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Power and Light Company : Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
for an Increase in Its
Electric Distribution
Rates.

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for Approval of Revised
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**PREPARED TESTIMONY
OF
Marchia Rutherford
Rates and Analysis Department**

Staff Exhibit 1

1 1. Q. State your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Marchia Rutherford. My business address is 180 E.

3 Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

4

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

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO

7 or Commission) as a Utility Specialist in the Rates and Analysis

8 Department.

9

10 3. Q. Please outline your educational background.

11 A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration

12 from Franklin University, and a Master of Business Administration

13 Degree from Ashland University.

14

15 4. Q. Please outline your work experience.

16 A. I began working at the PUCO in February, 1989 as a Utility Rate

17 Analyst 2. My current position is a Utility Specialist. I have held

18 various positions in Rates and Analysis, and have been involved

19 with utility rates and tariff issues in electric, gas, and water for over

20 29 years.

21

22 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

1 A. I will be addressing issues pertaining to the Rates and Tariffs
2 section of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report). I will
3 specifically address objections to the Staff Report related to the
4 Supplier Tariff and Switching Fees.

5

6 6. Q. The Retail Energy Supply Association's (RESA) Objection 5 objects
7 to Staff not recommending the elimination of Sheet No. 34,
8 Switching Fee Rider, arguing that Staff has not evaluated whether
9 the fee is excessive or unreasonable.¹ How do you respond?

10 A. Staff reviews all tariffs in a proposed application. Because the
11 Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) did not propose
12 changing the current switching fee previously approved by the
13 Commission, Staff did not review the cost related charge in its
14 investigation of the Company's filing.

15

16 7. Q. Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS) Objection II B objects to Staff not
17 reviewing tariff charges in Sheet No. G8, Alternative Generation
18 Supplier Coordination Tariff.² Please respond to the objections.

¹ *In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for an Increase in Its Electric Distribution Rates*, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR, et al., Objections to the Staff Report and Summary of Major Issues of the Retail Energy Supply Association at 2 (April 11, 2018) (*DP&L Rate Case*).

² *DP&L Rate Case*, Objections to Staff Report of Investigation and Summary of Major Issues of Interstate Gas Supply at 9 (April 11, 2018).

1 A. Staff reviews all tariffs in a proposed application. Because the
2 Company did not propose changing the current tariff, Staff did not
3 review the cost related charge in its investigation of the Company's
4 filing.

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6 8. Q. Does that conclude your direct testimony?

7 A. Yes.

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Testimony of Marchia Rutherford submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio via electronic mail upon the following parties of record, this 16th day of July, 2018.

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Approval of Revised Tariffs)

**TESTIMONY
OF
JONATHAN J. BORER
RESEARCH AND POLICY DIVISION
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

STAFF EXHIBIT NO. 2

Dated: July 16, 2018

TESTIMONY OF JONATHAN J. BORER

1

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

3 A. My name is Jonathan J Borer. My business address is 180 East Broad
4 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

5

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

7 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO or
8 Commission) as a Utility Auditor 2 in the Research and Policy Division of
9 the Rates and Analysis Department. My duties include conducting
10 investigations of assigned phases of rate case applications and other
11 financial audits of public utility companies subject to the jurisdiction of the
12 PUCO.

13

14 3. Q. **Would you briefly state your educational background?**

15 A. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science in
16 Management from Purdue University in 2014. In 2017, I attended the
17 Annual Regulatory Studies Program offered by the Institute of Public
18 Utilities as well as the National Association of Regulatory Utility
19 Commissioners (NARUC) Utility Rate School.

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1 4. Q. **Please briefly outline your work experience.**

2 A. I have been with the PUCO since November 2016 with my entire time
3 spent in the Rates and Analysis Department. Prior to working at the PUCO,
4 I was employed with Morgan Stanley within the Global Wealth
5 Management Group.
6

7 5. Q. **What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

8 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address various objections to the Staff
9 Report of Investigation (Staff Report). More specifically, this testimony
10 will address the various objections related to the reduction in the federal
11 income tax rate associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA).
12

13 6. Q. **The Retail Energy Supply Association's (RESA) Objection 3¹ relates to**
14 **the tax effects of the reduction in the federal income tax rate from 35%**
15 **to 21%. RESA objects to the fact that the revenue requirement as**
16 **calculated in the Staff Report does not account for the reduction in the**
17 **federal income tax rate associated with the TCJA. How do you**
18 **respond?**

19 A. The Staff of the PUCO (Staff) acknowledges that the Staff Report did not
20 include an adjustment for reduced income tax expense to reflect the new

¹ *DP&L Rate Case*, Objections to the Staff Report and Summary of Major Issues of Retail Energy Supply Association at 1 (April 11, 2018).

1 21% rate, nor did the report include a reduction to the Gross Revenue
2 Conversion Factor (GRCF) to reflect the lower rate. Additionally, Staff
3 acknowledges that no adjustment was made in the Staff Report to amortize
4 excess Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes (ADIT), which represent
5 money that must be returned to customers since it is no longer owed to the
6 IRS. Although the Staff Report did not include these changes associated
7 with the TCJA, the objections have been rendered moot because the
8 Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) incorporates the tax
9 reductions associated with the TCJA.

10
11 7. Q. **What tax reductions associated with the TCJA have been addressed in**
12 **the Stipulation?**

13 A. The Stipulation addresses four aspects of the TCJA: a reduction to the
14 federal income tax expense and GRCF; amortization and refund of
15 distribution-related, eligible unprotected excess ADIT (unprotected excess
16 ADIT); amortization and refunds of distribution-related, eligible protected
17 excess ADIT (protected excess ADIT); and the amortization and refund of
18 the regulatory liability ordered by the Commission effective January 1,
19 2018 in Case No. 18-0047-AU-COI (Regulatory Liability).² As part of the
20 Stipulation, the Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L or the

² See *In the Matter of the Commission's Investigation of the Financial Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Regulated Ohio Utility Companies*, Case No. 18-47-AU-COI, Entry at 2 (Jan. 10, 2018).

1 Company) has agreed that all excess ADIT and the Regulatory Liability
2 constitute monies that will be owed to customers. The Company has agreed
3 to calculate the net impact of the TCJA by no later than January 1, 2019.³
4

5 8. Q. **Please describe each of the aforementioned TCJA aspects included in**
6 **the Stipulation, and quantify the adjustment where applicable.**

7 A. Each component is identified and described at length below.
8

9 *The reduction to the Federal income tax expense and Gross Revenue*
10 *Conversion Factor.*

11 Generally speaking, reducing the Federal Income Tax rate (FIT) from 35%
12 to 21% affects the income tax expense and the GRCF. All else being equal,
13 reducing the FIT had the effect of lowering the stipulated revenue
14 requirement by approximately \$7.5 million. As part of my testimony, I have
15 included an updated Schedule C-4, Adjusted Jurisdictional Income Taxes
16 and Schedule A-2, Computation of Gross Revenue Conversion Factor,
17 which reflect the reduced Federal income tax rate. These schedules are
18 included as Attachment JJB-1-3.

19 *Amortization and refund of protected excess ADIT.*

20 The balance of the protected excess ADIT is required to be amortized

³ DP&L Rate Case, Stipulation and Recommendation at 3-5 (June 18, 2018).

1 according to the Average Rate Assumption Method (ARAM). Put simply,
2 this means the excess is amortized over the remaining lives of the
3 underlying assets. Since there is no discretion as to how quickly this is
4 returned, then as part of the Stipulation, the Company agrees to return the
5 protected excess ADIT in accordance with Federal law. By no later than
6 March 1, 2019, the Company will address this refund by filing an
7 application to commence a proceeding (TCJA Application).⁴

8
9 *Amortization and refund of unprotected excess ADIT and Regulatory*
10 *Liability*

11 The unprotected excess ADIT represents monies owed to customers for
12 which the excess is not required to be amortized according to ARAM.
13 Essentially, this means the excess can be amortized and refunded over a
14 purely discretionary time period. Broadly speaking, the Regulatory
15 Liability represents the savings resulting from a reduced Federal income tax
16 rate, which the Commission ordered to be booked as a deferred liability.⁵
17 As part of the Stipulation, the Company has agreed to refund both the
18 unprotected excess ADIT and the Regulatory Liability as part of the TCJA
19 Application. Additionally, the Company has agreed to refund the

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ “[The] Commission ordered utilities to record the savings from the TCJA as a deferred liability on their books. This liability would include in part, the savings resulting from a reduced federal income tax expense and the “excess” accumulated deferred income taxes. Staff believes the savings resulting from a reduced federal income tax expense will be deferred from January 1, 2018 until rates are adjusted to reflect the reduced income tax rate.”

1 unprotected excess ADIT and Regulatory Liability over a period no greater
2 than ten years. Furthermore, the Company has agreed that the aggregated
3 refund of the unprotected excess ADIT and Regulatory Liability will be no
4 less than \$4.0 million in each of the first five years. Any remaining balance
5 after the first five years will be refunded to customers over a maximum of
6 five additional years.⁶

7
8 9. Q. Are there any additional aspects of the TCJA included in the
9 Stipulation?

10 A. Yes. The Company has agreed to withdraw and waive arguments that it is
11 unlawful to refund or credit the deferred amounts in Case No. 18-0047-AU-
12 COI, the TCJA Application, and any other proceeding addressing a return
13 of the tax savings from the TCJA to DP&L's customers for any of the
14 following reasons:

- 15 1. Retroactive ratemaking or the filed-rate doctrine;
16 2. That the refund or credit would constitute an unlawful refund;
17 3. The Company's Return on Equity is too low; and
18 4. That the issue can be addressed only in a rate case.⁷

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⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *DP&L Rate Case, Stipulation and Recommendation at 5 (June 18, 2018).*

1 10. Q. **Does this conclude your testimony?**

2 A. Yes it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
3 as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or
4 in response to positions taken by other parties.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing **Testimony of Jonathan J. Borer** has been served upon all of the parties of record in Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR by electronic and/or U.S. mail, postage pre-paid mail this 16th day of July, 2018.

