

CAUSE NO. PUD 200900110

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10/21/09

DATE & TIME: 10/21/2009 @ approximately 11:30 AM

REGARDING: Comment from Terry Kelley regarding Cause No PUD 200900110

NOTES: Mr. Kelley had contacted Commissioner Murphy's office by telephone at approximately 3 PM on Monday, October 19, 2009, to express his concerns and thoughts about ONG's pending rate case (Cause No. PUD 200900110). On Tuesday, October 20, 2009, Commissioner Murphy's office asked the Office of General Counsel to speak with Mr. Kelley. I returned Mr. Kelley's telephone call on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at approximately 11:30 AM to number 405/324-7227. The below notes are a written memorialization of my conversation with Mr. Kelley which I informed him would be made part of the public comments received in this cause. I also informed Mr. Kelley that he was welcome to present a written statement but he simply asked that I make record of our conversation.

Mr. Kelley began his conversation by stating that after suffering some disability through two separate truck accidents he is now unable to work and instead draws Social Security Disability benefits. He went on to explain that the federal government did not provide an increase in his annual SSI benefits – in part because utilities have not increased significantly, if at all, from last year's costs – and, as such, he is financially strapped and cannot afford an increase in ONG's rates. He therefore asked that the Commission refuse ONG's requested rate increase in Cause No. PUD 200900110.

Mr. Kelley further explained that he does not believe it proper that federal legislators received a \$4,000 annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) when they did not see fit to increase SSI benefits. He believes the federal government should follow the State of Oklahoma's example in refusing salary increases to legislators and state employees in light of the nation's financial difficulties.

Mr. Kelley offered as an example his ex sister-in-law who works for the RPO in Muskogee, OK [*i.e.*, the Department of Veteran Affairs Muskogee Regional Processing Office] who received a COLA this year. He doesn't believe she or any other federal government employee should have received a COLA since there was no increase in his SSI benefits. "Quid pro Quo" – no one who gets a federal government check should receive a COLA unless everyone who receives a federal government check gets a COLA.

Mr. Kelley also told me that he had once been a truck driver for among other companies, MBM Food Distribution Co, where he made much more money than he receives in SSI benefits. Making anywhere from \$40,000 - \$60,000 annually based upon his experience and MBM's newspaper advertising for drivers starting at \$55,000 annually. He explained that MBM has been listed by Forbes Magazine as the 56-58 most successful privately held company and that all of its principal officers are multi-millionaires.

We concluded our conversation by Mr. Kelley confirming that he would like his comments placed in the public folder in this cause (Cause No. PUD 200900110). He also authorized me to list his name, telephone number and home address as follows: **Mr. Terry Kelley, 7089 Out West Trail, Yukon, OK 73099, (405) 324-7227.**

Don Schooler

From: James Myles
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 3:28 PM
To: Don Schooler
Cc: James Myles
Subject: PUD 2009-110; ONG Rate Case; Public Comment

Don:

I received a phone call this morning from Mr. Delbert Trammell at 863-2903. He is very concerned with the notice of ONG's proposed rate increase. He is adamantly opposed to any rate increase. He is on a fixed income and can hardly get by at the current rates. He is very concerned.

Please place Mr. Trammell's concerns in the public comment file for this case. Thanks.

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