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

DP&L Rate Proceeding Case no. 12-426-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

The Utility Workers Union of America and Local 175 support and endorse Dayton Power & Light's commitment to remain a viable employer in Ohio through its proposed Electric Security Plan.

Local 175 works in partnership with DP&L to provide safe, reliable and affordable power. Approximately 800 DP&L employees are members of Local 175, amounting to over 50% of the company's workforce.

As you may be aware, DP&L is not only a major employer in the Dayton area, it is the largest employer in Adams County where the company's power plants are located along the Ohio River. While both the Dayton area and Adams County were hard hit by the recession, Adams County's median income is less than \$35,000 and it has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the state at 14.4%.

To assure current and future employees are highly skilled, and to help Adams County residents acquire new skills for employment, DP&L recently invested nearly \$800,000 in a 15,000 sq. ft. training center in Manchester, Ohio with fully equipped classrooms and simulators. Several union eligible instructors from Local 175 are leading courses and developing curriculum.

We have concerns about the impact on these communities if DP&L could no longer maintain its current employment or if it had to curtail its community involvement or funding. I urge the commission to carefully weigh the needs of the local communities that the company touches, as well as the Ohioans it employs, as you review DP&L's proposal.

Sincerely,

*Kelly J. Cooper*

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President Local 175

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