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ATTACHMENT JJB-1

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Computation of Gross Revenue Conversion Factor
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule A-2

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Work Paper Reference No(s).: None

Line No.	Description	% of Incremental Gross Revenues
1	Operating Revenues	100.0000%
2		
3	Less: Commercial Activities Tax (CAT)	0.2600%
4		
5	Percentage of Income After CAT	99.7400%
6		
7	Less: Ohio Municipal Income Tax Return	
8	Municipal Income Tax Due	\$390,875
9	Federal Taxable Income	\$83,432,860
10	Effective Ohio Municipal Tax Rate	0.4685%
11	Effective Ohio Municipal Tax Rate as a Percent of Line 15	0.4673%
12		
13	Percentage of Income Before Federal Income Tax	99.2727%
14		
15	Less: Federal Income Tax (FIT)	
16	FIT Marginal Rate	21.0000%
17	Effective Marginal Rate	20.8473%
18		
19	Net Operating Income Percentage	78.4254%
20		
21	Gross Revenue Conversion Factor	1.275097

ATTACHMENT JJB-2

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Adjusted Jurisdictional Income Taxes
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-4
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Work Paper Reference No(s): Schedule C-4.1, WPC-4

Line No.	Description	At Current Rates		At Proposed Rates	
		Unadjusted Jurisdictional	Schedule C-3 Adjustments	Adjusted	Pro Forma
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(G) = (E) + (F)
1	Operating Income Before State & Local Income Taxes	\$ 33,651,267	\$ (9,263,317)	\$ 24,387,950	\$ 89,988,669
2					
3	Current State & Local Income Tax Expense	144,630	(153,006)	(8,376)	300,669
4					
5	Operating Income Before Federal Income Taxes	33,506,637	(9,110,311)	24,396,326	89,688,000
6					
7	Reconciling Items:				
8	Interest Charges	(7,021,928)	(9,188,569)	(16,210,497)	(16,210,497)
9					
10	Schedule M Reconciling Items:				
11	Tax Accelerated Depreciation	31,066,838	-	31,066,838	31,066,838
12	Book Depreciation	55,607,708	(8,172,443)	47,435,264	47,435,264
13	Excess of Book Over Tax Depreciation	24,540,870	(8,172,443)	16,368,426	16,368,426
14					
15	Other Reconciling Items	(20,469,804)	(5,854,163)	(26,323,967)	(26,323,967)
16					
17	Total Schedule M Reconciling Items	4,071,065	(14,026,606)	(9,955,540)	(9,955,540)
18					
19	Federal Taxable Income	\$ 30,555,774	\$ (32,325,485)	\$ (1,769,711)	\$ 63,521,963
20					
21	Federal, State, Local Income Taxes				
22	Federal @ 35% Statutory Rate				
23	State & Local @ Various Effective Tax Rates				

ATTACHMENT JJB-3

The Dayton Power and Light Company
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Adjusted Jurisdictional Income Taxes
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-4
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Work Paper Reference No(s): Schedule C-4.1, WPC-4

Line No.	Description	At Current Rates			At Proposed Rates		
		Unadjusted Jurisdictional (C)	Schedule C-3 Adjustments (D)	Adjusted (E) = (C) + (D)	Adjustments (F)	Pro Forma (G) = (E) + (F)	
(A)	(B)						
1	Current Federal Income Tax @ Statutory Rates	\$ 6,416,713	\$ (6,788,352)	\$ (371,639)	\$ 13,711,252	\$ 13,339,613	
2	Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	
3							
4	Current Federal Income Tax Expense	6,416,713	(6,788,352)	(371,639)	13,711,252	13,339,613	
5							
6	Deferred Income Tax Expense (Net):						
7	Depreciation Related	(5,153,583)	1,716,213	(3,437,370)	-	(3,437,370)	
8	Excess DFIT Reversal - Depreciation	(653,418)	-	(653,418)	-	(653,418)	
9	Other Temporary Differences	4,336,100	1,229,374	5,565,474	-	5,565,474	
10							
11	Total Deferred Federal Income Taxes (Net)	(1,470,900)	2,945,587	1,474,687	-	1,474,687	
12							
13	Amortization of Deferred Investment Tax Credits	(169,278)	-	(169,278)	-	(169,278)	
14							
15	Total Federal Income Tax Expense	4,776,535	(3,842,765)	933,770	13,711,252	14,645,022	
16							
17	Current State & Local Income Tax Expense	144,630	(153,006)	(8,376)	309,045	300,669	
18	Deferred State & Local Income Tax Expense	(14,494)	52,203	37,709	-	37,709	
19							
20	Total State & Local Income Tax Expense	130,136	(100,803)	29,333	309,045	338,378	
21							
22	Total Income Tax Expense	\$ 4,906,671	\$ (3,943,568)	\$ 963,103	\$ 14,020,297	\$ 14,983,400	

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**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Krystina Schaefer
Grid Modernization and Security Division
Rates and Analysis Department
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

Staff Exhibit 3

Date: July 16, 2018

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

2 A. My name is Krystina Schaefer. My business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

4
5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO or
7 Commission) as Chief of the Grid Modernization and Security Division
8 within the Rates and Analysis Department.

9
10 3. Q. Would you briefly state your educational and work experience?

11 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in
12 Business from The Ohio State University, a Master of City and Regional
13 Planning degree from The Ohio State University, and a Master of Business
14 Administration degree from Capital University.

15 In September of 2010, I joined the PUCO full-time as a Utility Analyst in
16 the Efficiency and Renewables Division of the Energy and Environment
17 (E&E) Department. In March of 2011, I was promoted to a Public Utilities
18 Administrator 1 position in the Facilities, Siting and Environmental
19 Analysis Division of the E&E Department. In August of 2014, I was
20 promoted to a Public Utilities Administrator 2 position in the Forecasting,
21 Markets and Corporate Oversight Division of the Rates and Analysis

1 Department. Most recently, in February of 2017, I was promoted to my
2 current position.

3
4 4. Q. Have you testified previously before the Commission?

5 A. Yes, I have provided testimony in the following cases:

- 6 • Testimony in Response to Objections to The Staff Report on Behalf
7 of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case Nos. 17-32-EL-
8 AIR, 17-33-EL-AIR, 17-34-EL-AAM, et al., Public Utilities
9 Commission of Ohio (7/2/2018)
- 10 • Testimony in Support of The Stipulation on Behalf of the Public
11 Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case Nos. 17-32-EL-AIR, et al., 17-
12 872-EL-RDR, et al., 17-1263-EL-SSO, et al., and 16-1602-EL-ESS,
13 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (6/25/2018)
- 14 • Testimony in Support of The Stipulation on Behalf of the Public
15 Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case Nos. 16-1852-EL-SSO and 16-
16 1853-EL-AAM, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (9/13/2017)
- 17 • Testimony on Behalf of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
18 Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
19 (9/18/2015)
- 20 • Testimony on Behalf of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
21 Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
22 (5/20/2014)

1 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address the 4th and 9th objections made
3 by the Retail Energy Supply Association (“RESA”), regarding the proposed
4 modifications to the Energy Efficiency Rider (D38) and the Management &
5 Operations Review within the Staff Report.

6

7 6. Q. Please describe the objection made by RESA, regarding the Management &
8 Operations Review within the Staff Report.

9 A. In the Staff Letter filed in the current case, the Staff of the PUCO (Staff)
10 selected the following functional area as part of the scope for the
11 Management & Operations Review:

12 *Dayton Power and Light shall provide the Standard Filing*
13 *Requirements (SFR) information relating to corporate plans*
14 *and planning for major systems, (development, integration,*
15 *and retirement) pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-7, Chapter*
16 *II, Appendix A, (B)(9)(f), as well as provide information*
17 *related specifically to the planning assessment of the ability*
18 *of existing billing system(s) and/or customer information*
19 *system(s) to accommodate meter information from AMI/smart*
20 *meter deployment and customer energy usage data to*

1 *competitive electric supply providers, pursuant to Ohio Adm.*

2 *Code 4901-7, Chapter II, Appendix A, (B)(9)(f) (ii) and (iii).*¹

3 Later, within the Staff Report, Staff noted that it was premature to conduct
4 this review because the Dayton Power & Light Company (DP&L or the
5 Company) had not yet filed an application to deploy Advanced Metering
6 Infrastructure (AMI), including smart meters. Staff further noted that this
7 functionality would be reviewed within the context of an infrastructure
8 modernization plan filing for the provision of these technologies, once an
9 application is filed by the Company.²

10 RESA objected to this section of the Staff Report because Staff did not
11 review the Company's ability to provide customer energy usage data to
12 competitive retail electric service (CRES) providers.³

13
14 7. Q. Does Staff agree with the objection made by RESA, regarding the
15 Management & Operations Review within the Staff Report?

