BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

| LEE J. POEPPELMEIER |) |
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| 237 E. Maplewood Dr. |) |
| Dayton, Ohio 45405 |) Case No. 20-1323-EL-CSS |
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| Complainant, |) |
| v. |) |
| |) |
| The Dayton Power and Light Company |) |
| 1065 Woodman Drive |) |
| Dayton, Ohio 45432 |) |
| |) |
| Respondent. |) |

ANSWER, MOTION TO DISMISS, AND REQUEST FOR MEDIATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

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 filed in this docket by Lee. J. Poeppelmeier ("Complainant"), hereby states as follows:

1. On or about July 29, 2020, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("the

Commission") accepted for filing a Complaint by Complainant related to charges

associated with account numbers 2753041469 and 1041988242 for the property located

at 237 East Maplewood Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45405.

2. 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

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

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. 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

6. Complainant lacks standing to bring this action.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Failure to perfect proper service of Complaint.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. 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,

<u>/s/ Michael J. Schuler</u> Michael J. Schuler (0082390) *Counsel of Record The Dayton Power and Light Company 1065 Woodman Drive Dayton, OH 45432 Telephone: (937) 259-7358 Email: michael.schuler@aes.com Attorney for The Dayton Power and Light Company (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 30th day of October, 2020 to the following:

Lee J. Poeppelmeier 237 E. Maplewood Dr. Dayton, Ohio 45405

> <u>/s/ Michael J. Schuler</u> Michael J. Schuler (0082390)

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