BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton:

Power and Light Company : Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO

for Approval of its Electric Security Plan. :

In the Matter of the

Application of The Dayton: Power and Light Company : Case No. 16-396-EL-ATA

for Approval of Revised Tariffs.

In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton: Power and Light Company

for Approval of Certain : Case No. 16-397-EL-AAM

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before Mr. Gregory Price and Mr. Nicholas Walstra, Attorney Examiners, at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

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1 Wednesday Morning Session, 2 February 1, 2017. 3 EXAMINER PRICE: Let's go on the record. 4 5 Good morning. The Public Utilities 6 Commission has set for hearing at this time and place 7 Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO, being in the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company to 8 9 Establish a Standard Service Offer in the Form of an 10 Electric Security Plan. 11 My name is Gregory Price. With me is 12 Nicholas Walstra. We are the Attorney Examiners 13 assigned to preside over today's hearing. 14 Let's begin by taking appearances 15 starting with the company. 16 MR. SHARKEY: Yes, your Honor, Jeff 17 Sharkey from Faruki, Ireland & Cox, and I have with 18 me my partner Jeff Ireland and an attorney with our firm Chris Hollon. We in addition have -- from the 19 20 company with me I have Judi Sobecki and Sharon 2.1 Schroder. 2.2 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you. 23 Mr. McNamee. 24 MR. McNAMEE: On behalf of the staff of 25 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, I am Thomas

McNamee. In addition, we would have Natalia

Messenger and Thomas Lindgren. The address is 30

East Broad Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

MR. MICHAEL: Good morning, your Honors.

On behalf of the DP&L's residential utility

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MR. KURTZ: Good morning, your Honors.

Mike Kurtz, Kurt Boehm, and Jody Cohn for Ohio Energy

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MS. BOJKO: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group, Kimberly W. Bojko and James D. Perko, the law firm of Carpenter Lipps & Leland, 280 North High Street, Suite 1300, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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1 COMMISSIONER BALDRIDGE: Good morning, 2 your Honors. Brian Baldridge, the Adams County Commissioner on behalf of the Adams County residents. 3 MS. MOONEY: I'm Colleen Mooney on behalf 4 5 of the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Post 6 Office Box 12451, Columbus, Ohio 43212. 7 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you very much. 8 Oh, I'm sorry. MR. DORTCH: Good morning, your Honors. 9 10 On behalf of the Calpine Energy Solutions, Michael Dortch, law firm of Kravitz, Brown & Dortch, LLC, 65 11 12 East State Street, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio. With 13 me is Mr. Lou Boston of Calpine Energy Solutions. 14 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you. As we 15 indicated -- still one more. Trevor, I'm sorry. 16 MR. ALEXANDER: Trevor Alexander on 17 behalf of Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc., and 18 the City of Dayton. Also appearing are Jim Lang, 19 Steve Lesser, and Mark Keaney. All of us are with 20 the firm Calfee, Halter & Griswold, 41 South High 2.1 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. 22 EXAMINER PRICE: Sat in the same seat for 23 FirstEnergy and I think of you as the utility. It is 24 going to be a rough couple of weeks until I get used 25 to that.

Anybody else I missed?

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Thank you. As we indicated off the record, there are a number of pending motions to intervene and those will be addressed by subsequent entry.

6 Mr. Sharkey, call your first witness.
7 I'm just kidding.

MR. DARR: You have been waiting for that.

EXAMINER PRICE: Somebody in this room put me up to this, and I won't say who.

Mr. Sharkey, you have a motion for continuance pending?

MR. SHARKEY: Yes, your Honor. As your Honors know, the Dayton Power and Light Company has recently filed a stipulation. There are seven parties to the stipulation and it is currently our expectation that the Sierra Club will be joining the stipulation. There is still some negotiations and some details going on with the Sierra Club but that's our expectation.

There are also two parties who signed the stipulation as nonopposing parties and we have been informed by a number of other parties that they do not expect to be opposing the stipulation.

We currently propose to be filing testimony from two witnesses from the company. That would be Sharon Schroder who would be addressing the familiar three-part test that the Commission uses and then in addition Jeff Malinak who would be addressing the more favorable in the aggregate test from the ESP statute.

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So we, as you know, had requested a expedited hearing in our motion on the stipulation. The date that we had proposed and can be ready on is Wednesday of next week.

EXAMINER PRICE: When are you going to file the testimony?

MR. SHARKEY: Monday of next week, your Honor.

EXAMINER PRICE: You are going to give them two days for discovery? I suspect there is going to be some comment on this.

