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Chairman Asim Z. Haque
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Case no. 16-395-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Haque:

I'm pleased to provide this letter of support for Dayton Power and Light on behalf of the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership (SSEP).

The SSEP is a not-for-profit organization consisting of private business and public leaders from across Shelby County who are dedicated to maintaining the county's economic growth and stability. Our mission is to promote Shelby County as a viable location for new companies that will complement our manufacturing environment and create additional job opportunities. We also remain dedicated to retaining our current industries.

To fulfill our mission, we work hand-in-hand with DP&L on a regular basis. They provide assistance to us, in coordination with JobsOhio and the Dayton Development Coalition, as we work with prospects interested in locating to the area. Beyond that, DP&L has supported programs in Shelby County to promote the development of a skilled workforce, another important element in retaining and attracting jobs. Shelby County is also an active participant in DP&L's site certification program, with two sites working through a comprehensive certification program to offer truly "shovel ready" sites for development.

As I have noted above, DP&L actively promotes economic development in a number of ways. But in addition to the economic development support, it is important to keep in mind the important role that a reliable electric system plays in attracting and keeping business. It is critical that Ohio continue to support an environment where all of our valuable infrastructure is maintained and modernized to promote a healthy statewide economy.

Thank you for your consideration of our point of view.

Sincerely,

W. Michael Dodds
Executive Director

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