16 A. No, Staff does not agree with the objection. Staff notes that since the
17 application in the current case was filed, the Company filed an application
18 for a Standard Service Offer in Case No. 16-0395-EL-SSO (DP&L SSO
19 case), which has since been ruled on by the Commission. Within the scope

¹ *In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for a Distribution Rate Increase, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR, Staff Letter (Nov. 9, 2015) (DP&L Rate Case).*

² *DP&L Rate Case, Staff Report at 52 (March 12, 2018).*

³ *DP&L Rate Case, Objections to the Staff Report and Summary of Major Issues of Retail Energy Supply Association at 3 (April 11, 2018).*

1 of the DP&L SSO case, the Commission directed the Company to file an
2 infrastructure modernization plan within three months after the
3 Commission's grid modernization proceeding, entitled PowerForward, or
4 by August 1, 2018, whichever is earlier.⁴ The infrastructure modernization
5 plan is required to include specific technology components, including but
6 not limited to: "advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), including smart
7 meters; meter data management systems capable of providing bill quality
8 data, i.e., data that has gone through the validation, estimation, and editing
9 "VEE" process, to CRES providers and authorized third parties; system-
10 wide distribution automation; and volt-VAR optimization."⁵
11 Staff believes that it is more appropriate to review the Company's ability to
12 provide customer energy usage data to CRES providers once the
13 infrastructure modernization plan has been filed, since the plan will detail
14 the proposed method for providing third parties, including CRES providers,
15 access to customer energy usage data.

16
17 8. Q. Please describe the objection made by RESA, regarding the proposed
18 modifications to the Energy Efficiency Rider (D38).

⁴ *In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company to Establish a Standard Service Offer in the Form of an Electric Security Plan*. Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order at 33 (Oct. 20, 2017) (DP&L SSO Case).

⁵ DP&L SSO Case, Amended Stipulation and Recommendation at 7 (March 14, 2017).

1 A. Within the Staff Report, Staff recommended the approval of the Company's
2 proposed addition of tariff language incorporating Light Emitting Diode
3 (LED) lighting service for Private Outdoor Lighting customers.⁶ RESA
4 objected to Staff's recommendations because it believes the tariff changes
5 provide an inappropriate subsidy to these LED customers.⁷ RESA further
6 alluded to issues with the Company offering Private Outdoor Street
7 Lighting but the basis for the objection was vague, so Staff is unable to
8 respond further to the objection at this time.

9
10 9. Q. Please provide some context, regarding the proposed modifications to the
11 Electric Distribution Service Energy Efficiency Rider.

12 A. Company witness Kathryn N. Storm described the Company's proposed
13 changes to the Private Outdoor Lighting Tariff (D23).⁸ As proposed, only
14 LED lighting options would be offered to new customers taking service
15 under the tariff. Existing lighting technologies would be grandfathered
16 under the tariff, i.e., existing customers would not be required to replace
17 their fixture with a LED fixture, but new customers or customers with an
18 existing fixture that fails would be required to install a LED lighting
19 fixture.

⁶*DP&L Rate Case*, Staff Report at 27 (March 12, 2018).

⁷*DP&L Rate Case*, Objections to the Staff Report and Summary of Major Issues of Retail Energy Supply Association at 2 (April 11, 2018).

⁸*DP&L Rate Case*, Application of the Dayton Power and Light Company to Increase Its Rates for Electric Distribution, Book III – Testimony Volume 4 of 4. Direct Testimony of Kathryn N. Storm at 11 (Nov. 30, 2015).

1 The Company also proposed modifications to several other riders in order
2 to reflect applicable distribution service charges for the new category of
3 LED lighting under Private Outdoor Lighting.⁹ Within all applicable riders,
4 charges were established for Private Outdoor Lighting LED customers
5 except for the Energy Efficiency Rider (D38). In the Energy Efficiency
6 Rider (D38), the Company proposes to maintain existing charges for all
7 other categories of Private Outdoor Lighting (High Pressure Sodium,
8 Mercury, Incandescent, Fluorescent, and PT Mercury), but the Company
9 did not propose new charges for LED customers. Specifically, the
10 proposed charges (per lamp/month) are \$0.4236648 for 9,500 Lumens High
11 Pressure Sodium, \$1.0428672 for 28,000 Lumens High Pressure Sodium,
12 \$0.8147400 for 7,000 Lumens Mercury, \$1.6729328 for 21,000 Lumens
13 Mercury, \$0.6952448 for 2,500 Lumens Incandescent, \$0.7169712 for
14 7,000 Lumens Fluorescent, and \$0.4671176 for 4,000 Lumens PT Mercury.
15 However, the proposed charges (per lamp/month) are \$0.0000000 for 3,600
16 Lumens LED and \$0.0000000 for 8,400 Lumens LED.¹⁰

17
18 10. Q. Does Staff agree with the objection RESA made regarding the proposed
19 modifications to the Electric Distribution Service Energy Efficiency Rider?

⁹ These include: Uncollectible Rider (D27), Reconciliation Rider Nonbypassable (D29), Excise Tax Surcharge Rider (D33), Energy Efficiency Rider (D38), and Economic Development Rider (D39).

¹⁰ *DP&L Rate Case, Application, Book II – Schedules, Volume 2 of 4, P.U.C.O. No. 18 Electric Distribution Service Private Outdoor Lighting* at 79 (Nov. 30, 2015).

1 A. No. It is unclear why Private Outdoor Lighting customers with LED
2 fixtures would be exempt from paying the Energy Efficiency Rider (D38)
3 while customers with existing lighting fixtures would be required to pay,
4 since it is not explicitly referenced in any of the Company's testimony in
5 this rate case. However, since that time the Company has updated its
6 Energy Efficiency Rider (D38) within its most recent portfolio plan case, so
7 the issue is no longer relevant.¹¹

8
9 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

10 A. Yes. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony, as
11 new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
12 positions taken by other parties.

¹¹ Case No. 16-0649-EL-POR, et al., P.U.C.O. No. 17 Electric Distribution Service Energy Efficiency Rider at Sheet No. D38 (Nov. 30, 2017).

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Company for Approval of Revised)	
Tariffs.)	

**Prepared Testimony
Of
CHUCK GOINS
Rates and Tariffs Division
Utilities Department**

Staff Ex. 

Date: July 23, 2018

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

2 A. My name is Chuck Goins. My business address is 180 East Broad Street,

3 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

4

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

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO or

7 Commission) as a Utility Specialist in the Rates and Analysis Department.

8

9 3. Q. Please outline your educational background.

10 A. I am a 1981 graduate of Findlay College, in Findlay, Ohio, with Bachelor

11 of Science Degrees in Business Management and Business Administration.

12

13 4. Q. Please briefly outline your work experience.

14 A. I came to the Public Utilities Commission in September of 1990. In

15 January of 1992, I accepted the position of Utility Rate Analyst 1 in the

16 Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department. In

17 October of 1996, I was promoted to the position of Utility Rate Analyst

18 Coordinator. I was promoted to a Utility Specialist 1 in January of 2000.

19 In February of 2014, I was promoted to my current position of Utility

20 Specialist 2.

21

22 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

1 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address issues in the Rates and Tariffs
2 section of the Staff Report of Investigation. I will specifically address
3 Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS) Objection D.

4
5 6. Q. IGS Objection D opposes the Staff Report's proposed Customer Charge
6 and Demand Charge calculations.¹ How do you respond?

7
8 A. The Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) filed in this proceeding
9 amended the customer charge proposed in the Staff Report. The Signatory
10 Parties compromised on a customer charge of \$7,² which is lower than the
11 Staff Report's recommendation of \$7.88.³ Because IGS did not propose a
12 different customer charge and the Stipulation does not specify how the
13 proposed customer charge of \$7 was derived, the Staff of the PUCO (Staff) is
14 not able to respond further to IGS's objection.
15 Staff believes the Company's methodology for calculating the demand charge
16 is reasonable. Demand charges increased 14% for Secondary 3 Phase
17 customers and Primary Customers, and 12% for Primary Substation customers.
18 These increases were based on cost causation. When viewed as part of the
19 overall rate, these increases do not violate the principle of gradualism.

¹ *In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for an Increase in its Electric Distribution Rates*, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR, et al., Objections to Staff Report of Investigation and Summary of Major Issues of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. at 11-13 (April 11, 2018) (*DP&L Rate Case*).

² *DP&L Rate Case*, Stipulation and Recommendation at 14 (June 18, 2018).

³ *DP&L Rate Case*, Staff Report at 36 (March 12, 2018).

1 Additionally, Staff's analysis and recommendations regarding demand charges
2 did not include outcomes related to any specific policy relating to distributed
3 generation.

4

5 7. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

6 A. Yes it does.

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	:	
	:	
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Dayton Power and Light Company for	:	
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PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
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Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department
Service Analysis and Reliability Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Staff Exhibit 5

Date: July 16, 2018

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

2 A. My name is Craig Smith. My business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215.
4

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

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO or
7 Commission). I am a Public Utilities Administrator with the Reliability and
8 Service Analysis Division within the Service Monitoring and Enforcement
9 Department. My current duties include the oversight of service reliability,
10 consumer protection policies and rules for gas, water, and electric, as well
11 as low income assistance programs.
12

13 3. Q. Would you briefly state your educational background and work experience.

14 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree that included a Major in Political
15 Science and a Minor in Chemistry from Denison University. I received a
16 Master's degree in Public Administration from The Ohio State University.
17 I received a Juris Doctor from Capital University. In addition, I completed
18 over a dozen post-baccalaureate classes in accounting from Columbus State
19 Community College.
20

21 While obtaining my Master's and Law degrees, I served as a management
22 and legal intern with the PUCO in the Consumers Services Department.

1 After law school, I began employment with the Ohio Department of
2 Taxation. While at the Department of Taxation I was employed as an
3 Internal Audit Supervisor 2, Chief Counsel Supervisor 2 in Tax Appeals,
4 and as a Deputy Tax Commissioner. I have also been a private sector
5 attorney and a Certified Internal Auditor (2006-2017).

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7 In January of 2014, I accepted a Utilities Specialist 1 position with the
8 PUCO in the Accounting and Electricity Division. In October of 2014, I
9 accepted a Utilities Specialist 2 position with the PUCO in the Reliability
10 and Service Analysis Division. And in October of 2015, I accepted my
11 current position, a Public Utilities Administrator 2 with the PUCO in the
12 Reliability and Service Analysis Division.