MR. SHARKEY: Your Honor, we have, of course, shown up here with a realization that Wednesday was -- was an aggressive schedule. We put that in there because it was a day we could be ready. We are, of course, prepared to be reasonable, your Honor.

EXAMINER PRICE: Comments on the

procedural schedule?

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MR. DARR: Yes, your Honor.

EXAMINER PRICE: Mr. Darr.

MR. DARR: Thank you, your Honor. While we appreciate the disclosure we got this morning there would be two witnesses testifying on behalf of the stipulation, Ms. Schroder and Mr. Malinak, the fact that they are filing testimony on Monday obviously would put us in a bit of a box in terms of trying to digest that testimony and move forward on the schedule proposed by the company.

The parties that are likely to be opposing the stipulation and recommendation and overall the application have collectively met, many of them met yesterday, and others were addressed -- concerns were addressed this morning, and we are prepared to propose an alternative schedule that we think would meet not only the requirements of the Bench and the Commission to get this case done on an expedited manner but also fairly represent the interests of the parties that are opposing the stipulation and that will be responsible for paying the \$125 million per year charge that's embedded in this application and stipulation.

To that end, what we are recommending is

that once the company files its testimony, whether it's next Monday or a week from today, whatever they choose, that the parties have an opportunity to prepare discovery over a four-week period and then file testimony in response to that new testimony and the stipulation at that point and that the hearing then commence a week after that.

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I do not have for you a count of how many parties are intending to file testimony at this point. That may affect the timing because of the need for depositions on the part of the company as to when that hearing should start. But that is an extension in addition to the schedule that we are suggesting that the Commission and the Bench adopt for this case.

Under this schedule we would also recommend that the Commission shorten up the time for response to interrogatories and requests for production. We are all going to be under significant time constraints to properly get this matter in front of the Commission. To that end, we would encourage the Bench to shorten the time frames from the current 10-day response to a 7-day response. Both sides would be subject to it, and it would be evenly balanced in that regard. And we fully expect that

there would be discovery going in both directions as there normally is in these situations.

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That being the case, as an example of what would be appropriate now that the time constraints are pulled off with regard to the SOS generation component, we would recommend that the company be required to file no later than February 8 its supporting testimony, that the parties be permitted to respond with their testimony four weeks later, I believe that's March 6, and that the hearing commence on March 13, subject to, you know, reasonable extensions that the company may need for purposes of securing depositions of witnesses of intervenors.

Let me just rationalize or -- rationalize this a little bit more. There are a number of proceedings going on here simultaneously. We have a concern, obviously, and the Commission has in front of it applications for rehearing concerning the current \$73 million charge. Customers don't want to be paying that, but they recognize that the only way of substituting that as an immediate effect is to get this case moving forward and figuring out where the nonbypassable charge, if any, will fall. And obviously there are many of us that feel that there

should be no nonbypassable charge and we would like to get this done sooner rather than later to try to put a stake in that.

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At the same time there are proceedings going on at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which may change the deck chairs here. The generation transfer application has been heavily contested, and as -- one of the issues before the Commission at the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission is the remaining debt held by DP&L, some of which parties have argued should be transferred with that -- with that generation assets -- with those generation assets. Those may change or alter some of the issues.

EXAMINER PRICE: With Mr. Bay's resignation, is there any hope of a decision from FERC on the horizon? My understanding they won't even have a quorum.

MR. DARR: They won't have a quorum in the at least next few weeks. There has been some push, as I understand it, for the administration to fill that seat to allow for a quorum to be available. But in any case, we know that's out there. We know that those issues are in play. So there is a balance here.

The most important constraint though is the one that fortunately is no longer constrained and that is the providing generation service to the SSO. Given that the company, and we appreciate that as I indicated earlier, has filed the motion to allow a generation auction to go forward, that solves that problem. I think -- when we were here the last time, I suggested that the Commission could probably solve that problem on its own unilaterally, but given that we have got some agreement on that, that should no longer be a constraint in how this case is presented to the Commission.

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What are constraints are the need to address the nonbypassable charges and to do that expeditiously. We believe this schedule would do that. Thank you.

EXAMINER PRICE: Mr. Oliker.

