

**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
RICH SEAS
ON BEHALF OF
ADAMS COUNTY OHIO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Q. Please state your name for the record.

A. Rich Seas

Q. Where do you live?

A. Oliver Township in Adams County, Ohio

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

A. Just 19 months.

Q. Where did you live and work prior to moving to Adams County?

A. Previously, I lived in Celina, Ohio and served 12 years as the Superintendent of Coldwater Schools. I, along with the staff at Coldwater, was able to foster a learning environment whereby upon graduation, our students either entered college or the workforce.

Q. Do you have children attending school in your district?

A. My wife, Lorna and I, have been blessed with 11 children. Six of our children are attending Peebles Elementary and Peebles High School in the Ohio Valley School District.

Q. What can you tell us about the district?

A. We have over 4,000 students in three schools: Peebles, West Union, and North Adams. We also have a Vocational School in West Union, the Ohio Valley Career Technical Center. Geographically, the district is 467 square miles (2nd largest school in Ohio). We have 53 bus routes driving over 4600 miles per day. Seventy-percent or more of our students are on free and reduced lunch.

Q. What has been your experience with the students in Adams County?

A. My experiences at the Ohio Valley School District and in our school community have demonstrated the need for education and jobs. Given that our students receive a skill set from the Career Technical Center, or receive the academic rigor to attend a post-secondary educational institution, there is hope. However, the lack of local jobs and the courage needed for a student to leave Adams County for employment is a problem. Those students wanting to attend college have not been given the academic rigor to be successful.

Q. If the plants closed, what would the impact be upon the families in the area?

A. The closings would turn a tough situation bleak. Our Career Technical Center is a compact with Manchester School District. When Manchester loses most of its funding, it will not be able to pay to send students there. The expected migration of students from that district to ours is going to disrupt both districts and the county. Without the power plants, my district would become the largest employer Adams County. We could teach all the skills we want to students, but we would not have the jobs here in Adams County. Given the strong family bonds in this area, it is difficult to convince graduates to leave the county, and if they do not leave, they will be unemployed. This is what has led similar rural communities to hopelessness, drug use, and premature death.

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

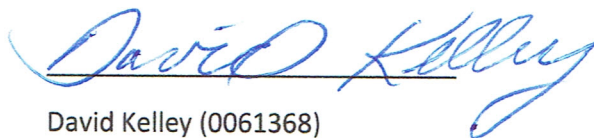
agreement between the parties that fails to address the continued operation of the two power stations in Adams County at least until 2023 or beyond. Finally, I would urge the members of PUCO to consider the environmental impact of closing the plants without appropriate remediation of the riverfront properties.

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

A. Yes sir it does.

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