### **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of the	)	
Dayton Power and Light Company to	)	
Supplement its Energy Efficiency and Peak-	)	Case No. 11-6010-EL-POR
Demand Reduction Program Portfolio with	)	
an Additional Program.	)	

## FINDING AND ORDER

### The Commission finds:

- (1) Section 4928.66, Revised Code, imposes certain annual energy efficiency and peak-demand reduction (EEDR) requirements upon Ohio's electric distribution utilities, beginning in calendar year 2009. Section 4928.66(A)(2)(d), Revised Code, provides that programs implemented by a utility to meet the statutory reduction requirements may include transmission and distribution infrastructure improvements that reduce line losses. Rule 4901:1-39-04, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), directs each electric utility to file, for Commission approval, a portfolio plan of energy efficiency and peak-demand reduction (EEDR) programs to achieve the statutory reductions in peak-demand and improvements in energy efficiency.
- (2) Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L or utility) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. DP&L's portfolio plan of EEDR programs for 2010 through 2012 was approved by the Commission's April 27, 2011 order in Case No. 09-1986-EL-POR.
- (3) On December 20, 2011, DP&L filed an application to include, in its portfolio plan, the efficiency gains resulting from distribution improvements undertaken in 2009-2011. This additional project, which is expected to be completed in 2014, involves the upgrade of 205 miles of the company's distribution network from 4 kV to 12 kV distribution lines. In the process, DP&L also reinforced its system by adding hundreds of poles and transformers in 2009, 2010, and 2011. In the current filing, the company is seeking Commission approval for inclusion of line loss reductions associated with distribution improvement activities completed in the years 2010 and 2011 only.

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(4) Motions to intervene were filed by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC), the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio (IEU), and the Sierra Club. Each of these parties appears to have a direct, real, and substantial interest in the issues and matters involved in this proceeding, the disposition of which may impair or impede its ability to protect such interests that may not be adequately represented by other parties. Further, it appears that the participation of these parties will not unduly prolong or delay this proceeding, and may significantly contribute to the development and equitable resolution of the issues raised. Accordingly, the motions to intervene of OCC, OEC, IEU, and the Sierra Club should be granted.

- (5) On April 22, 2013, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation that the application be approved. Staff reports that the upgrade of DP&L's 4kV distribution lines to a 12 kV system provides improvements to the overall system reliability and adequacy, as well as a reduction in system losses in the area. Moreover, these upgrades will not impact line losses on other circuits in the company's system, because of the radial nature of the distribution systems. Further, upon completion, the energy savings resulting from the project will be subject to evaluation and verification prior to being claimed by the company in meeting its energy efficiency benchmark requirements.
- (6) No objections to Staff's recommendation have been filed by any of the intervening parties.
- (7) Upon review of the application and Staff's recommendations, the Commission finds that the application should be granted, and DP&L should amend its energy efficiency and peak demand reduction program portfolio plan for 2010 through 2012 to include the additional program.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the motions to intervene of OCC, OEC, IEU, and the Sierra Club be granted. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

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