MR. OLIKER: Your Honor, just before you rule and in full disclosure, there may be an additional witness in support of the stipulation on retail issues. I don't foresee that testimony being a big surprise to anybody, but without revealing the context of specifics of the testimony, it would be probably very similar to what's already in the record so I wouldn't see that --

1 EXAMINER PRICE: In the event of the 2 hypothetical testimony, can you have it hypothetically filed by February 6? 3 MR. OLIKER: I believe so, your Honor. 4 5 EXAMINER PRICE: Any other opposing 6 parties care to weigh in on this? 7 MR. KURTZ: Just this, your Honor, I think Mr. Darr's proposed schedule is supported by I 8 believe OCC, OEG, OMAEG, Kroger, Wal-mart, Ohio 9 10 Environmental, and I believe staff, and OPAE. So 11 it's sort of a broad coalition. 12 EXAMINER PRICE: Mr. Sharkey, would you 13 care to respond? 14 MR. SHARKEY: Yes, your Honor. As an 15 initial matter, Mr. Darr mentioned that there were 16 witnesses that would be sponsoring testimony in opposition to the stipulation. This seems like an 17 18 awful long -- the proposed extension Mr. Darr 19 proposed would be four weeks to file testimony and 20 then a week later to hearing seems to the company to 2.1 be unduly slow. 22 We would ask for a much quicker path to 23 the hearing. For example, in the recent AEP case, 24 your Honor, I believe it was three weeks, if I recall 25 correctly, from the date of stipulation to hearing,

and we would like to be on a schedule more like that. I would like to ask, your Honor, if you could inquire as to the number of witnesses that are anticipated to be filing in opposition to the testimony. That may help us to determine, you know, what's a reasonable schedule here.

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EXAMINER PRICE: I hate to even ask when they have had -- I know parties were engaged in negotiations, but the stip has been filed since Monday. I am not sure people have -- Mr. McNamee.

MR. McNAMEE: I can speak to that, at least in part. The staff prior to the stipulation had anticipated about six witnesses, maybe five.

In -- because the stipulation creates additional issues in the case, which frequently happens, the staff now would be looking at adding several additional witnesses, perhaps eight, perhaps nine total. That testimony doesn't exist yet. We are going to have to create that from the ground up. We had not anticipated the need for that. That is part of the complexity that I am sure all the parties have to deal with.

EXAMINER PRICE: I will poll the room. Nonbinding basis how many parties think they will file testimony? You are not bound one way or the

other.

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Multiple witnesses?

MS. BOJKO: We haven't seen the testimony yet, your Honor.

EXAMINER PRICE: I understand, I understand. I also understand the stip has a -
MR. McNAMEE: It won't make it simpler.

EXAMINER PRICE: -- has a lot of new and different provisions.

MR. DARR: That's what I would like to highlight, your Honor. If we were just talking about what was embedded in the original application, many of us had filed the testimony, identified the issues we thought were important, and gone forward.

This stipulation opens up a whole other set of issues, renewables, various rate credits, various alternative proposals in terms of handling EE/PDR money. There are all kinds of interesting things that are raised by the stipulation that weren't raised by the original application. Four weeks in light of that probably is as quickly as it -- as we could reasonably agree to as -- in terms of a schedule to keep this moving.

EXAMINER PRICE: Mr. Sharkey, let me preface -- ask you a question. Do you need more than

a week to depose intervenors' witnesses?

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MR. SHARKEY: Absolutely not, your Honor. Get it done in a week. Consulting with my clients, your Honor, and I'm authorized to suggest that we have intervenor testimony on March 1 and the hearing would start on March 8. That gives intervenors a longer time even between the stipulation filing and the hearing start than has been approved from other recent large ESP cases. I think that's more than reasonable, your Honor.

MS. BOJKO: Your Honor, may I respond?

EXAMINER PRICE: Uh-huh.

MS. BOJKO: First of all, the AEP case that was referenced was not an ESP case. It was a PPA case. And that case is significantly different and has a lot less issues.

In the recent FirstEnergy case, which was an electric security plan case, there were four stipulations filed in that FE ESP Case 14-1297. And after the stipulation and testimony were filed in all cases except the last one, which was much more narrow, opposing testimony was initially due a minimum of four weeks after it was filed, and the hearing was scheduled after a minimum of seven weeks. And in all of those cases both due dates and the

hearing dates were subsequently extended.

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So with the final stipulation which was filed -- which was much more narrow, as I mentioned, the Bench afforded over four weeks after the stipulation and testimony was filed to prepare and file opposing testimony with the hearing five weeks after the stipulation.

So I would disagree with the notion that the AEP case was an ESP case and was similar in nature and say the FirstEnergy case with multiple stipulations that introduced new issues is much more akin to what is going on in this case; and, thus, the schedule proposed by the intervenors is much more reasonable and appropriate. Thank you.

EXAMINER PRICE: Anybody else?

