

VICTORIA THEATRE ASSOCIATION

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DP&L Rate Proceeding Case no. 15-1830-EL-AIR

Dear Chairman Hague:

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Victoria Theatre Association (VTA) in support of Dayton Power and Light.

We believe the arts are an important social, cultural, and economic element of our community. VTA offers our community members numerous opportunities to explore creativity through programs that celebrate the contributions of African-American men and women in our community, immerse teens in the performing arts experience through volunteering, welcome teachers and students to unique arts education programs, present sensory-friendly performances for families with members with special needs, and more.

To make the arts more accessible to all people in our region, Dayton Power and Light partners with VTA to support the popular "DP&L Cheap Seats" program. This program provides discounts on tickets to performances at the Schuster Center and Victoria Theatre throughout the season.

The DP&L Foundation has partnered with VTA as the Official Energy Sponsor as part of the Next Stage Campaign. VTA is building a \$30 million endowment to sustain Dayton's first class arts facilities and programs into the future for generations to come. VTA and DP&L have worked together on energy efficiency upgrades to lighting and HVAC systems, making an impact on the amount of energy we consume and resulting in reduced maintenance costs and annual energy savings.

With a history of helping the Miami Valley grow for over 100 years, DP&L is a partner we have come to depend upon to help us bring the arts to the Miami Valley and its residents in a way that enriches the overall quality of life in our region.

Sincerely,

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Ken Neufeld President & CEO

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