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14 4. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

15 A. The purpose of my testimony is provide the results of Staff's evaluation of
16 costs contained in distribution rates that may be necessary to provide
17 standard service offer (SSO) service and to address Retail Energy Suppliers
18 Association's (RESA) Objections #6 and #7 and Interstate Gas Supply,
19 Inc.'s (IGS) Objection A to the SSO section of the Staff Report. In
20 addition, my testimony responds to IGS's Objection C regarding the lack of
21 changes to the Dayton Power and Light Company's (DP&L or Company)
22 Supplier tariff regarding credit and collateral requirements.

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2 5.. Q. How did Staff evaluate the costs contained in distribution rates that may be
3 necessary to provide SSO?

4 A. The Rates and Analysis Staff reviewed a Cost of Service Study (COSS)
5 provided by DP&L in this case to determine how approved distribution cost
6 should be classified and allocated among all rate classes, and determined
7 what distribution costs are needed to serve customers by rate class. Costs
8 are first classified as energy, demand, or customer related. Customer
9 classes are allocated the functionalized and classified revenue requirements
10 (cost of service) to the different customer rate classes. A customer rate
11 class is a relatively homogeneous group of customers that possess similar
12 characteristics and who face the same set of prices such as residential,
13 industrial, and commercial.

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15 In order to evaluate the costs contained in DP&L's distribution rates that
16 may be necessary to provide SSO service, Staff needed to identify those
17 costs related to servicing SSO customers that had not already been
18 identified in bypassable riders and that could be tracked separately from
19 those costs to serve non-SSO customers. Staff determined the best way to
20 identify those costs was to have DP&L provide information that could
21 separate distribution costs and services into those that served SSO customer
22 and those that served non-SSO customers.

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2 7. Q. Why did Staff take this approach?

3 A. Staff recognized that part of a distribution company's service is to deliver
4 generation supply to customers whether those customers are SSO or non-
5 SSO. The revenue requirement is for distribution related functions not
6 generation or transmission. To fairly evaluate the cost to serve a SSO
7 customer, Staff believed that it would have to take into account the costs
8 and services to serve a non-SSO customer, because operational,
9 administrative, and non-operating costs are embedded in DP&L's
10 distribution cost.

11

12 Thus, Staff sought to determine whether SSO and non-SSO customers
13 utilize the same services regarding the various costs within the customer
14 service charge and whether DP&L tracks the cost for such services between
15 SSO and non-SSO customers. The Company did not conduct a class COSS
16 between SSO and non-SSO customers.

17 8. Q. Why did the Company not provide a COSS on SSO and non-SSO
18 customers?

19 A. The Company in response to Staff Discovery Request #181 explained that
20 "(b)ecause generation and transmission costs were excluded from the filing,
21 DP&L did not further analyze costs to provide SSO service as part of its

1 COS study” and “DP&L did not further analyze cost to provide CRES as a
2 part of its COS study.”¹ In addition the company in response to Staff
3 Discovery Request #187 explained that “(w)hile the Company may incur
4 different cost associated with providing certain services to shopping and
5 non-shopping customers, DP&L is unable to quantify those differences
6 because its cost are not tracked with that level of granularity....It would be
7 prohibitively expensive for the Company to track costs that are associated
8 with each of these functions and any other functions that are associated
9 with administering the competitive retail market and providing a standard
10 service offer.”²

11 9. Q. Did the Company believe that SSO and non-SSO customers use exactly the
12 same distribution services?

13 A. No. while DP&L did not further analyze the costs to provide SSO service
14 as part of its COSS, DP&L stated that while it may incur different costs
15 associated with providing certain service to SSO and non-SSO customers, it
16 is unable to quantify those differences because its cost are not tracked at
17 such a granular level. The Company did believe that the cost differences
18 between SSO and non-SSO customers did go both ways. The Company
19 provided example of incurred costs associated with providing service to
20 non-SSO customers that it does not also incur for SSO customers such as

¹ DR #181, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR.

² DR #187, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR.

1 interacting with competitive suppliers, calculating and collecting collateral,
2 providing bill ready and rate ready billing, and administering the TCRR-N
3 opt-out pilot program.³
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5 10. Q. Did Staff consider another approach to evaluating the cost to support SSO
6 service?

7 A. Staff did consider an allocation methodology using an assumption that there
8 are costs imbedded to service SSO customers. However, Staff did not have
9 enough information such as a supplemental COSS on the true cost to serve
10 each set of customers to make such an assumption. Based on Staff's own
11 interaction with DP&L and other electric distribution utilities (EDU) on
12 competitive and non-competitive issues, Staff could not make an
13 assumption that DP&L's cost to serve SSO customers is significant enough
14 to justify a shift in cost allocation methodology.
15

16 For example, Staff participates in the Ohio Electronic Data Interchange
17 (EDI) Working Group which is comprised of the four Ohio EDUs,
18 competitive retail service providers (CRES), third party EDI providers, and
19 Staff. This group works specifically on electronic data exchange
20 procedures to ensure customers' data is transmitted in order to allow

³ DR #187, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR.

1 customer to be served by a CRES provider. The Company call center
2 interactive voice response (IVR)⁴ recorded 29,921 contacts for electric
3 choice through the first 10 months of 2017. There is no similar option for
4 SSO customers. The Company also received 83 formal customer
5 complaints in 2017 regarding electric choice.

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7 One could assume that SSO customers who are proportionally disconnected
8 more than Choice customers, incur more administrative costs.⁵ However,
9 due to payment priority as authorized in Case No. 03-2245-EL-UNC,
10 partial payments are posted to past due CRES charges first, and remaining
11 balances are then applied to DP&L's past due charges.⁶ In addition, when a
12 customer is returned to the SSO, either by their choice or by CRES action,
13 the CRES charges remain on the customer bill for the earlier of 1) at least
14 three billing cycles; 2) the date the customer is disconnected; or 3) when a
15 final bill is issued. The partial payment priority will still apply while the
16 CRES charges are on the customer's bill, even when the customer is
17 returned to the SSO. Finally, Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus
18 (PIPP) customer pre-PIPP arrears which may include CRES charges are

⁴ The IVR is the call tree that gives callers approximately 17 options for the purposes of servicing their needs. One of those Options is electric choice.

⁵ DR #181, Case no. 16-0395-EL-SSO.

⁶ See Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-10-22(G).

1 collected through the Universal Service Fund and remain with the customer
2 as pre-PIPP debt.
3

4 11. Q. Could Staff determine whether SSO customer's choice of default service
5 incurred increased or required different levels of service based on this
6 choice?

7 A. No, upon inquiry with the Company through data request, Staff determined
8 that both SSO and non-SSO customers utilized similar services. Whether a
9 customer is SSO or non-SSO, the costs to administer the competitive retail
10 market and the SSO are similar. All customers utilize the call center,
11 communication channels, accounting resources, IT, legal, and
12 administrative and regulatory resources.
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15 12. Q. What are the objections of IGS to the SSO section of the Staff Report?

16 A. IGS's objection is that the Staff report fails to recommend that
17 DP&L unbundle from distribution rates all costs related to provisions of the
18 SSO and that the Staff Report further incorrectly proposes an avoided cost
19 analysis to unbundle distribution rates.⁷

⁷ *In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR, et al., Objections to Staff Report of Investigation and Summary of Major Issues of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. at 4-9 (Apr. 11, 2018) (*DPL Rate Case*).

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2 13. Q. What are the Objections of the RESA to the SSO section of the Staff
3 report?

4 A. RESA's Objection #7 objects to Staff's acceptance of DP&L's COSS,
5 stating that the COSS does not properly identify DP&L's total costs and
6 does not properly functionalize, classify, or allocate those costs.⁸ RESA's
7 Objection #6 objects to Staff's recommendation that only the PUCO/OCC
8 assessment expense be recovered through a bypassable charge.⁹
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10 14. Q. What costs do IGS and RESA seek to unbundle?

11 A. The administrative, operating and non-operating costs related to provision
12 of the SSO.¹⁰ Based on the pre-filed testimony of J. Edward Hess the costs
13 that should be unbundled include such items as printing and postage,
14 accounting, administrative salaries, and legal personnel.¹¹
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16 15. Q. Has the Company included any direct generation costs in distribution rates?

⁸ *DPL Rate Case*, Objections to the Staff Report and Summary of Major Issues of Retail Energy Supply Association at 2-3 (Apr. 11, 2018).

⁹ *DPL Rate Case*, Objections to the Staff Report and Summary of Major Issues of Retail Energy Supply Association at 2 (Apr. 11, 2018).

¹⁰ *DPL Rate Case*, Objections to the Staff Report and Summary of Major Issues of Retail Energy Supply Association at 3 (Apr. 11, 2018); *DPL Rate Case*, Objections to Staff Report of Investigation and Summary of Major Issues of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. at 4-9 (Apr. 11, 2018).

¹¹ *DPL Rate Case*, Direct Testimony of J Edward Hess on Behalf of Retail Energy Supply Association and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. at 14-15 (Apr. 11, 2018).

1 A. No, whether a customer is on a SSO or a non-SSO choice offer, the direct
2 costs of energy, capacity, and alternative energy requirements are excluded
3 from distribution rates.
4

5 16. Q. Does the Company admit that all costs in the provision of generation for
6 SSO customers are included in the rates SSO customers pay for default
7 service?

8 A. Yes, the Company has expressed that all of the default SSO service costs
9 are included in SSO rates.¹²
10

11 17. Q. If there are no direct costs of generation service then what costs could be
12 included in distribution rates?

13 A. Administrative, operating, or non-operating costs. Administrative costs are
14 expenses incurred in controlling and directing an organization but not
15 directly identifiable with business operations such as accounting.
16 Operating costs are expenses related to the operation of a business segment.
17 They are the resources used by an organization just to maintain existence.
18 Non-operating costs are expenses incurred by a business that are unrelated
19 to its core operations such as borrowing costs.
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¹² DR # 187, Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR.

