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

Case No. 12-426-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler;

The Dayton Power and Light Company has been a part of this community for many years, not only as a provider of electricity, but also as a positive contributor to the quality of life here in Preble County. DP&L is an integral part of the region's economic engine with reliable power, jobs and infrastructure investment in the area. In Preble County, Dayton Power & Light has helped fund the start-up of the Preble County Development Partnership, an organization designed to provide a professional and strategic approach to economic development for the area and is active in its participation with the Partnership. DP&L has provided support for local organizations and the schools. In the schools, DP&L has expanded the educational program content available by providing a free energy efficiency education program for teachers, students and their families in Preble County. Employees of DP&L have volunteered for numerous events and organizations within the county through the years.

Since 2009, DP&L has paid more than \$250,000 in rebates to business and governmental customers in Preble County communities of which \$18,000 went to Eaton schools. Thousands of local residents have saved money through the discounts on energy efficient products sold at local stores and from rebated services provided by local businesses. Providing reliable service to the major employers in Preble County is a major component of retaining and adding new industry to the area. DP&L has demonstrated their commitment to providing this reliability when they built a new substation in the county to support the production requirements for one of our major industries.

Those of us in Preble County want you to know that DP&L is more than just an electric utility—they are a significant investor and community partner in Preble County.

Sincerely

Jim Simon,

Chair, Preble County Development Partnership, Inc.