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January 29, 2013

Mr. Todd Snitchler Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Subject: Case no. 12-426-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing to ensure that the PUCO and all interested parties in the Dayton Power & Light Company's current rate proceeding are aware of the company's critical role as an economic development supporter and driver in our region of Ohio.

DP&L has worked with the Dayton Development Coalition since its founding in 1994. The company's executives have worked with our team and other regional leaders to help build the strategy that is revitalizing the Dayton Region.

DP&L has substantially supported the Coalition in our efforts to expand, retain and attract jobs in the Dayton Region through financial investment and leadership in our community-led initiatives. DP&L leadership has been integrally involved in the Wright-Patt 2020 committee which worked to ensure job gains at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base resulting from the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision.

With over 29,000 employees, Wright-Patterson is the largest single-site employer in the state of Ohio. Its success is vitally important to the Dayton Region and the entire state. The efforts of the Dayton Development Coalition and Wright-Patt 2020 have contributed to thousands of jobs gained and retained in the Region and hundreds of millions of dollars in investment between 2005 and 2011. This work would not be possible without the community leadership of DP&L.

The Coalition is not the only organization that benefits from the involvement of DP&L employees and the company's support. You'll find DP&L employees serving on non-profit boards, volunteering to clean up the Great Miami River and serving as a Big Brother or Big Sister to children in need of a mentor, just to cite a few examples.

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The company and the DP&L Foundation reinvest in the communities it serves to contribute to the overall quality of life in our region. With a history of helping the Dayton Region grow for over 100 years, DP&L is a partner we have come to depend upon. Such community-minded companies are part of what makes the Dayton Region strong.

All my best,

Jeffrey C. Hoagland President & CEO