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2 18. Q. Do you have concerns with the methodology for the cost allocation
3 between SSO and non-SSO customers put forth by IGS and RESA?

4 A. RESA and IGS, through the direct testimony of J. Edward Hess,
5 recommend a cost of service allocation methodology that approximates the
6 costs incurred by DP&L in providing SSO service.

7 RESA and IGS did not conduct a process review, time studies, or any other
8 data-driven analysis to assign costs to SSO customers. Rather, RESA and
9 IGS reviewed Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) accounts
10 and arbitrarily identified accounts that might have an embedded SSO
11 operational or administrative cost. There was no investigation of the
12 embedded costs. Furthermore, RESA and IGS make the unsupported
13 assumption that either Choice customers do not have similar embedded
14 costs as SSO customers, or the SSO proportion of embedded costs is
15 greater than the Choice customer's proportion.

16 RESA's and IGS's analysis errs by further basing the allocation
17 methodology on revenue. Lacking a cost causation study, RESA's and
18 IGS's revenue allocation assigns one third of the estimated distribution
19 costs to SSO customers and one third of the customer allocation to SSO
20 customers. Furthermore, based on RESA's and IGS's recommendation,
21 the provision of SSO service is equal in cost to distribution service itself.

1 The Commission most recently addressed this topic in the April 25, 2018
2 Opinion and Order for Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO. The Commission
3 directed the Ohio Power Company to analyze actual costs for providing
4 both SSO service and choice service before the Commission will determine
5 it is necessary to reallocate costs between SSO and non-SSO customers.¹³
6

7 19. Q. Does Staff agree with IGS's and RESA's objections regarding the COSS?
8 If not, please explain why.

9 A. Staff does not agree with any of IGS's or RESA's objections to the SSO
10 section of the Staff Report. The stipulation in the DP&L SSO case stated
11 that there will be an evaluation of costs contained in distribution rates that
12 may be necessary to provide SSO service. Although the Stipulation did not
13 direct any one party to evaluate the costs, Staff did evaluate the costs based
14 on the data provided by DP&L. However, Staff did not use the evaluation
15 methodology that IGS or RESA described in their testimony.

16 The last objection by IGS and RESA is the suggestion that Choice
17 customers pay these costs twice through distribution rates and again in the
18 CRES supplier's charges. Choice customers do not pay these costs twice.
19 All customers pay for the Company's distribution costs in distribution rates.

1 Choice customers do not pay for the company's distribution costs in the
2 CRES supplier's charges. Rather, Choice customers pay for generation
3 service through the CRES supplier's charges
4

5 20. Q. What are the results of Staff's evaluation of costs contained in distribution
6 rates that may be necessary to provide SSO service?

7 A. Although it is likely that the provision of SSO service utilizes shared
8 administrative and operating expenses, it is also likely that the provision of
9 non-SSO Choice services utilize similar if not greater amounts of
10 administrative and operating expenses.

11 All customers are distribution customers to the Company not just SSO or
12 non-SSO customers. The proposed new classification is inconsistent with
13 regulatory principles of rate design as well as with the Company's
14 accounting systems. Each customer of the Company may be a SSO or a
15 non-SSO customer at any given time as the choice of generation service is
16 fluid from month to month. As such, the distinction of which generation
17 service a customer chooses does not provide a definable class for allocation
18 when a customer can choose a new supplier or default service multiple
19 times per year. The Company is required to provide a SSO of all
20 competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric
21 service to consumers as well as the ability for customers to choose a

1 competitive electric retail provider.¹⁴ The embedded costs to the
2 distribution utility to maintain SSO and Choice service are assets used
3 jointly and should be recovered by contributions from all customers.
4

5 21. Q. What is IGS's objection to the Staff Report regarding Supplier Tariffs?

6 A. IGS stated that the Staff Report fails to propose changes to the credit and
7 collateral requirements contained in the DP&L Supplier Tariff.¹⁵ IGS
8 argued that the stipulation and Opinion and Order in the DP&L SSO case
9 "expressly permitted parties to raise additional matters related to the
10 Supplier Tariff in this proceeding."¹⁶

11 22. Q. Does Staff agree with IGS's objection?

12 A. No. Staff was under no obligation to propose changes IGS proposes to
13 DP&L's Supplier Tariff. The Staff Report is based on a review of DP&L's
14 application for an increase in distribution rates. Staff takes no position on
15 IGS' objection to the modification of the tariff language.

16 23. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

¹⁴ R.C. 4928.141.

¹⁵ *DPL Rate Case*, Objections to Staff Report of Investigation and Summary of Major Issues of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. at 9 (Apr. 11, 2018).

¹⁶ *DPL Rate Case* at 9.

1 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
2 as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or
3 in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Testimony of **Craig Smith** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio via electronic mail upon the following parties of record, this 16th day of July, 2018.

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**PUCO Staff Data Request #181
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
DP&L Distribution Rate Case**

From: Barbara Bossart
To: DP&L
Date Sent: 6/23/17

Cost of Service Study

1. Based upon DP&L's current distribution rate case filing, please provide the cost of service identifying the actual customer related costs required to provide SSO service.

Response: DP&L's Standard Service Offer (SSO) provides bypassable transmission and generation services to DP&L customers who choose this option. These customers also receive non-bypassable transmission and distribution services from DP&L. The rate application and its supporting Cost-of-Service (COS) Study apply to distribution costs only. Thus, the customer-related costs, as analyzed in this application, are related to distribution service provided by DP&L under tariffs other than the SSO tariff. These customer-related costs can be found in Schedule E-3.2b of the application. Because generation and transmission costs were excluded from the filing, DP&L did not further analyze costs to provide SSO service as a part of its COS study.

Witness Responsible: Bruce Chapman

2. Based upon DPL's current distribution rate case filing, please provide the cost of service identifying the actual customer related costs required to provide CRES service.

Response: Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provides bypassable transmission and generation service to the DP&L customer. The rate application and its supporting Cost-of-Service (COS) Study apply to distribution costs only. Thus, the customer-related costs, as analyzed in this application, are related to distribution service provided by DP&L under tariffs other than the CRES tariff. These customer-related costs can be found in Schedule E-3.2b of the application. Because generation and transmission costs were excluded from the filing, DP&L did not further analyze costs to provide CRES as a part of its COS study.

Witness Responsible: Bruce Chapman

Collections

3. Please provide by rate class the total number and dollar amounts of unpaid final bills that were charged-off for the years 2015 and 2016. Exclude accounts that include and the Percentage of Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) arrearages.

ATTACHMENT 2

Response: Please see below the total number and dollar amounts of unpaid final bills that were charged-off for years 2015 and 2016 by revenue class, excluding PIPP arrearages. DP&L does not have this information by Tariff class.

2015

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	434	244,484.65
GOV	2	267.27
IND	16	53,610.17
RES	10,505	5,637,316.46

2016

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	601	420,450.95
GOV	3	12,813.33
IND	9	5,184.08
RES	15,709	8,070,056.77

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

4. Of those accounts reference in question 1, please provide a breakdown on dollar amount by Standard Service Offer (SSO) generation and distribution charge-offs.

Response: DP&L does not track charge-offs by generation or distribution, or more specifically, by tariff separately. When a payment is made by a customer, that payment is applied to the current outstanding balance as a whole and is not directly allocated to the specific tariff charges.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

5. Please provide the dollar amount returned to Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider as a result of customer's disconnection for non-payment for each of the years 2015 and 2016.

Response:

2015: \$51,206.83

2016: \$70,782.92

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

6. Please provide Dayton Power and Lights' (DP&L) Collection policies and procedures.

Response: Please see PUCO DR 181-06 Attachment 1 – CONFIDENTIAL.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

7. Does DP&L have a dollar amount threshold to trigger a disconnection order? If so, please provide.

Response: Yes. Please see PUCO DR 181-07 Attachment 1 – CONFIDENTIAL.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

8. Please provide the total number of customers disconnected for non-payment by rate class for each of the years 2015 and 2016. If possible, please separate by shopping customer and non-shopping customer. Please exclude PIPP customers, if possible.

Response: Please see below the number of customer accounts that were disconnected for non-payment of electric charges and subsequently final billed and the charged-off dollars for years 2015 and 2016 separated by shopping and non-shopping customers by revenue class, excluding PIPP arrearages. DP&L does not have this information by Tariff class.

2015 Non-Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	220	118,700.75
GOV	0	0
IND	2	1,319.67
RES	4,697	3,211,150.72

2016 Non-Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	136	72,774.20
GOV	1	110.63
IND	3	1,482.34
RES	4,801	4,456,360.91

2015 Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	76	32,286.91
GOV	0	0
IND	0	0
RES	1,145	471,657.71

2016 Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	67	34,583.76
GOV	0	0
IND	2	5,019.28
RES	1,393	528,035.25

ATTACHMENT 4

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

9. Please provide the number of disconnection notices DP&L issued for each of the years 2015 and 2016. Please separate the number of disconnection notices by shopping and non-shopping customers.

Response:

2015 Non-Shopping: 433,851

2016 Non-Shopping: 389,981

2015 Shopping: 138,414

2016 Shopping: 154,094

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

10. Please provide your partial payment priority process for consolidated billing.

Response: DP&L follows the payment posting included in Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901:1-10-33(H) and in its Stipulation and Recommendation in Case No. 03-2245-EL-UNC:

EDU Security Deposits and Reconnect Fees

CRES Past Due

EDU Past Due

EDU Current

CRES Current

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

11. Please provide the disconnection dollar amount and number of customer accounts by the years 2015 and 2016 separated by shopping and non-shopping customers. Please exclude PIPP Customers.

