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

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

January 25, 2013

I am writing this letter regarding Dayton Power & Light's proposal to establish an electric security plan, setting rates from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017.

East End Community Service Corporation is a 15 year old non-profit organization located in inner East Dayton. Our mission is to work with the people of our neighborhoods to build a healthy, caring and prosperous community which nurtures children toward success. East End believes that children do best when their families are financially and emotionally healthy, and that families do better when they live in communities that help them succeed. We provide a wide array of support services for children and teens, social services support for families, job readiness training and placement, and housing development.

Dayton Power and Light (DP&L) shares our interest in building an economically viable community that supports children and has provided support for our efforts for the past 8 years. Significant DP&L grant funding every year has supported the operation of our youth development programs, which impact 440 youth each year. Without DP&L's contributions East End would not have been able to provide the extensive array of services to youth that help them achieve academic success, learn about social justice and community service, explore careers and college opportunities, engage in healthy recreation, and develop positive psycho-social skills. A decade ago a majority of our neighborhood youth did not complete high school. Now, the majority of our youth are completing high school and expressing serious intent to earn post-secondary credentials. DP&L's support is directly involved in changing outcomes for hundreds of our neighborhood youth.

DP&L is a socially responsible corporate leader. Several years ago when a windstorm caused extensive power outages throughout the Dayton metro area, Dayton Power and Light Foundation executives were so concerned about the hardships that low-income city residents were enduring without electricity that they surprised us with a check about noon on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the outage and asked us to provide a meal for as many of our neighbors as possible at our community center. By 7:00 pm that night we had provided a hot meal for 250 neighbors and were able to give gift cards to households to help them restock their refrigerators when the power was finally restored. That act of kindness by DP&L demonstrates the seriousness with which DP&L fulfills its corporate responsibility to the community.

"Building a healthy, caring and prosperous community."

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DP&L is well regarded in the community as an excellent employer and responsible corporate entity. I believe that DP&L understands and empathizes with the community's economic situation, and also recognizes that they cannot continue to maintain employment levels and the DP&L legacy of excellent service without additional resources. A healthy DP&L is in the best interest of our entire community.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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