BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of Its Market Rate Offer) Case No. 12-426-EL-SSO))
In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of Revised Tariffs) Case No. 12-427-EL-ATA))
In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority) Case No. 12-428-EL-AAM))
In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for the Waiver of Certain Commission Rules) Case No. 12-429-EL-WVR)
In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company to Establish Tariff Riders) Case No. 12-672-EL-RDR

BRIEF OF INTERVENOR HONDA OF AMERICA MFG., INC.

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Honda of America Mfg., Inc. ("Honda"), as an intervening party in the above captioned case, hereby submits this brief to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for consideration in the Commission's deliberation of the Electric Security Plan ("ESP") application filed by the Dayton Power & Light Company ("DP&L"). Honda respectfully requests that the Commission carefully analyze DP&L's proposed Service Stability Rider ("SSR") and its ramifications on companies such as Honda who help to create jobs and drive Ohio's economy in a positive direction. Honda requests that the Commission consider setting the SSR at the current amount of the RSC charge and structure the SSR as a demand charge.

I. Honda's Presence In Ohio Is A Positive Driver For Ohio's Economy.

Honda's Ohio subsidiaries currently employ approximately 13,700 people in Ohio per publicly available statistics published by Honda. This statistic does not include the numerous employees of Honda's Ohio-based parts suppliers and service providers.

Honda began manufacturing automobiles in Ohio in 1982. Since then, Honda has manufactured approximately 15 million automobiles, 18 million automobile engines, and 14 million transmissions in Ohio. Honda has invested more than \$8 billion in its Ohio facilities including \$4.4 billion dollars in its Marysville plants, \$1.2 billion dollars in its East Liberty plant, \$1.8 billion dollars in its Anna plant, and \$528 million dollars in its transmission plant at Russells Point.

Honda also has infused money into the local economies in which its plants are located, as well as the communities where its employees reside. In a recent 10TV Columbus news story about Honda's community involvement, it was noted that Honda has provided donations of

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¹ http://www.hondainamerica.com/

approximately \$80 million to assist these communities.² Additionally, Honda purchased \$9.2 billion in parts from its Ohio based suppliers in 2012. Over the period between 2008 and 2012, Honda purchased \$34 billion in parts from Ohio suppliers.

Honda takes tremendous pride in its employees. These resolute Ohioans come to work each day with a passion to assemble high quality products that are distributed across the globe. Honda also takes tremendous pride in its suppliers and service providers, all of whom are necessary partners in Honda's quest to build high quality products. Honda is also proud to have committed the aforementioned investments in Ohio's economy, and is proud to be a partner and corporate citizen to this State.

II. A Significant Increase In Honda's Electricity Bills Will Negatively Impact Honda's Business Flow.

Honda's products are created with tremendous thought and involve very complex design and assembly processes. Honda's business flow, however, is quite simple. Honda spends an amount certain to produce each product that leaves Honda's manufacturing plants. If Honda's electricity expenditures for its plants increase, and especially if that increase is dramatic, Honda's price per unit to produce each product will undoubtedly increase as well. The relationship is a direct one.

The impacts of this potential price per unit increase are possibly far-reaching. Honda would be faced with the possibility of making the cost increase fit into existing budgets. Such a cost increase would also require Honda to assess its current level of community involvement, potentially impacting local economies, which in turn would have an impact on the statewide economy.

² http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2013/04/24/wbns-10tv-news-presents-honda-drives-jobs.html

III. DP&L Has Not Proven Its Need For The SSR.

A core dispute between the parties in this case is whether DP&L should receive the SSR, and in what annual amount if so. DP&L contends that the SSR is necessary to ensure that DP&L maintains its financial integrity. However, after a lengthy hearing, DP&L's witnesses failed to clearly establish that DP&L's financial integrity was in jeopardy, and thus failed to establish its need for the SSR.

A. DP&L Witness Jackson Is The Gatekeeper To The SSR And If His Calculations Are Incorrect Then DP&L's Argument For The SSR Fails.

DP&L witness Chambers testifies as to the sum necessary to maintain DP&L's financial integrity and hence sets the value for the SSR. However, the values and variables utilized by witness Chambers to derive the SSR sum were provided to witness Chambers by DP&L witness Jackson. The following question and answer from the hearing prove this to be true:

Q: Mr. Jackson, would you agree that your testimony provides the statistical foundation for William Chambers' testimony?

A: Yes.

(Trans. Volume I, p.155, lines 12-15)

Therefore, if DP&L witness Jackson's calculations are incorrect, so then is DP&L witness Chambers' calculation of return on equity/financial integrity, and the SSR. After a lengthy examination of witness Jackson by the intervenors, flaws in witness Jackson's calculations were exposed. They include:

• An admission by witness Jackson that once generation is transferred there is no need for DP&L, based upon its distribution and transmission charges, to have a financial integrity concern. (Trans. Volume I, p.151, lines 3-9).

- Testimony from witness Jackson that revenues are excluded from CLJ Exhibit 2.
 (Trans. Volume I, p.153).
- Testimony by witness Jackson that expenses are excluded from CLJ Exhibit 2. (Trans. Volume I, p.154).
- Testimony from witness Jackson that he failed to include cost savings in CLJ Exhibit 2 (Trans. Volume I, p.215).

DP&L witness Jackson's calculations appear to be incomplete and faulty, and if the Commission agrees with this assessment, then witness Chambers' findings are also faulty and DP&L has failed to prove its need for the SSR. To note, Commission Staff witness Mahmud also relied upon DP&L witnesses Jackson and Chambers in determining that DP&L should be given the SSR in a range that is very close to that SSR value proposed by DP&L. (Mahmud Testimony, pp. 3-5). Therefore, Commission Staff witness Mahmud's testimony must also be questioned.

B. Honda Agrees With Ohio Energy Group Witness Kollen As To Potential Allocation Structure Of SSR.

In the event that the Commission decides to provide DP&L with the SSR, Honda sides squarely with the position of the Ohio Energy Group (OEG) that the SSR should be structured as a demand charge. Specifically, OEG witness Kollen argues, and Honda agrees, that the SSR should be allocated to rate classes using a 1 CP production demand allocator because the SSR revenues represent recovery of demand related production costs. (Kollen Testimony, p.5).

C. Honda Only Wants What Is Fair For All Parties.

Honda only wants what is fair for all of the parties involved in this case. This includes, of course, Honda itself and its many thousand employees. Honda has always had an excellent relationship with DP&L, and expects to retain that relationship going forward. If the

Commission finds that DP&L does in fact require an SSR to maintain its financial integrity, then

Honda would fully respect that decision.

However, if the Commission makes the decision to provide DP&L with an SSR, then

Honda respectfully requests that the Commission do everything in its power so that Honda's

manufacturing cost is not significantly affected by a major rate increase. Specifically, Honda

requests that the Commission consider leaving the SSR at the current RSC charge and as already

stated, structure the allocation such that the SSR is a demand charge. Obviously, the lower the

SSR, the less impact it will have on Honda's manufacturing cost.

Respectfully Submitted,

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