I think we are down to a difference of five days actually. So I think we're in the ballpark either way. We are going to -- going to consult with my colleague.

We are going to accept Mr. Sharkey's compromise offer. It's only five days different from what the intervenors suggested. We are mindful of the need to keep this case moving in light of the \$73 million RSR which would be supplanted by a new ESP, if the Commission ever adopts one. But, you

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know, we are also cognizant of the point Ms. Bojko
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     by February 6, 2017. Intervenor testimony will be
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     filed by March 1. And company -- we will go forward
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     with the hearing on March 8, 2017, at 10 o'clock.
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     rebuttal testimony? It's always an issue you have an
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                 MS. FLEISHER: No, thank you, your Honor.
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                 MR. McNAMEE: Did you speak to the
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     request about discovery?
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                 EXAMINER PRICE: Yes. Discovery
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MR. PRITCHARD: Thank you.

EXAMINER PRICE: Calendar days. We are not going to set a deadline for staff testimony, but we will ask the staff to move with all deliberate speed to file both the initial testimony and the testimony in response to the stipulation.

MR. McNAMEE: We will endeavor to move that along as quickly as possible and file it as it becomes available.

EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

Any other issues we need to discuss

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COMMISSIONER BALDRIDGE: Your Honor,
Brian Baldridge, Adams County. We are one of the
late intervenors, and obviously I am out of my
commissioner's role in this room, but because we are
late and because there is a lot of things that have
worked with local governments in the 48-page document
that I saw and for Adams County it's a huge
broadbrush. It talks about millions of dollars in
settlement.

So I appreciate you extending it, but I would encourage and we would love to be at the -come to the table and communicate with DP&L. I would like that to be on the record because they have

refused. You know, we are all partners here together in southern Ohio and this is a huge negative impact for us.

And I know that deals have been cut with other governments and we have not been at the table and it's a broadbrush. I am a four-term commissioner and when moneys are thrown out in a broadbrush, they get lost and we do studies and there is direct moneys for the Dayton area in the 48-page document, that Dayton Airport, Dayton Economic Development, Dayton Port Authority. We haven't been at the table, and I would encourage -- the president of DP&L, Mr. Raga, stated that intense negotiations for months of the stakeholders. I believe Adams County is a stakeholder, so I would encourage that.

EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

Mr. Darr.

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MR. DARR: Do you want to respond to that, Mr. Sharkey?

MR. SHARKEY: No. Go ahead.

MR. DARR: I am not responding to that.

One other matter that I just want to bring to the Bench's attention, there is a pending motion to dismiss various portions of -- actually two motions to dismiss various portions of the

application. If the Bench were to rule on that, that might -- one or the other motions, that might greatly simplify some of the issues that remain for hearing. Specifically the motions go directly to the lawfulness in light of the DMR. Arguably that still applies to the DMR/DIR that's been filed today -- or filed in the stipulation.

Additionally, there are a number of riders where there are questions about lawfulness and support contained in the application. To the extent the Bench rules on those, the Commission rules on those, obviously that would assist the parties as they are preparing for the hearing scheduled now for March 8.

EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you. We will keep that in mind.

Ms. Bojko.

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MS. BOJKO: Thank you, your Honor. One discovery matter, given the shortened time frame for hearing in this matter, it might be helpful, it's our understanding, at least, the media and a DP&L press release mentioned side agreements. As you know, those are required to be produced to all parties.

Those have not yet been produced so we request that they be produced in a timely manner in

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EXAMINER PRICE: Do you have a pending discovery request on that?

MS. BOJKO: We will today, your Honor, but I was hoping that we could discuss that matter here since it's required by rule.

EXAMINER PRICE: Let's go off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

EXAMINER PRICE: Let's go back on the record.

We have informally addressed that and the discovery issue and that will take care of itself, if necessary.

Anything else, Mr. Sharkey?

MR. SHARKEY: Can I have one minute, your

Honor?

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One last point just so it's on the record, your Honor, in response to the statements by Adams County, the company certainly would be willing and happy to sit down and talk to Adams County. As your Honors know, the Adams County and some related intervenors intervened very late in the case, and we have not had settlement negotiations with them but certainly would talk to them.

EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you. Well, you are all in the room here together so this might be an opportunity for you. Mr. Walstra and I will be leaving.

Anything else?

With that we are adjourned. We will

recommence on March 8, 2017, in this room at 10:00 a.m. Thank you. So we are off the record.

(Thereupon, at 10:35 a.m., the hearing was adjourned.)

CERTIFICATE I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes. Karen Sue Gibson, Registered Merit Reporter. (KSG-6308)

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