

Testimony of Phyllis Carr
Application of Peregrine Keystone Gas Pipeline, LLC, before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for a
Certificate of Public Convenience
Docket No. A-2010-2200201
Fayette County Courthouse
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Uniontown, Pennsylvania
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Before Susan D. Colwell, Administrative Law Judge

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I am here today, and hope I don't scare anybody out if you have a compressor beside you.

(Witness displaying photographs.)

These are my -- this is my daughter, this is my granddaughter, Rhonda; this is my granddaughter, Emily. This is my daughter, Jeannie. This is Rhonda. She is 15 -- 16 now. This is Emily. She just turned 18. This is Nathaniel. He's 11. This is his brother Patrick who is 12, and this is Nathan's twin brother, Daniel.

We live beside three compressor stations. This is the uncontrolled emissions from it.

When they put these compressor stations in, the first one went in in 2005. Then here come the second one and then here come the third one, and the fourth one is pending.

Whenever we started to getting sick with our bones aching, headaches all the time, we really didn't know what that meant, but they were more and more and more. Then, whenever they brought the third compressor in, the dehydrator, the second or the third one, the dehydrator got hooked to it.

When the dehydrator got hooked to it, we started smelling these smells in the backyard. When you walk in them, you got burning throat and instant headache and shakiness for hours on end afterwards.

One night my daughter, last year, went out in the backyard to pick up the things the children were playing with that day and the smell was there. She inhaled it. She was in the smell for maybe three to four minutes, not realizing what was going to happen to her come the next day.

When she woke up the following day, and I have pictures here of her, she has blisters on her neck and all on top of her arms. Those are the two placed that was not covered. The rest of her body had pants on and her shirt was down to her elbows.

Now, for having that on her skin, she started to lose weight. She started to have headaches severely, but she a person that did have headaches, but they come on worse to the point that she couldn't get out of bed.

We went to doctor after doctor after doctor. Could not find no cure. He asked us, where are you living, what -- are you living in a chemical plant around you? No. I live beside a compressor station, three of them, and dehydrators, yeah. Well, I don't know nothing about that, I didn't take chemicals while I was taken my doctor stuff.

Then my granddaughter, Rhonda, the 16-year-old, and Nathaniel, the twin, went out to get on the school bus one morning and the smell was there. Them, not knowing what the smell would do. When they come home that night, Rhonda said to mom and me, I don't feel good. Whenever I got on the bus this morning and I got to

school, by the time lunchtime come, I start getting this burning sensation in my nose.

When she come home that evening, when her mother looked up her nose, it was completely blistered, like her skin was two days before.

When she took Rhonda and Nathaniel to the doctor -- because he got blisters up his nose, too, because they walked through that smell that morning. They have to live with medicine constantly in their noses. When the medicine's not there, the blisters are. My daughter took three months to get over those blisters, but it left her with side effects severely.

My granddaughter, Emily, and Rhonda both are on two blood pressure pills a day because their blood pressure cannot be controlled.

Patrick, that's in the middle, he's only 12, his blood pressure, too, is high, but they cannot doctor him with any medicine because he's too young. So, he had to go see -- because he was in the smell one evening and the next day he broke out, so he had to go -- his doctor was so concerned that she didn't know what to do with him, where to send him, and then it dawned on her, we'll send him to an occupational therapist, one that deals with chemicals for men that works in chemical plants.

When he seen Patrick's name on the list, he shook his head. A child, a child is coming to see me? Impossible. But, then he seen Patrick and he asked Patrick on his own, he said Patrick, I want you to tell me what goes on at home.

He said, you know, Doctor, I hear this noise night after night, rumbling in my bedroom. I have not slept in my bedroom for over three years. I sleep on the couch away from the noise from the compressors. He said, and my brother and sister and mom have got these things on them and then I get them on me from playing out in the yard.

Then he looked at the 48 chemicals that reach my yard, that a gentleman took, Calvin Tillman. He has a program set up for people that cannot afford \$3,000 to have their yard tested.

So, he was very kind and sent a canister to my home, and that's how the caught the 48 chemicals. Now, the DEP was there, but I can't say anything about the DEP because my attorney has it in her hands, but they did not do my test right.

So, we are left with 48 chemicals reaching our yard. We cannot go out there when the smells are there and we had to teach the children. It took us six months to let them know they cannot play in the yard because if they are in that smell, they will be so severe sick like my daughter is today.

She would have been here, but she can't even hardly stand at times to even speak. I'm here for them, that we don't need no more, and please don't give them eminent domain to go across my property and add to what we already have because we are living in hell, pure hell.

At night we -- we had to call 9-1-1, I don't know how many times, and run for our lives because the compressor stations, the people that owns them, they don't tell you nothing about them. They don't tell you what any sounds is coming from them, what they mean or nothing.

We didn't know, is this going to be our last -- are we going to blow up? Are we going to get out of here safely? That's about every month, they have some kind of trouble with the compressor.

I ask you today, please, please, do not let them have eminent domain. My family has been through enough and we can't take any more. I hope nobody else has to go through what we do. Thank you.