

**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
FLOYD CHARLES HAYSLIP
ON BEHALF OF
SPRIGG TOWNSHIP ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO**

Q. Please state your name for the record.

A. Floyd Charles Hayslip. Most people know me as Chuck.

Q. Where do you live?

A. Sprigg Township in Adams County, Ohio.

Q. How long have you lived in Adams County, Ohio?

A. Forty-one years. (all my life)

Q. Are you raising a family in Adams County, Ohio?

A. I am raising my two sons in Adams County and they are in the Manchester School District. My dad was raised on the farm that Killen was built on. His family sold the land to DP&L.

Q. Have you held any positions in local government in Adams County?

A. I am currently serving as a Trustee in Sprigg Township and have done so for 2 years. Prior to that, I was Road Superintendent for Sprigg township for 13 years.

Q. How many residents live in Sprigg Township?

A. Over 1500 people.

Q. As the Sprigg Township Trustee is it fair to say you are familiar with how the township provides services to its residents and how those services are funded?

A. Yes I am.

Q. Where does the majority of funding come from to operate the township?

A. Of our tax revenues, 78% percent come from having the Killen and Stuart Power Stations operating in Sprigg Township.

Q. If the Power Stations were to cease operating what effect would that have on the governmental services provided to the residents of Sprigg Township?

A. The loss of revenue from DP&L will devastate not just our township government but will lead to a devastation of our people in this area. This is the only industry in our township. At the last trustee meeting, our fire chief needed new oxygen bottles for his firefighters, and they are \$800 each. And he needs 15 of them. We won't have the money to buy those, or the fire suits he needs. We have a fire truck that is about four years old, but we will not be able to replace it. We will not keep up the 28 miles of roads.

Q. How would the township replace the revenue provided by the power plants?

A. There is simply no replacement for the power plants operated by DP&L. We cannot continually raise property taxes to make up the difference. I farm more land in the township than anyone else. I rent over 30 farms. If the price to rent farmland goes up any more to cover more taxes, farming will not be a viable use of the land, and we will have lost our only local source of livelihood. My wife drives 75 miles a day to go to work. There is nothing else here. If you take away farming, there will be no reason to be here, and land values will crash. I have seen the impact of an industry leaving the area, and I know what it looks like. When I was a senior in high school in 1994, tobacco brought in \$13 Million per year. Every farm raised some tobacco. Now, our township has three farms growing it. We cannot also lose the electric plants.

Q. What are you requesting that the PUCO take into consideration in this case?

A. I would ask the members of PUCO to address whether the granting or denial of a rate increase would directly result in the subsequent closing of the two power stations in Adams County. I would ask them to approve any agreement between the parties in front of this board that insures the continued operation of the two power stations in Adams County at least until 2023 or beyond. I would also urge the board not to accept any

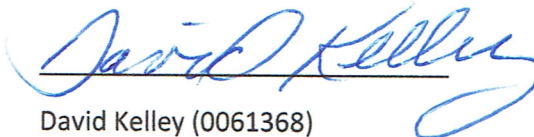
agreement between the parties that fails to address the continued operation of the two power stations in Adams County at least until 2023 or beyond.

Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony on this matter?

A. Yes sir it does.

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