Easter Seals Miami Valley

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

Case No. 12-426-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing to provide information regarding Dayton Power & Light's role in the community and particularly with Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley. DP&L has long taken an active role in promoting the welfare and quality of life in the Miami Valley.

Below are some examples of ways in which DP&L has impacted GESMV and the Miami Valley:

- DP&L has typically provided representation to GESMV's Board of Trustees, and I know that they provide board members for many other local nonprofits. Because so many corporations that formerly provided executives to fill board roles have now left Dayton, this role has become increasingly important. Interestingly, former Trustees who came from DP&L have remained heavily involved with GESMV for many years after their retirement from DP&L and from our Board.
- DP&L has held winter-time used goods donation drives with their employees, to support GESMV during the time of year when donations are low. This prevents cutbacks in services that may occur when sales from our retail program suffer from inadequate donation flow.
- DP&L's Foundation benefits many Miami Valley nonprofits by providing grant funds for new projects or other needs. The DP&L Foundation has recently provided funding for the construction of GESMV's new Community Services building. Within five years of moving to our new site, the agency will serve 72% more individuals than we did in 2012. The DP&L Foundation was also a key funder of an accessible playground at the Easter Seals Child Development

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DP&L has been proactively working with GESMV to meet our electrical service needs as we
relocate our Human Service Center and Headquarters Building to a new campus on Main Street
in Dayton, OH. Representatives from DP&L contacted us, and our now working with us, to
develop a new electrical service for our project that is both aesthetically pleasing (underground
lines) and that minimizes aid-to-construction costs. DP&L is showing a great deal of support
and flexibility in helping make this important human service project happen.

The Miami Valley is still recovering, not only from the most recent recession, but from its long dependence on the automotive industry. Once home to six Fortune 500 companies, Dayton now has none. Most of the automotive jobs that General Motors and others provided here are gone. These circumstances result in more pressure on the companies that remain, to support the community in a variety of ways. The Miami Valley relies on companies such as DP&L for leadership, as we continue to work toward a more stable future for our citizens.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

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Sincerely,

Amy Luttrell
President and CEO

cc: Bryce Nickel, DP&L