#### **BEFORE THE**

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

### THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY CASE NO. 09-1986-EL-POR

# IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR A FINDING THAT DP&L HAS SATISFIED PROGRAM PORTFOLIO FILING REQUIREMENTS

# DIRECT TESTIMONY OF EMILY W. RABB IN SUPPORT OF THE STIPULATION

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#### 1 I. INTRODUCTION

- 2 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 3 A. My name is Emily W. Rabb. My business address is 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton,
- 4 Ohio 45432.
- 5 Q. By whom and in what capacity are you employed?
- 6 A. I am employed by The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L" or "Dayton" or the
- 7 "Company") as Supervisor of Regulatory Operations.
- 8 Q. How long have you been Supervisor of Regulatory Operations?
- 9 A. I assumed my present position on December 13, 2010. Prior to this position, I was an
- Accountant II in the Accounting Policy and External Reporting department for DP&L,
- beginning in May 2008. From December 2009 to December 2010, I was responsible for
- Regulatory accounting for DP&L.
- Q. What are your responsibilities in your current position and to whom do you report?
- 14 A. I am responsible for various assignments relating to the development of retail and
- 15 wholesale electric rates, evaluating regulatory and legislative initiatives, and regulatory
- commission orders that impact the Company's retail and wholesale rates. I report to the
- Director of Regulatory Operations of DP&L.
- 18 Q. Will you describe briefly your educational and business background?
- 19 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in
- Accounting from the Ohio State University in 2004 and am a Certified Public Accountant.
- 21 From 2005 to 2008, I was employed as a Senior Accountant for Deloitte & Touche.
- 22 II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY
- 23 Q. What is the purpose of this testimony?

The purpose of my testimony is to discuss and support the reasonableness of the 24 A. Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation") entered into by DP&L and several 25 26 parties to resolve the issues in this case. The Signatory Parties who represent a diverse set of interests include DP&L, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"), the 27 PUCO Staff ("Staff"), and the Ohio Environmental Council ("OEC"). Industrial Energy 28 Users – Ohio ("IEU-Ohio") while not a Signatory Party has stated it will not oppose the 29 Stipulation. The Signatory Parties recommend that the Commission approve the 30 Stipulation filed in this matter on March 22, 2011 and issue its Opinion and Order in 31 accordance with the recommendations made in the Stipulation because it is the product of 32 serious negotiations among knowledgeable parties, it benefits customers and the public 33 34 interest, and it does not violate any important regulatory principle or practice.

#### Q. Why should the Commission approve this Stipulation?

36 A. As demonstrated below, the Commission should approve the Stipulation because it 37 represents a fair and reasonable resolution to the issues raised in this case concerning DP&L's first energy efficiency and peak demand reduction program portfolio plan as 38 39 approved by the Commission by Opinion and Order dated June 24, 2009 in DP&L's 40 Electric Security Plan ("ESP") in Case No. 08-1094-EL-SSO, filed pursuant to section 4901:1-39-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C") on December 23, 2009 and as 41 supplemented by its Notice of filing supplement to application filed on July 15, 2010 and 42 July 16, 2010 ("Program Portfolio"). 43

#### III. STIPULATION SUMMARY

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- 45 Q. Can you please describe the principle terms of the Stipulation?
- 46 A. Yes. The principal terms of this Stipulation are as follows:

- DP&L's Program Portfolio as approved by the Commission in its ESP in Case No.
   08-1094-EL-SSO and as supplemented by the Stipulation, substantially complies in all material respects with the requirements of O.A.C. §4901:1-39-04. DP&L's updated program portfolio plan will be due April 15, 2013 in accordance with O.A.C. §4901: 1-39-04.
- DP&L will provide a comprehensive evaluation of the cost-effectiveness and feasibility of developing a joint gas and electric home performance program with Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio for potential inclusion in DP&L's updated energy efficiency and peak demand reduction program portfolio plan to be filed by April 15, 2013. DP&L will present its findings and conclusions to the Energy Efficiency Collaborative ("Collaborative"). If DP&L's evaluation, including input and review from Collaborative members, reveals the home performance program to be cost-effective and feasible, DP&L may ask for Commission approval to implement the home performance program prior to DP&L's April 15, 2013 updated program portfolio plan filing.
- shared savings incentive structure for over-compliance with annual energy efficiency and peak demand reduction benchmarks for potential inclusion in DP&L's updated energy efficiency and peak demand reduction program portfolio plan to be filed by April 15, 2013. OEC will present its proposal concerning a potential shared savings incentive structure to the Collaborative. DP&L agrees to evaluate the shared savings incentive structure and present its evaluation at the next Collaborative meeting following the OEC presentation.

