BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of : Case No. 12-426-EL-SSO

The Dayton Power and Light Company for

Approval of Its Electric Security Plan

In the Matter of the Application of : Case No. 12-427-EL-ATA

The Dayton Power and Light Company for

Approval of Revised Tariffs

In the Matter of the Application of : Case No. 12-428-EL-AAM

The Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority

In the Matter of the Application of

The Dayton Power and Light Company for the Waiver of Certain Commission Rules

In the Matter of the Application of : Case No. 12-672-EL-RDR

The Dayton Power and Light Company

to Establish Tariff Riders

THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY'S REPLY MEMORANDUM IN RESPONSE TO JOINT MOVANTS' MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY'S WAIVER REQUEST

Case No. 12-429-EL-WVR

On November 8, 2012, The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L") filed a Supplement to Its ESP Application ("Supplement Application") that, among other things, requested waivers under Ohio Admin. Code § 4901:1-35-02 with regard to Paragraph (B) of Ohio Admin. Code § 4901:1-36-04 (which requires that a transmission cost recovery rider be avoidable by all customers who chose alternative generation suppliers) because DP&L will be charged by PJM for the components proposed for inclusion in TCRR-N for all shopping and non-shopping customers, making recovery on a non-bypassable basis appropriate. ¹

¹ The Dayton Power and Light Company's Supplement to Its ESP Application, p. 2.

On November 21, 2012, Joint Movants² filed a Memorandum in Opposition to DP&L's request that its transmission cost recovery rider be non-bypassable. Joint Movants argue that DP&L has not shown "good cause" for such a waiver.³ In the alternative, the Joint Movants request that the Commission not grant DP&L's waiver request until after the evidentiary hearing.⁴ As shown below, Joint Movants' Memorandum in Opposition is flawed for multiple reasons and is without merit.

First, as a preliminary matter, there is no procedural vehicle for the Memorandum in Opposition as the Commission's rules do not permit Joint Movants to file an opposition brief to DP&L's Supplement Application. The Commission's rules provide that a party is permitted to file an opposition brief only to a motion filed in a proceeding. Ohio Admin. Code § 4901:1-12(B)(1). Here, DP&L filed its request for waiver as part of its Supplement Application. Based on this factor alone, the Commission should disregard Joint Movants' Memorandum in Opposition.

Second, DP&L never asked that its waiver requests be granted in advance of an evidentiary hearing – DP&L's request was to be considered as part of DP&L's whole ESP Application and therefore is subject to discovery and cross-examination at an evidentiary hearing. In sum, DP&L does <u>not</u> request that the Commission grant DP&L's waiver requests outright at this time, as Joint Movants erroneously assume.

² The Joint Movants include Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc., Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, the OMA Energy Group, the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, SolarVision, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, and Sam's East, Inc.

³ Joint Movants' Memorandum in Opposition to The Dayton Power and Light Company's Waiver Request ("Memorandum in Opposition"), pp. 3-7.

⁴ Id. at 7-8.

Third, the Commission has previously approved requests by other Ohio utilities that Network Integration Transmission Service ("NITS") costs be recovered through a non-bypassable charge. May 25, 2011 Opinion & Order, pp. 4, 7, 16 (Case No. 11-2641-EL-RDR); August 25, 2010 Opinion & Order, pp. 12, 46 (Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO). The assertion in the Memorandum in Opposition that DP&L's request is without support or precedent is thus plainly incorrect.

Fourth, DP&L has shown in the testimony of Claire Hale that "good cause" exists with regard to DP&L's request that its transmission cost recovery rider be made non-bypassable. The rationale for the waiver request was indeed provided in Ms. Hale's testimony:

"Currently the Company charges NITS costs to standard service offer (SSO) customers, while CRES providers pay DP&L (through PJM) for NITS to deliver energy to the retail customers that they serve. NITS, therefore, already functions as a non-bypassable charge. With the proposed TCRR-N, these charges will be paid by the Company to PJM for all shopping and SSO load, and therefore will be recovered from the customers in the Company's non-bypassable rider."

Claire Hale Testimony, p. 4, lines 2-7.

If DP&L is to assume costs for all customers (regardless of shopping), then DP&L must be able to recover those costs from all customers. Consequently, DP&L has shown "good cause" for a waiver of the Ohio Administrative Code requirement that the TCRR be bypassable.

<u>Fifth</u>, it is the responsibility of the CRES providers and their customers to ensure that shopping customers are not charged twice for the same transmission services. This same issue of waiver was addressed in the Duke and FirstEnergy cases (Case No. 11-2641-EL-RDR; Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO), and DP&L filed an MRO Application in this case on March 30,

2012; thus CRES providers and customers have been on notice of this issue for some time. Moreover, CRES providers (not DP&L) are responsible for the charges they recover from customers, and not double billing them.

Last, Joint Movants concede that the price-to-compare is largely out of DP&L's control (with the implementation of a CBP) and will continue to fluctuate with Fuel, RPM, TCRR-B, and AER. Ms. Hale testimony does not contradict this fact (at no point did Ms. Hale claim the TCRR-N would "stabilize the price-to-compare"). Nevertheless, as discussed above, every CRES provider has its own method of pricing NITS for their customers. Moving this portion of transmission charges from a bypassable rate (charged differently to customers by every provider) to a non-bypassable rate (charged consistently to the customers from the utility) simply removes that variation in pricing from the price-to-compare between DP&L and different CRES providers. The remaining price-to-compare, which may still fluctuate, will be based on a smaller set of products and should naturally include less variation between offers.

For these foregoing reasons, the Commission should reject the arguments made in the Joint Movants' Memorandum in Opposition.

⁵ Memorandum in Opposition, p. 6.

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