



WEST OHIO DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

January 30, 2013

12-426-EL-SSO

Chairman Todd Snitchler
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Subject: Letter of Support for The Dayton Power & Light Company
Case no. 12-426-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

The West Ohio Development Council (WODC) was formed in 1983 to promote economic development in Shelby County, Ohio. Since its inception, the Council has worked closely with The Dayton Power & Light Company (DP&L) to assist existing business expansion and to attract new business to the area. An area of great importance to economic development is the available electric infrastructure to support business and industry. DP&L has made great efforts to insure a reliable electric distribution system for current and future capacity. This has been a wonderful marketing tool when speaking to our current and potential industrial partners.

DP&L Staff is very helpful in providing capacity and billing information that is often requested by our clients. Their responses to my inquiries have been timely and thorough. In addition, the local service workers are very responsive to system repairs and service calls. These services have been very helpful in our efforts to attract and keep local business and industry in Shelby County

DP&L's electric rates are very competitive and often lower than competitor rates. These rates give our region leverage to attract companies with large electric use. Since 2009, DP&L has helped several Shelby County businesses with energy efficiency projects. They have paid \$735,048 in energy efficiency rebates to those businesses who have undertaken such projects. These incentives allow companies to reduce their electric consumption and costs as well as extend the system generation capacity.

WODC is a public private partnership that relies on financial contributions to meet expenses. DP&L has been a faithful financial supporter of this organization. Without this support, it would be very difficult for the WODC to continue its efforts to promote economic development in Sidney and Shelby County. DP&L also provides financial support for a number of the organizations in our area. Those organizations include but are not limited to:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sidney/Shelby
- Chamber of Commerce Sidney/Shelby
- Shelby County Applefest
- United Way of Sidney/Shelby

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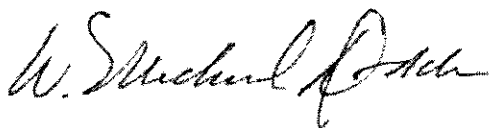
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- YMCA of Sidney/Shelby
- Agape Distribution Center

One can easily sense the magnitude of DP&L's presence in Shelby County and the region. Their presence has supported the economic growth in Shelby County for many years. WODC will continue to rely on their system, expertise and service to provide reliable electric service to our clients.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments regarding our support of Dayton Power and Light Company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Michael Dodds". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W." and last name "Dodds" clearly distinguishable.

W. Michael Dodds
Executive Director