

**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
BRENDA EMERY
ON BEHALF OF
MONROE TOWNSHIP ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO**

Q. Please state your name for the record.

A. Brenda Emery

Q. Where do you live?

A. Monroe Township in Adams County, Ohio

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

A. Fifty-four years. (all my life)

Q. Have you raised a family in Adams County, Ohio?

A. I have raised my child in Adams County and educated him in the Manchester School District. I come from a large farm family.

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

A. I am currently serving as a Trustee in Monroe Township and have done so for 27 years.

Q. How many residents live in Monroe Township?

A. According to the Census data provided by the County's Economic Development Office, there are 686 residents. However, there is an additional seasonal population of approximately 300 people.

Q. As the Monroe 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, 89% percent come from having the Stuart and Killen power stations operating in Monroe Township.

Q. If the power stations were to cease operating what effect would that have on the governmental services provided to the residents of Monroe Township?

A. The 89% loss would financially impact our ability to provide even basic governmental services such as first responders to our residents. Our township is remote in comparison to some of the other townships in Adams County. We have no villages or municipalities in our township to help shoulder the costs of firefighters and emergency medical service personnel. The loss of revenue by the closure of the power stations would absolutely result in decreased fire protection and emergency medical service, placing our residents at risk. The adequacy and timeliness of responders is a life and death matter. We already do fundraisers to keep up what we have. We have discussed a collaboration with the neighboring governments, but that will not work now. Decreases in revenue will negatively impact the safety of the township's residents. Without funds, the township cannot adequately maintain and repair its 26.5 miles of road and our 28.1 square miles of land.

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. They are a needed and essential partner to Monroe Township's ability to provide necessary basic governmental services and first responder lifesaving assistance.

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.

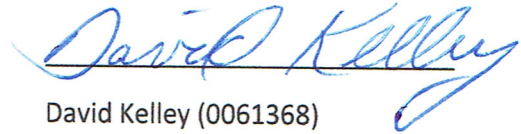
Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony on this matter?

A. Yes sir it does.

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