the costs of environmental compliance to guard against environmental risks should these plants be closed.

These are real concerns as an ash pond at the recently closed Beckjord power plant leaked selenium and sulfate that contaminated a public water source in Clermont County.

Q. Have you had these environmental concerns while DP&L was operating the plants?

A. No. The Adams County Regional Water District has great confidence in DP&L's ability to properly maintain the plants and the environmental risks. The DP&L workforce are members of our community and have the proper concern for protecting the environment. The ACRWD concern is that there is no decommissioning plan or accountability for the costs of environmental maintenance at the sites if the plants are closed down.

The ACRWD is concerned with "zombie" plants decaying and rusting without proper maintenance. The ACRWD hopes to continue our partnership with DP&L to ensure that these generating stations continue in operation to best serve the public interest and not become blighted, closed facilities.

Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

A. Yes it does.

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