

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Determination of the	:	
Existence of Significantly Excessive	:	Case No. 13-1495-EL-UNC
Earnings for 2012 Under the Electric	:	
Security Plan of The Dayton Power and	:	
Light Company.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
JOSEPH P. BUCKLEY
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
CAPITAL RECOVERY & FINANCIAL ANALYSIS DIVISION
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

Staff Exhibit _____

November 22, 2013

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Joseph P. Buckley. My business address is 180 E. Broad
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
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5 2. Q. By who are you employed?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).
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8 3. Q. Would you please state your background?

9 A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from the Ohio State
10 University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Uni-
11 versity of Dayton. In 2000, I earned the Certified in Financial Management
12 (CFM) designation, awarded by the Institute of Management Accountants.
13 Also I attended, The Annual Regulatory Studies Program sponsored by The
14 National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and
15 The Training for Utility Management Analyst also sponsored by NARUC.
16 I have been employed by the PUCO since 1987. Since that time I have
17 progressed through various positions and was promoted to my current posi-
18 tion of Utility Specialist 3, in 2000. In addition, I have worked on several
19 joint Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and NARUC projects and
20 audits and served on the Midwest ISO's Finance Committee as Vice-
21 Chairman and Chairman. Also, in 2011, I was awarded the professional
22 designation Certified Rate of Return Analyst (CRRRA) by the Society of

Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts. This designation is awarded based upon experience and successful completion of a written examination.

4. Q. What is your involvement in this proceeding?

A. I am responsible for determining if Dayton Power and Light exceeded the common equity threshold to be used in its Significantly Excessive Earnings Test (SEET). The returns on equity earned in 2012 by the Company, as adjusted to for backing out regulatory assets, and deferrals is 10.2 percent.

5. Q. What is the Staff's recommendation to the Commission in this proceeding?

A. The Staff recommends that the Commission find that Dayton Power and Light's earnings were not excessive.

6. Q. Was the filing consistent with the Commission's finding and order in Case No. 09-786-EL-UNC?

A. Yes. Dayton Power and Light filed, as detailed in the direct testimony of Company witness Gregory S. Campbell, return on equity information that was consistent with Case No. 09-786-EL-UNC.

7. Q. Has the Staff reviewed earnings calculation and does the Staff concur with its results?

1 A. Yes. The Staff has reviewed Dayton Power and Light's calculations and
2 supporting information and finds them to be in conformance with the SEET
3 calculation provisions contained in Dayton Power and Light's, ESPs and
4 are an accurate representation of Dayton Power and Light's 2012 earnings.

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6 8. Q. As a result does Staff believe the stipulation between Dayton Power and
7 Light and the Staff should be adopted by the Commission?

8 A. Yes.

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10 9. Q. Is the stipulation the result of serious bargaining among capable,
11 knowledgeable parties?

12 A. Yes.

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14 10. Q. Does the stipulation violate any important regulatory principle or practice?

15 A. Not to my knowledge

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17 11. Q. Does the stipulation as a package benefit ratepayers and the public interest?

18 A. Yes.

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20 12. Q. Doe this conclude your testimony?

1 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
2 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
3 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Joseph P. Buckley, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivered, and/or delivered via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 22nd day of November, 2013.

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