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## THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS AND FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L") respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for an order granting an extension of time until January 8, 2010 for all parties to file reply comments in this matter. In addition, DP&L requests an expedited ruling on this motion pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901-1-12(C). DP&L contacted the intervening parties to this proceeding and none have indicated an objection to the issuance of a ruling extending the deadline for reply comments, with all five of the parties filing comments in this case indicating they do not oppose this extension. The reasons demonstrating good cause for granting this motion are more fully explained in the attached Memorandum in Support.

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

## I. INTRODUCTION

On August 4, 2009, DP&L filed its revised AMI and Smart Grid business cases pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Stipulation and Recommendation approved without modification by the Commission by Opinion and Order dated June 24, 2009. DP&L supplemented its revised business cases on August 13, 2009 and September 15, 2009. By entry dated September 23, 2009, the Commission ordered a technical conference, which took place on October 22, 2009, and which was well attended by intervening parties and Staff. On November 4, 2009, the Commission entered a procedural order, in which it ordered all interested parties to file comments on DP&L's revised AMI and Smart Grid Business cases by November 24, 2009. Commission Staff moved to extend the deadline for filing comments to December 15, 2009, which motion was granted. The order set a deadline for reply comments for December 22, 2009. Given the number and content of the comments filed by Commission Staff and select intervenors on December 15, it is clear that DP&L needs additional time in order to fully review and analyze stakeholder comments and prepare a carefully considered, thoughtful response. Therefore DP&L respectfully requests that the deadline for reply comments for all parties be extended to

January 8, 2010.

## II. ARGUMENT

Section 4901-1-13(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code permits an extension of time to

file pleadings or other papers before the Commission upon good cause being shown, providing

specifically:

Except as otherwise provided by law, and notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, continuances of public hearings and extensions of time to file pleadings or other papers may be granted upon motion of any party for good cause shown, or upon motion of the commission, the legal director, the deputy legal director, or an attorney examiner.

The Commission may issue an expedited decision on such motions under certain circumstances:

Any motion may include a specific request for an expedited ruling. The grounds for such a request shall be set forth in the memorandum in support. If the motion requests an extension of time to file pleadings or other papers of five days or less, an immediate ruling may be issued without the filing of memoranda. In all other situations, the party requesting an expedited ruling may first contact all other parties to determine whether any party objects to the issuance of such a ruling without the filing of memoranda. If the moving party certifies that no party objects to the issuance of such a ruling, an immediate ruling may be issued . . . <sup>1</sup>

DP&L respectfully requests that the Commission extend the date for all parties to file

reply comments to January 8, 2010. As Commission Staff pointed out in its motion to extend

the initial comment deadline as well as in the Staff's comments filed December 15, the sense of

urgency to conclude this proceeding in the fourth quarter of 2009 was based in part upon

DP&L's application for federal stimulus funding under the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the strict spending timelines associated with any stimulus award.

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Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901-1-12(C).

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Since DP&L was not an award recipient, the sense of urgency has dissipated, and granting this extension will not put any award at risk or otherwise disadvantage DP&L or its ratepayers.

Granting an extension will serve the goal of arriving at the best resolution of the matter for the stakeholders. The comments filed in this case on December 15 included a number of substantial proposals that require a more thorough analysis and evaluation than originally anticipated before DP&L can fairly respond. The current seven day time period is too brief to allow DP&L to process the various stakeholders' comments as carefully and as thoughtfully as is warranted, given the significant nature of this proceeding. In addition, DP&L faces an additional obstacle to preparing reply comments in light of the upcoming holidays and vacation schedules of key internal resources.

Finally, DP&L contacted the other parties to this proceeding to inquire whether there was any opposition to this motion and no party indicated they oppose the extension.<sup>2</sup> Given this lack of opposition to the extension, along with the fast approaching deadline, DP&L respectfully requests an expedited ruling.

### III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons explained herein, good cause exists for an extension of time for all parties to this proceeding to file reply comments and DP&L respectfully requests the Commission issue an expedited ruling granting the parties until January 8, 2010, in which to file reply comments in this mater.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The parties indicating no opposition to an extension follow. Those in bolded text are the five parties who filed comments in this case. Constellation New Energy, Constellation Commodities Group, **The City of Dayton**, Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, The Ohio Manufacturers Association, The Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, **The Kroger Company**, Commission Staff, Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition, The Ohio Farm Bureau, and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

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