



Chairman Asim Z. Haque
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Case no. 16-395-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Haque:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Dayton Power and Light, on behalf of Edison State Community College.

Edison State Community College provides the learning opportunities, support services and commitment that enable students to complete their educational goals and realize their dreams. Located in Piqua, Edison State Community was established in 1973 as Ohio's first general and technical college. Edison serves over 3,000 students enrolled in 30 technical fields, a broad range of baccalaureate transfer programs, developmental course work, and continuing education offerings. We offer five different degrees, two of which are designed for transferring to a four-year college or university, and three which prepare graduates for immediate employment. We strive to transform the lives of our students and the communities we serve through building a solid educational foundation for students. This foundation impacts the quality of life of our students and their families and drives economic revitalization for our region by providing a qualified and driven workforce.

Dayton Power and Light is a long-time partner to the Edison Foundation supporting various student centered programs. Most recently, DP&L's support of the Edison Innovation Academy is key to creating this innovative, virtual STEM academy. It is a learning funnel through which students receive customized pathways from high school to STEM jobs. DP&L's multi-year support has allowed us to build pathways between area school systems to Edison and Edison to regional employers.

Edison has also worked with Dayton Power and Light to achieve a reduction in energy use and costs and garner rebates to make these projects very cost effective. These energy efficiency projects include upgrades to lighting, HVAC upgrades and replacement of campus PCs with Thin Client Units.

Having a partner like Dayton Power and Light allows the Edison State Community College to Stretch the boundaries of educational opportunities for our students and to be involved in innovative projects that advance the economic development of the region.

Sincerely,

Doreen M. Larson, Ph.D.
President

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