

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The	:	Case No. 16-649-EL-POR
Dayton Power & Light Company for	:	Case No. 16-1369-EL-WVR
Approval of Its Energy Efficiency	:	
Portfolio Plan	:	

Prefiled Direct Testimony  
of  
Kristin Braun  
Rates and Analysis Department

Staff Exhibit \_\_\_\_

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Kristin Braun and my business address is 180 East Broad  
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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5 2. Q. By whom and in what capacity are you employed?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a  
7 Public Utilities Administrator 2 in the Rates and Analysis Department.

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9 3. Q. How long have you been in your present position?

10 A. I assumed my present position in August 2015.

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12 4. Q. What are your responsibilities in your current position?

13 A. In my current position, I am responsible for managing the Energy  
14 Efficiency and Renewable Energy Section within the Rates and Analysis  
15 Department of the PUCO.

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17 5. Q. Will you describe briefly your educational and business background?

18 A. In June 2009, I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental  
19 Science from Otterbein College. I have completed the majority of the  
20 program to receive my Master of Arts degree in City and Regional Planning

21 at The Ohio State University. I joined the PUCO in June 2009 as an intern  
22 and began full time employment as a Utility Analyst in September 2010. In  
23 2012, I was promoted to Public Utilities Administrator in the Department of  
24 Energy and Environment. In August 2015, I was promoted to my current  
25 position within the Department of Rates and Analysis.

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27 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

28 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the Stipulation and  
29 Recommendation (Stipulation) reached in case numbers 16-0649-EL-POR  
30 and 16-1369-EL-WVR. The Stipulation, filed on December 13, 2016,  
31 resolves the issues raised in the cases and has been entered into by The  
32 Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L), the Staff of Public Utilities  
33 Commission of Ohio, Ohio Environmental Council and the Environmental  
34 Defense Fund, Ohio Hospital Association, People Working Cooperatively,  
35 Inc., Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, The Kroger Company, Ohio  
36 Manufacturers Association Energy Group, and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.  
37 (collectively, the Signatory Parties). My testimony will confirm that the  
38 Stipulation complies with the PUCO's three-part test for evaluating a  
39 settlement agreement.

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41 7. Q. What are the components of the PUCO's three-part test?

42 A. A stipulation before the PUCO must: (i) be the product of serious  
43 bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties; (ii) not violate any  
44 important regulatory principle or practice; and (iii) as a package, benefit  
45 ratepayers and the public interest.

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48 8. Q. Does the Stipulation represent the product of serious bargaining among  
49 capable, knowledgeable parties?

50 A. Yes. All parties were all involved in the development of the Stipulation  
51 that was filed on December 13, 2016. Each of the parties employs experts  
52 in the industry and is represented by experienced and competent counsel  
53 who are knowledgeable of regulatory matters and practice regularly before  
54 the PUCO.

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56 The terms of the Stipulation represent serious bargaining between the  
57 parties to find a mutually acceptable resolution for all parties. Through the  
58 Stipulation, concessions were made by Signatory Parties to mitigate the  
59 litigation risk inherent in proceeding to a hearing.

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61 9. Q. Does the Stipulation violate any important regulatory principle or practice?

62 A. No. Based on my involvement in this proceeding and review of the  
63 Stipulation, I believe that it complies with all relevant and important  
64 principles and practices.

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66 10. Q. Does the Stipulation benefit ratepayers and the public interest?

67 A. Yes. With this Stipulation, the Signatory Parties have agreed that DP&L  
68 will continue their 2015 energy efficiency programs for program year 2017,  
69 and have agreed to a cost cap to be set at 4% of DP&L's revenue for 2015.  
70 The established cost cap will include all energy efficiency program costs  
71 and any shared savings resulting from these programs. The cost cap  
72 addresses escalating energy efficiency program costs in DP&L's portfolio  
73 plan. A cost cap benefits ratepayers and the public interest by providing  
74 cost control, certainty, and stability, as well as price assurances to  
75 customers.

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77 11. Q. Does the Stipulation meet the three-part test for evaluating stipulations to  
78 be adopted by the PUCO?

79 A. Yes. The Stipulation meets the three-part test and should therefore be  
80 adopted by the PUCO.

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82 12. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

83 A. Yes.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing Pre-filed Direct Testimony of Kristin Braun was served by regular U.S. mail email postage prepaid and/or electronic email, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017, on the parties listed below.

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