• DP&L will provide a comprehensive evaluation of the cost-effectiveness and feasibility of increasing the funding for its residential appliance rebate program in an effort to make the program more attractive to third-party implementers. The increase in funding will be evaluated for potential inclusion in DP&L's updated energy efficiency and peak demand reduction program portfolio plan to be filed by April 15, 2013. DP&L will present its findings and conclusions at one of the Collaborative's regularly scheduled meetings prior to the end of calendar year 2011. If DP&L's evaluation, including input and review by Collaborative members, reveals a funding increase for the residential appliance rebate program to be cost-effective and feasible, DP&L may ask for Commission approval to implement the program changes before the next quarterly Collaborative meeting.

• DP&L will provide a comprehensive evaluation of the cost-effectiveness and feasibility (and compatibility with a future deployment of smart meters) of developing a direct load control program using a single-way communication system for potential inclusion in DP&L's updated energy efficiency and peak demand reduction program portfolio plan to be filed by April 15, 2013. DP&L will present its findings and conclusions at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Collaborative prior to the end of calendar year 2012.

#### IV. COMMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING STIPULATIONS

- Q. What criteria does this Commission use to evaluate and approve a Stipulation and Recommendation?
- 92 A. The Commission has applied in the past, and should use in considering this Stipulation, 93 the following three regulatory criteria to evaluate and approve a stipulation: First, is the

Stipulation a product of serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties? 94 Second, taken as a package, does the Stipulation benefit ratepayers and the public 95 96 interest? Third, does the Stipulation violate any important regulatory principle or practice? 97 Q. Does this Stipulation meet those criteria used by the Commission to evaluate and 98 approve a Stipulation and Recommendation? 99 Yes, this Stipulation does meet the criteria applied by the Commission in past 100 A. proceedings. 101 Turning to the first criterion, was the Stipulation the product of serious bargaining 102 Q. among capable, knowledgeable parties? 103 104 A. Yes. All Parties to the Stipulation were represented by experienced, knowledgeable counsel, which are experienced negotiators and are knowledgeable about the subject 105 matter at issue. All Parties, including the Signatory Parties, have participated in numerous 106 107 proceedings before the Commission and are knowledgeable in regulatory matters. Further, all Parties (including the non-signatory party) were invited to participate in 108 settlement discussions regarding the Stipulation. All parties, which participated in several 109 meetings, telephone conversations and email exchanges leading to the Stipulation, were 110 provided drafts of the Stipulation and given the opportunity to further engage in 111 settlement discussions with DP&L throughout the process. The issues in the case were 112 discussed in great detail over the course of several weeks. All negotiations which 113 produced the Stipulation were conducted at arm's length. Therefore, the Stipulation 114 115 represents a product of serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties.

Q. Turning now to the second criterion, does this Stipulation benefit the customers and public interest?

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- 118 A. Yes. The Stipulation benefits DP&L customers and the public interest. This Stipulation provides DP&L's residential and non-residential customers with Energy Efficiency and 119 Peak Demand Reduction Programs which provide incentives for lowering customer 120 consumption and demand, which in turn will lower their electric bills. The Stipulation 121 also identifies additional programs to be evaluated for potential inclusion in DP&L's next 122 program portfolio plan. The additional programs to be evaluated include a joint gas and 123 electric home performance system, a shared savings incentive structure, increased funding 124 for the residential appliance rebate program and a direct load control program. These 125 126 create the potential for additional energy and demand savings, which can lead to lower 127 customer bills.
  - Q. With respect to the third criterion, does the Stipulation violate any important regulatory principle or practice?
- No. The Stipulation does not violate any important regulatory practice or principle. The 130 A. application is consistent with Commission rules and is designed to comply in all material 131 respects with the requirements of O.A.C. §4901:1-39-04. The Stipulation recommends 132 approval of DP&L's comprehensive Energy Efficiency and Demand Reduction program 133 portfolio, which includes a range of programs that encourage innovation and market 134 access for cost-effective energy efficiency and peak demand reduction for all customer 135 classes, and which are designed to achieve the statutory benchmarks for peak demand 136 137 reduction and meet or exceed the statutory benchmarks for energy efficiency. The Stipulation also takes advantage of the thorough investigation of DP&L's programs which 138 took place through a lengthy and involved discovery, negotiation and hearing process in 139

140		the ESP proceeding, leading to the initial approval of DP&L's Energy Efficiency and
141		Demand Reduction Portfolio. Therefore, the Stipulation does not violate any important
142		regulatory principle or practice.
143	Q.	Does this conclude your testimony?
144	A.	Yes, it does.

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