

March 24, 2017

Honorable Examiners Price and Walstra The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates Case Nos. 15-1830-EL-AIR, et al.

Dear Examiners Price and McKenney:

The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L"), files this letter to address its rights in R.C. 4909.42. On November 30, 2015, DP&L filed case number 15-1830-AL-AIR *et al.*, which is an application for an increase in distribution rates pursuant to R.C. 4909.18. Ohio Revised Code Section 4909.42 permits DP&L to implement the requested increase in rates, without any obligation to make a refund of the amount collected, if the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") has not entered an order within five hundred forty-five days from the date of filing the application, which period expires on May 28, 2017.

Since the filing of this case, DP&L has worked diligently to provide the PUCO Staff with timely responses to 180 data requests and their numerous sub-parts. In turn, the PUCO Staff has diligently processed, reviewed, and audited the voluminous information provided by DP&L. Despite these exhaustive efforts, in order to complete Staff's review of the application, the Commission found that the necessary audit should be conducted by a qualified independent auditing firm. Accordingly, the Commission has issued a request for a proposal indicating that the final report of the independent auditor will be presented to Staff no later than September 29, 2017. DP&L understands that it will not be possible for the PUCO to issue an order within the time-period mandated by R.C. 4909.42. Therefore, DP&L agrees to waive its right to put into effect an increase in rates without any obligation to make a refund of the amount collected which exceed the amount authorized by the commission's final order,.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Michael J. Schuler

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cc: Parties of Record

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Summary: Letter of Notification Letter from Michael J. Schuler to Honorable Examiners Price and Walstra electronically filed by Mr. Jeffrey S Sharkey on behalf of The Dayton Power and Light Company