# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

HEATHER LEWIS	)
426 Wesley St.	)
Dayton, Ohio 45403	) Case No. 19-1983-EL-CSS
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Complainant,	)
v.	)
	)
The Dayton Power and Light Company	)
1065 Woodman Drive	)
Dayton, Ohio 45432	)
	)
Respondent.	
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# ANSWER, MOTION TO DISMISS, AND REQUEST FOR MEDIATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

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Now comes the Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L" or "Respondent" or "the Company"), by and through counsel, and for its answer to the Complaint allegedly filed in this docket by Heather Lewis (referred to as "Complainant"), hereby states as follows:

- 1. On or about October 28, 2019, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("the Commission") accepted for filing a Complaint by Complainant related to establishing electric services for the property located at 426 Wesley St., Dayton, Ohio 45403.
- 2. DP&L admits that in February 2018 the Company issued a bill in the amount of \$536.06 to Heather E Lewis for services located 43 North Garland Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45403 associated with account number 5200525207.
- 3. The Respondent, DP&L, denies or is without sufficient knowledge to ascertain the veracity of the allegations as described in the Complaint and therefore

denies the same. At all pertinent times, DP&L has complied with all relevant statutes, regulations, and approved tariffs.

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

4. The Complainant fails to set forth reasonable grounds for complaint, as required by Section 4905.26, Revised Code.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. The Complainant fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. At all pertinent times, DP&L has complied with all relevant statutes, regulations, and approved tariffs. These statutes, rules, regulations, orders, and tariff provisions bar Complainant's claims.

### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Complainant's claims are time-barred.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Complainant lacks standing to bring this action.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. DP&L reserves the right to raise any additional affirmative defenses as warranted by discovery in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss DP&L from this Complaint. To the extent that the Commission denies such motion, Respondent hereby requests the opportunity to mediate this issue with the Complainant to determine whether a mutually acceptable resolution is possible.

## Respectfully submitted,

### /s/ Michael J. Schuler\_

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(willing to accept electronic service)

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been sent via ordinary mail, postage prepaid, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 to the following:

Heather Lewis 426 Wesley St. Dayton, Ohio 45403

/s/ Michael J. Schuler
Michael J. Schuler (0082390)

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