Response: Please see the response to Question #8 above.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

12. Please provide all cost categories that DPL identifies as FERC 904 Uncollectible accounts.

Response:

1) Utility Uncollectible Expense

2) Universal Service Fund Revenue

3) Damage Claims

Witness Responsible: Karin M. Nyhuis

Call Center

13. Please provide a list of call codes used by DP&L's call center to identify the reason for the customer call.

Response: On April 10, 2017 DP&L switched to a new phone system. The IVR options on this phone system are: outage, billing and payment, start or stop service, electric choice, and speak with an agent.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

14. Please provide a list of all DP&L's call center reports.

Response: Please see the list of reports that DP&L uses in the call center below:

- Agent productivity Report
- Agent availability Report
- Tardy Report
- Occupancy Report
- Attendance Report
- AES IVR Containment by Area for Date Range
- AES QA Trend Summary Report
- DPL Feedback Survey Summary
- DPL Agent Performance Scorecard
- DPL Queue Period Statistics Response Report (Accumulated Percentage)
- DPL Queue Period Statistics Response Report with IVR (Accumulated Percentage)
- User Productivity Summary
- AES IVR Duplicate Caller Report
- Corrective Action Report
- Coaching Report
- Agent Monthly Scorecard

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

15. Does DPL track customer complaints? If so, does DPL identify the type of complaint by an identifier or code? If so, please provide those identifiers or codes.

Response: DP&L considers customers complaints to be formal inquiries from the PUCO or the Better Business Bureau. DP&L tracks customer complaints and categorizes them by the categories/codes shown below.

ATTACHMENT 6

- Billing
- Credit and collection
- Deposits
- Customer service
- Accessibility
- Construction
- Outages
- IVRU/Outage line
- Service
- Tree trimming
- Meter reading
- Claims
- Maintenance
- Revenue protection
- Electric choice
- Miscellaneous
- PIPP

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

PUCO Staff Data Request #187
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
DP&L Distribution Rate Case

From: Craig Smith
 To: DP&L
 Date Sent: 11/8/17

All references to the "Company" refer to Dayton Power and Light. Please call if you have any questions. Please provide staff with the following information:

Call Center:

6. Please provide the number of CRES contacts received by the Company for years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Response: Please see below for the number of customers who selected electric choice in the IVR for 2015 - 2017.

2015	18,935
2016	15,947
2017	29,921

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

7. Please provide the number of customers who selected electric choice as an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: Please see below for the 2017 monthly number of electric choice calls.

Jan-17	897
Feb-17	1,004
Mar-17	1,279
Apr-17	2,646
May-17	1,521
Jun-17	3,605
Jul-17	7,331
Aug-17	4,046
Sep-17	3,465
Oct-17	4,127

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

ATTACHMENT 8

8. Please provide the total number of customers who selected an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: Please see below for number of customers who selected an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Jan-17	195,344
Feb-17	183,439
Mar-17	209,991
Apr-17	195,433
May-17	232,725
Jun-17	233,338
Jul-17	308,363
Aug-17	200,573
Sep-17	182,972
Oct-17	195,222

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

9. Please provide number of customer complaints (Better Business Bureau and PUCO) received in 2015, 2016, and 2017 for electric choice.

Response: Please see below for the number of customer complaints received in 2015-2017 from Better Business Bureau and the PUCO. Referrals are when the PUCO sends the customer to DP&L in hopes of resolving the issue before it escalates to a formal complaint.

	2015	2016	2017
PUCO Complaints	22	20	23
BBB	3	2	2
PUCO Referrals	0	23	58
Total	25	45	83

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

**PUCO Staff Data Request #187
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
DP&L Distribution Rate Case**

From: Craig Smith
To: DP&L
Date Sent: 11/8/17

All references to the "Company" refer to Dayton Power and Light. Please call if you have any questions. Please provide staff with the following information:

Cost of Service:

1. Please provide the difference in cost between shopping and non-shopping customers to the Company in the provision of distribution service.

Response: While the Company may incur different costs associated with providing certain services to shopping and non-shopping customers, DP&L is unable to quantify those differences because its costs are not tracked with that level of granularity. For instance, the Company incurs costs associated with providing services to shopping customers that it does not incur for non-shopping customers (e.g., interacting with competitive suppliers, calculating and collecting collateral; providing bill ready and rate ready billing; and administering the TCRR-N opt-out pilot program). It would be prohibitively expensive for the Company to track costs that are associated with each of these functions and any other functions that are associated with administering the competitive retail market and providing a standard service offer. All of the costs that DP&L incurs to provide particular services to or on behalf of shopping and non-shopping customers are appropriately assigned to the distribution function of DP&L because a distribution utility is required by law to offer a standard service offer and has obligations with regard to administering aspects of the competitive market.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke.

2. Please detail if any, the difference in distribution services between shopping and non-shopping customers.

Response: Please see the Company's response to PUCO DR 187-01.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke

3. Does the Company provide differing levels or amount of services between shopping and non-shopping customers?

Response: DP&L offers the same services to all customers regardless of shopping or non-shopping. However, DP&L provides SSO service to non-shopping customers and

administers competitive services for shopping customers (including costs incurred to provide services to CRES providers).

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke.

4. Has the Company included all costs in the provision of transmission and generation for non-shopping customers in the rates non-shopping customers pay for default services? If not, please describe and quantify costs not included in default service rates.

Response: Yes.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke.

5. Does the Company subsidize SSO service in distribution base rates? If so, please detail these items.

Response: No.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke

Call Center:

6. Please provide the number of CRES contacts received by the Company for years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

7. Please provide the number of customers who selected electric choice as an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

8. Please provide the total number of customers who selected an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

9. Please provide number of customer complaints (Better Business Bureau and PUCO) received in 2015, 2016, and 2017 for electric choice.

ATTACHMENT 11

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of the :
Dayton Power and Light Company for an : Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Increase in its Electric Distribution Rates. :

In the Matter of the Application of the :
Dayton Power and Light Company for : Case No. 15-1831-EL-AAM
Accounting Authority. :

In the Matter of the Application of the :
Dayton Power and Light Company for : Case No. 15-1832-EL-ATA
Approval of Revised Tariffs. :

**PREPARED TESTIMONY
OF
David Lipthratt
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT
RESEARCH AND POLICY DIVISION
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

Staff Exhibit 

Date: July 16, 2018

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

2 A. My name is David M. Lipthratt. My address is 180 East Broad Street,
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

4
5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the Commis-
7 sion or PUCO) as the Chief of the Research and Policy Division of the
8 Rates and Analysis Department.

9
10 3. Q. Please briefly describe your educational and professional background.

11 A. I earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree that included a Major in Political
12 Science and a Minor in History from the University of Georgia. Subse-
13 quently, I earned a Masters in Public Administration Degree with a focus
14 on public budgeting and finance and policy analysis from the University of
15 Georgia. In addition, I earned a post-baccalaureate Certificate of Account-
16 ing Concentration at Columbus State Community College. I am a Certified
17 Public Accountant (Ohio License # CPA.48876). Moreover, I have
18 attended various seminars and rate case training programs sponsored by this
19 Commission, and/or recognized by professional trade organizations and the
20 utility industry community.

21

1 4. Q. Please describe your work experience.

2 A. I have previously served as a Budget/Management Analyst for the Ohio

3 Office of Budget and Management and a Fiscal Officer for the Ohio

4 Department of Commerce. I have served as a Public Utilities Administrator

5 with the PUCO before being promoted to my current position. Over the

6 past twelve years through each of these roles I have been responsible for

7 various accounting and financial-related tasks and responsibilities.

8

9 5. Q. Have you testified in previous cases at the PUCO?

10 A. Yes.

11 6. Q. What is the scope of your testimony?

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the Joint Stipulation and

13 Recommendation (Stipulation) in this case by confirming that the

14 Stipulation complies with the Commission's three-part test for determining

15 a stipulation's reasonableness.

16 7. Q. What are the components of the three-part test?

17 A. A stipulation before the Commission must: (1) be the product of serious

18 bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties; (2) as a package,

19 benefits ratepayers and the public interest; and (3) not violate any important

20 regulatory principle or practice.

1 8. Q. Is the Stipulation a product of serious bargaining among capable,
2 knowledgeable parties?

3 A. Yes. The Stipulation is the product of an open process in which all
4 intervenors were given an opportunity to participate. All parties were
5 represented by experienced and competent counsel that have participated in
6 numerous regulatory proceedings before the Commission. There were
7 extensive negotiations among the parties and the Stipulation represents a
8 comprehensive compromise of the issues raised by parties with diverse
9 interests.

10 9. Q. Which parties have signed the Stipulation?

11 A. The Signatory Parties to the Stipulation are the Staff of the PUCO (Staff),
12 Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L), The Office of the Ohio
13 Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Energy Group, The Kroger Company, Wal-
14 Mart Stores East, LP, and Sam's East, Inc., Ohio Hospital Association,
15 Natural Resources Defense Council, Ohio Environmental Council and
16 Environmental Defense Fund, Environmental Law & Policy Center,
17 Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy,
18 and City of Dayton.

1 10. Q. Please list the non-opposing parties to the Stipulation.

2 A. Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy
3 Group, Buckeye Power, Inc. and One Energy Enterprises, LLC, do not
4 oppose the Stipulation.

5 11. Q. Does the Stipulation benefit ratepayers and the public interest?

