



October 14, 2016

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

Regarding: Case no. 16-395-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Haque:

On behalf of the University of Dayton, I am pleased to write this letter expressing appreciation for support by Dayton Power and Light of community and student educational activities. While the university will not provide input with regard to the proposed rate structures currently before the PUCO, we are extremely grateful to count DP&L as a partner and a friend. Along with the university, DP&L has historically exhibited a strong commitment to being responsive to the needs of our community and region.

Dayton Power and Light has been a longtime partner with UD, sponsoring various student and community outreach programs. One key program is our Statehouse Civic Scholars program, which sends students to Columbus as interns for eight weeks in the summer to work, learn, and network in state legislative and government offices. Many of the program participants have gone on to careers with state government. DP&L has also proved to be an effective educational partner through its support of the Dayton Early College Academy (DECA) housed at UD, the Urban Teachers Academy, and the university's River Stewards Program.

The university and Dayton Power and Light have worked together to protect the environment and cut energy use and costs on our campus by increasing energy efficiency through upgrades to lighting, chillers, motors and variable frequency drives as well as some major building renovations. In addition, we are in development of a partnership to increase community funding for the "Gift of Power" program, which helps neighbors keep their houses heated at times when they are having trouble paying their utility bills.

Dayton Power and Light and the university also partnered with the state of Ohio and the City of Dayton to create the \$35 million Emerson Innovation Center, a unique research and training hub, which is located on the UD campus. Emerson will test heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technologies that will advance the industry. DP&L was also a key player in the meeting the extensive energy needs of the GE EPISCenter, a cutting-edge research facility that is developing the latest in aviation power systems, as well as technologies that will benefit the automotive and power distribution industries.

Having a partner like Dayton Power and Light allows the University of Dayton to further educational opportunities for our students and to be involved in innovative projects that advance the economic development of the region. Should you have questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at (937) 229-4158.

Sincerely,

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