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January 18, 2024

The Honorable Patricia Schabo Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad Street, 12th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: In the Matter of the Review of the Reconciliation Rider of The Dayton Power and Light

Company, Case No. 20-165-EL-RDR.

Dear Examiner Schabo,

On January 10, 2024, Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC (Vantage) filed a "Change Order" request to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) and its Staff for fees related to preparing for and presenting expert testimony in this matter.

The Request for Proposal No. RA20-PPA-2 approved by the Commission on January 29, 2020 in this proceeding states at page 5 that the actual costs associated with preparing and presenting expert testimony before the Commission during the applicable hearing will include time and materials not to exceed \$20,000 without Commission Staff approval. Vantage's "Change Order" request exceeds the \$20,000 threshold by \$11,862 for a total of \$31,862 of expenses related to testifying before the Commission. Vantage disclosed in the filing that the delay of time related to the work being performed in the audit period and the hearing provided for unforeseen circumstances where a new expert witness to the case needed to be retained to testify before the Commission.

Staff has reviewed the "Change Order" request and agrees with Vantage that there were extreme conditions which brought about the added expenses. Staff recommends that the Commission approve payment of the added expenses referenced in the January 10, 2024 "Change Order" in full for the reasons outlined in Vantage's filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rodney Windle

Rodney Windle Public Utilities Administrator Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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