

Testimony of Robert Kelter
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Supporting House Bill 351

Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) supports HB 351. ELPC believes that Ohio utility customers should not be forced to subsidize the Ohio Valley Electric Cooperative (OVEC) coal plants. The owners of OVEC made a strategic decision to keep the coal plants running and the plant owners bear the responsibility for that decision. Ohio utility customers should not have to continue paying for those uneconomic plants.

One argument that we've heard from legislators is that we need the baseload power from the plants. While this argument sounds compelling, it's not a valid argument. PJM is responsible for ensuring that we have sufficient baseload power, and it will make sure that any plants needed for reliability remain open.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today.