6 A. Yes. The Stipulation results in a just and reasonable resolution of the
7 matters pending in these Commission dockets. Included in this reasonable
8 resolution is a revenue requirement that benefits ratepayers, through a
9 balanced approach by recognizing some of the objections to the Staff
10 Report of Investigation raised by intervening parties, rejecting some of the
11 objections, and considering alternative approaches. Additionally, the
12 following are some of the key benefits that are achieved from the
13 Stipulation:

- 14 • Reduces the requested \$65,771,725 revenue increase to a stipulated
15 increase of \$29,784,955.
- 16 • Reflects the lowered federal income tax rate of the Tax Cuts and
17 Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA") and establishes a framework for
18 returning excess accumulated deferred income taxes resulting from
19 the TCJA and the full balance of the regulatory liability ordered by

1 the Commission effective January 1, 2018 in Case No. 18-47-AU-
2 COI to ratepayers.

- 3 • Establishes a rate of return of 7.27% that is lower than the range
4 (7.33% - 7.82%) recommended as part of the Staff Report of
5 Investigation.
- 6 • Establishes a \$7.00 customer charge for DP&L's residential
7 customers, which is lower than both the \$13.73 customer charge
8 recommended in DP&L's Application and the \$7.88 customer charge
9 recommended in the Staff Report of Investigation.
- 10 • Facilitates incremental distribution system investments through
11 DP&L's Distribution Investment Rider (DIR), subject to annual caps
12 which include a \$2.0 million reduction for failure to meet certain
13 reliability standards.
- 14 • Commits DP&L to develop innovative electric vehicle charging
15 infrastructure and a non-wires pilot program.
- 16 • Implements Revenue Decoupling through DP&L's existing
17 Decoupling Rider.
- 18 • Provides deferral authority, with no carrying costs, for incremental
19 annual expenses for vegetation management performed by third-
20 party vendors.

1 12. Q. What adjustments were made from the Staff Report of Investigation to
2 arrive at the stipulated recommended revenue requirement?

3 A. Embedded within the stipulated revenue requirement are the following
4 adjustments to the Staff Report of Investigation:

- 5 • An addition of \$5,610,653 to reflect employee labor costs incurred
6 by DP&L during the Test Period as shown on Exhibit 2–4 -
7 Schedules C-3.11, C-3.12, and C3.13;
- 8 • An addition of \$1,910,790 to reflect property tax expense incurred
9 by DP&L during the Test Period as shown on Exhibit 1 – Schedule
10 C-3.9;
- 11 • An addition of \$5,000,000 included in the Stipulated Operating
12 Expenses to reflect known increases in vegetation management as
13 shown on Exhibit 7 – Schedule C-3.27;
- 14 • A reduction of \$1,500,000 to test year revenues associated with
15 Staff's adjustment for energy efficiency as shown on Exhibit 6 –
16 Schedule C-3.26; and
- 17 • A reduction of \$329,774 to test year expenses associated with
18 Miscellaneous General Expenses as shown on Exhibit 5 – Schedule
19 C-3.21.

1 13. Q. Does the settlement package violate any important regulatory principles or
2 practices?

3 A. Based on my experience, involvement in this proceeding, and review of the
4 Stipulation, Staff concludes that it complies with all relevant and important
5 regulatory principles and practices.

6

7 14. Q. Are you recommending that the Commission approve the Stipulation?

8 A. Yes. In my opinion, the Stipulation represents a fair, balanced, and
9 reasonable compromise of the issues in this proceeding. I believe that the
10 Stipulation meets all of the Commission's criteria for adoption of
11 settlements, and it is my recommendation that the Commission issue an
12 order approving the Stipulation.

13 15. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

14 A. Yes, it does.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Testimony of **David Liphtratt** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio via electronic mail upon the following parties of record, this 16th day of July 2018.

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EXHIBIT 1

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Annualize Property Tax to Reflect Plant In Service on Date Certain
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-3.9
Page 1 of 1

Work Paper Reference No(s): Staff WPC-3.9a, WPC-3.9b

Line No.	Acct. No.	Description	Total Adjustment	Allocation %	Allocation Code	Jurisdictional Amount
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G) = (D) * (E)
1		Purpose and Description:				
2		Adjust property taxes to be calculated based on jurisdictional plant-in-service as of September 30, 2015				
3						
4		Expense				
5	408	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	\$ (1,233,606)	100.00%	ALLDIST	\$ (1,233,606)

EXHIBIT 2

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Annualize AES Services Labor, Benefits, and Payroll Tax
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-3.11
Page 1 of 1

Work Paper Reference No(s): WPC-3.11

Line No.	Acct. No.	Description	Jurisdictional Amount
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1		Purpose and Description:	
2		Annualize AES Services labor, benefits, and payroll tax	
3			
4		Labor	
5		Total Service Company Labor Expense	\$ (159,352)
6			
7			
8		Payroll Taxes	
9		Total Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 28,711
10			
11			
12		Pension and Benefits	
13		Total Pension and Benefits Expense	\$ (620,314)

EXHIBIT 3

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Annualize Test Year Labor and Payroll Taxes
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-3.12
Page 1 of 1

Work Paper Reference No(s): WPC-3.12

Line No.	Acct. No.	Description	Jurisdictional Amount
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1		Purpose and Description:	
2		Annualize labor and payroll taxes	
3			
4			
5		Labor	
6		Total O&M Expense Adjustment	\$ (1,216,111)
7			
8			
9		Payroll Taxes	
10		Total Payroll Tax Adjustment	\$ 322,707
11			
12			

EXHIBIT 4

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Annualize Employee Benefits Expense
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-3.13
Page 1 of 1

Work Paper Reference No(s): WPC-3.13

Line No.	Acct. No.	Description	(C)	(D)	Jurisdictional Amount
1		Purpose and Description:			
2		Annualize employee benefits expense			
3					
4		<u>Expense</u>			
5	926	Employee Pensions and Benefits (Pension)			\$ (1,832,760)
6	926	Employee Pensions and Benefits (OPEB)			(113,148)
7	926	Employee Pensions and Benefits (401k)			(39,803)
8	926	Employee Pensions and Benefits (Health Benefits)			(1,738,541)
9	920	Administrative and General Salaries (LTC)			(143,605)
10					
11		Total Expense			<u>\$ (3,867,857)</u>

EXHIBIT 5

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Miscellaneous Expense Adjustments
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-3.21
Page 1 of 1

Work Paper Reference No(s).: None

Line No.	Acct. No.	Description	Total Adjustment	Allocation %	Allocation Code	Jurisdictional Amount
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G) = (D) * (E)
1		Purpose and Description:				
2		Adjust for miscellaneous run-rate and out-of-period items and eliminate certain non-jurisdictional expenses from the test year				
3						
4		Expense				
5	580	Operation Supervision and Engineering	\$ 200	100.00%	DIRECT	\$ 200
6	590	Maintenance Supervision and Engineering	(5,591)	100.00%	DIRECT	(5,591)
7	593	Maintenance of Overhead Lines	(429)	100.00%	DIRECT	(429)
8	921	Office Supplies and Expenses	(84,252)	37.82%	DIRECT	(31,867)
9	923	Outside Services Employed	(187,016)	41.25%	DIRECT	(77,139)
10	924	Property Insurance	(759,955)	95.97%	DIRECT	(729,329)
11	930.2	Miscellaneous General Expenses	(843,808)	39.6398%	DIRECT	(334,484)
12	935	Maintenance of General Plant	194,122	100.00%	DIRECT	194,122
#REF!		Total Expense	\$ (1,686,730)			\$ (984,517)

EXHIBIT 6

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Adjust Test Year Revenues to Eliminate Forecasted Energy Efficiency
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-3.26
Page 1 of 1

Work Paper Reference No(s): WPC-3.26

Line No.	Acct. No.	Description	Total Adjustment	Allocation %	Allocation Code	Jurisdictional Amount
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G) = (D) * (E)
1		Purpose and Description:				
2		Adjust test year jurisdictional revenues to equal calculated amount on Sch. E-4				
3						
4		Revenue				
5	440-446	Sales to Ultimate Customers	\$ 765,949	100.00%	ALLDIST	\$ 765,949

EXHIBIT 7

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Adjust Overhead Lines Maintenance Expense
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2016

Schedule C-3.27
Page 1 of 1

Work Paper Reference No(s): WPC-3.27 & WPC-3.27a

Line No.	Acct. No.	Description	(A)	(B)	(C)	Total Adjustment (D)	Allocation % (E)	Allocation Code (F)	Jurisdictional Amount (G) = (D) * (E)
1		Purpose and Description:							
2		Adjust for excessive expense in Company test year.							
3									
4		Revenue							
5	593	Maintenance of Overhead Lines				\$ 3,326,111	100.00%	ALLDIST	\$ 3,326,111

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**Summary: Testimony of David Lipthratt electronically filed by Ms. Tonnetta Scott on behalf of
PUC**

**PUCO Staff Data Request #181
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
DP&L Distribution Rate Case**

From: Barbara Bossart
To: DP&L
Date Sent: 6/23/17

Cost of Service Study

1. Based upon DP&L's current distribution rate case filing, please provide the cost of service identifying the actual customer related costs required to provide SSO service.

Response: DP&L's Standard Service Offer (SSO) provides bypassable transmission and generation services to DP&L customers who choose this option. These customers also receive non-bypassable transmission and distribution services from DP&L. The rate application and its supporting Cost-of-Service (COS) Study apply to distribution costs only. Thus, the customer-related costs, as analyzed in this application, are related to distribution service provided by DP&L under tariffs other than the SSO tariff. These customer-related costs can be found in Schedule E-3.2b of the application. Because generation and transmission costs were excluded from the filing, DP&L did not further analyze costs to provide SSO service as a part of its COS study.

Witness Responsible: Bruce Chapman

2. Based upon DPL's current distribution rate case filing, please provide the cost of service identifying the actual customer related costs required to provide CRES service.

