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Chairman Asim Z. Haque
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Case no. 16-395-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Haque:

On behalf of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, I am pleased to write this letter in support of Dayton Power and Light.

The Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (EPC) is a council of governments with over 40 years of shared services experience, pooling the purchasing power of 163 Ohio School Districts. Through cooperative purchasing, the EPC provides member school districts access to low prices available only to high-volume buyers – from insurance benefits to food service to energy efficient lamps and ballasts.

We have worked closely with DP&L's Energy Efficiency Programs group since their programs started in 2009. DP&L is the electric distribution utility for seventy-six (76) EPC member school districts. Together, DP&L and the EPC make districts aware not only of the energy efficiency rebates available for K-12 facility upgrades and new construction, but of the benefits to all taxpayers when schools effectively manage operating costs through energy efficient best practices.

In 2014 the EPC, DP&L and Waibel Energy Services partnered to offer a unique energy saving opportunity to DP&L member school districts. Leveraging EPC membership and communication capabilities, Waibel's energy management expertise, and DP&L's energy efficiency funding, thirty-two districts saved over 9.3 million MWh of energy and received over \$1.3 million in incentives. This is in addition to the \$1.6 million in energy efficiency rebates K-12 schools have received from DP&L since 2009.

All of us at Southwestern Ohio EPC appreciate DP&L's support of our community and their ongoing dedication to helping our members manage their energy use and save money.

Respectfully,

Ken Swink
EPC Director

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