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

The Logan County Chamber has been serving its members for over 70 years. Partnering with business and industry is a big part of our economic development mission; we continually survey our manufacturing facilities to find what challenges they face in growing their business.

It is comforting to know that any questions or concern about the delivery or use of electricity Is taken care of immediately by DP&I. Bill Kelly serviced our community in the past and we are pleased with the level of support that his successor Ben Vollrath has brought to our county.

Being a manufacturing community, questions arise concerning load capacities, costs, outages and more. DP&L has been very responsive to the needs and concerns of our industry. The recent upgrade in capacity in Bellefontaine shows the level of commitment DP&L has for our community.

We recently had a new Japanese company locate their first US plant in our town; cultural differences became apparent after the first utility bill was presented to the new company. Ben Vollrath was instrumental in educating the Japanese owner of ways to minimize the cost of electricity.

Signing them up with a contract and explaining demand meter equipment startup procedures will help ensure the success of this young company.

DP&L has been a good partner with the Chamber and our community for many years and we are looking forward to the future.

Sincerely,

President/CEO

Paul Benedetti

Logan County Area Chamber of Commerce

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