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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: Opposition Comment to DP&L ESP Case 16-0395-EL-SSO, et. al re: Credit Support Rider

Dear PUCO:

I am writing on behalf of Dayton-Phoenix Group, Inc. to request you reject the settlement proposal by the Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) that would impose on our company new above-market costs.

Dayton-Phoenix Group is a mid-sized manufacturing company with deep roots in Ohio. We provide jobs for over 400 employees and have supplied quality electrical and locomotive components to the industrial and railroad markets for over 50 years.

Should the PUCO approve the settlement, DP&L will be able to collect costs (via non-by-passable credit support riders DMR and DIR-B) from all of its customers to subsidize its finances, making customers the financial guarantors of its parent, DPL Inc., which is an AES company, both publicly traded companies. The subsidy effectively insures utility companies from business risk with customer dollars.

Dayton-Phoenix Group is directly impacted by this proposal. Our facility in the DP&L territory consumes approximately 10,000,000 kWh/year. We estimate the additional costs of these new riders to be more than \$400,000 dollars during the proposed five year term of the new riders.

If approved, the new riders will add costs to Ohio consumers and negatively impact innovation, growth and jobs and subsidize poor management decisions of the utility company.

As a manufacturer we must ensure that our Ohio operations remain competitive. Please protect the competitiveness of Ohio's economy and protect all consumers in DP&L's territory from this unwarranted rate hike, which is tantamount to a "give-away."

Sincerely,

Keith Lang
Director of Operations

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