Response: Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provides bypassable transmission and generation service to the DP&L customer. The rate application and its supporting Cost-of-Service (COS) Study apply to distribution costs only. Thus, the customer-related costs, as analyzed in this application, are related to distribution service provided by DP&L under tariffs other than the CRES tariff. These customer-related costs can be found in Schedule E-3.2b of the application. Because generation and transmission costs were excluded from the filing, DP&L did not further analyze costs to provide CRES as a part of its COS study.

Witness Responsible: Bruce Chapman

Collections

3. Please provide by rate class the total number and dollar amounts of unpaid final bills that were charged-off for the years 2015 and 2016. Exclude accounts that include and the Percentage of Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) arrearages.

EXHIBIT

IGS #1

ATTACHMENT 2

Response: Please see below the total number and dollar amounts of unpaid final bills that were charged-off for years 2015 and 2016 by revenue class, excluding PIPP arrearages. DP&L does not have this information by Tariff class.

2015

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	434	244,484.65
GOV	2	267.27
IND	16	53,610.17
RES	10,505	5,637,316.46

2016

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	601	420,450.95
GOV	3	12,813.33
IND	9	5,184.08
RES	15,709	8,070,056.77

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

4. Of those accounts reference in question 1, please provide a breakdown on dollar amount by Standard Service Offer (SSO) generation and distribution charge-offs.

Response: DP&L does not track charge-offs by generation or distribution, or more specifically, by tariff separately. When a payment is made by a customer, that payment is applied to the current outstanding balance as a whole and is not directly allocated to the specific tariff charges.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

5. Please provide the dollar amount returned to Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider as a result of customer's disconnection for non-payment for each of the years 2015 and 2016.

Response:

2015: \$51,206.83

2016: \$70,782.92

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

6. Please provide Dayton Power and Lights' (DP&L) Collection policies and procedures.

Response: Please see PUCO DR 181-06 Attachment 1 – CONFIDENTIAL.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

7. Does DP&L have a dollar amount threshold to trigger a disconnection order? If so, please provide.

Response: Yes. Please see PUCO DR 181-07 Attachment 1 – CONFIDENTIAL.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

8. Please provide the total number of customers disconnected for non-payment by rate class for each of the years 2015 and 2016. If possible, please separate by shopping customer and non-shopping customer. Please exclude PIPP customers, if possible.

Response: Please see below the number of customer accounts that were disconnected for non-payment of electric charges and subsequently final billed and the charged-off dollars for years 2015 and 2016 separated by shopping and non-shopping customers by revenue class, excluding PIPP arrearages. DP&L does not have this information by Tariff class.

2015 Non-Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	220	118,700.75
GOV	0	0
IND	2	1,319.67
RES	4,697	3,211,150.72

2016 Non-Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	136	72,774.20
GOV	1	110.63
IND	3	1,482.34
RES	4,801	4,456,360.91

2015 Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	76	32,286.91
GOV	0	0
IND	0	0
RES	1,145	471,657.71

2016 Shopping Totals

Rate Class	Qty	Amount (\$)
COM	67	34,583.76
GOV	0	0
IND	2	5,019.28
RES	1,393	528,035.25

ATTACHMENT 4

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

9. Please provide the number of disconnection notices DP&L issued for each of the years 2015 and 2016. Please separate the number of disconnection notices by shopping and non-shopping customers.

Response:

2015 Non-Shopping: 433,851

2016 Non-Shopping: 389,981

2015 Shopping: 138,414

2016 Shopping: 154,094

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

10. Please provide your partial payment priority process for consolidated billing.

Response: DP&L follows the payment posting included in Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901:1-10-33(H) and in its Stipulation and Recommendation in Case No. 03-2245-EL-UNC:

EDU Security Deposits and Reconnect Fees

CRES Past Due

EDU Past Due

EDU Current

CRES Current

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

11. Please provide the disconnection dollar amount and number of customer accounts by the years 2015 and 2016 separated by shopping and non-shopping customers. Please exclude PIPP Customers.

Response: Please see the response to Question #8 above.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

12. Please provide all cost categories that DPL identifies as FERC 904 Uncollectible accounts.

Response:

1) Utility Uncollectible Expense

2) Universal Service Fund Revenue

3) Damage Claims

Witness Responsible: Karin M. Nyhuis

Call Center

13. Please provide a list of call codes used by DP&L's call center to identify the reason for the customer call.

Response: On April 10, 2017 DP&L switched to a new phone system. The IVR options on this phone system are: outage, billing and payment, start or stop service, electric choice, and speak with an agent.

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

14. Please provide a list of all DP&L's call center reports.

Response: Please see the list of reports that DP&L uses in the call center below:

- Agent productivity Report
- Agent availability Report
- Tardy Report
- Occupancy Report
- Attendance Report
- AES IVR Containment by Area for Date Range
- AES QA Trend Summary Report
- DPL Feedback Survey Summary
- DPL Agent Performance Scorecard
- DPL Queue Period Statistics Response Report (Accumulated Percentage)
- DPL Queue Period Statistics Response Report with IVR (Accumulated Percentage)
- User Productivity Summary
- AES IVR Duplicate Caller Report
- Corrective Action Report
- Coaching Report
- Agent Monthly Scorecard

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

15. Does DPL track customer complaints? If so, does DPL identify the type of complaint by an identifier or code? If so, please provide those identifiers or codes.

Response: DP&L considers customers complaints to be formal inquiries from the PUCO or the Better Business Bureau. DP&L tracks customer complaints and categorizes them by the categories/codes shown below.

ATTACHMENT 6

- Billing
- Credit and collection
- Deposits
- Customer service
- Accessibility
- Construction
- Outages
- IVRU/Outage line
- Service
- Tree trimming
- Meter reading
- Claims
- Maintenance
- Revenue protection
- Electric choice
- Miscellaneous
- PIPP

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

PUCO Staff Data Request #187
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
DP&L Distribution Rate Case

From: Craig Smith
 To: DP&L
 Date Sent: 11/8/17

All references to the "Company" refer to Dayton Power and Light. Please call if you have any questions. Please provide staff with the following information:

Call Center:

6. Please provide the number of CRES contacts received by the Company for years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Response: Please see below for the number of customers who selected electric choice in the IVR for 2015 - 2017.

2015	18,935
2016	15,947
2017	29,921

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

7. Please provide the number of customers who selected electric choice as an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: Please see below for the 2017 monthly number of electric choice calls.

Jan-17	897
Feb-17	1,004
Mar-17	1,279
Apr-17	2,646
May-17	1,521
Jun-17	3,605
Jul-17	7,331
Aug-17	4,046
Sep-17	3,465
Oct-17	4,127

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

ATTACHMENT 8

8. Please provide the total number of customers who selected an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: Please see below for number of customers who selected an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Jan-17	195,344
Feb-17	183,439
Mar-17	209,991
Apr-17	195,433
May-17	232,725
Jun-17	233,338
Jul-17	308,363
Aug-17	200,573
Sep-17	182,972
Oct-17	195,222

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

9. Please provide number of customer complaints (Better Business Bureau and PUCO) received in 2015, 2016, and 2017 for electric choice.

Response: Please see below for the number of customer complaints received in 2015-2017 from Better Business Bureau and the PUCO. Referrals are when the PUCO sends the customer to DP&L in hopes of resolving the issue before it escalates to a formal complaint.

	2015	2016	2017
PUCO Complaints	22	20	23
BBB	3	2	2
PUCO Referrals	0	23	58
Total	25	45	83

Witness Responsible: Barry J. Bentley

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All references to the "Company" refer to Dayton Power and Light. Please call if you have any questions. Please provide staff with the following information:

Cost of Service:

1. Please provide the difference in cost between shopping and non-shopping customers to the Company in the provision of distribution service.

Response: While the Company may incur different costs associated with providing certain services to shopping and non-shopping customers, DP&L is unable to quantify those differences because its costs are not tracked with that level of granularity. For instance, the Company incurs costs associated with providing services to shopping customers that it does not incur for non-shopping customers (e.g., interacting with competitive suppliers, calculating and collecting collateral; providing bill ready and rate ready billing; and administering the TCRN-N opt-out pilot program). It would be prohibitively expensive for the Company to track costs that are associated with each of these functions and any other functions that are associated with administering the competitive retail market and providing a standard service offer. All of the costs that DP&L incurs to provide particular services to or on behalf of shopping and non-shopping customers are appropriately assigned to the distribution function of DP&L because a distribution utility is required by law to offer a standard service offer and has obligations with regard to administering aspects of the competitive market.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke.

2. Please detail if any, the difference in distribution services between shopping and non-shopping customers.

Response: Please see the Company's response to PUCO DR 187-01.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke

3. Does the Company provide differing levels or amount of services between shopping and non-shopping customers?

Response: DP&L offers the same services to all customers regardless of shopping or non-shopping. However, DP&L provides SSO service to non-shopping customers and

administers competitive services for shopping customers (including costs incurred to provide services to CRES providers).

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke.

4. Has the Company included all costs in the provision of transmission and generation for non-shopping customers in the rates non-shopping customers pay for default services? If not, please describe and quantify costs not included in default service rates.

Response: Yes.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke.

5. Does the Company subsidize SSO service in distribution base rates? If so, please detail these items.

Response: No.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke

Call Center:

6. Please provide the number of CRES contacts received by the Company for years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

7. Please provide the number of customers who selected electric choice as an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

8. Please provide the total number of customers who selected an IVR option for each month in 2017.

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

9. Please provide number of customer complaints (Better Business Bureau and PUCO) received in 2015, 2016, and 2017 for electric choice.

ATTACHMENT 11

Response: To be supplemented.

Witness Responsible:

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
The Dayton Power and Light Company)	Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
to Increase Its Rates for Electric)	
Distribution)	

In the Matter of the Application of)	
The Dayton Power and Light Company)	Case No. 15-1831-EL-AAM
for Accounting Authority)	

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Dayton Power and Light Company for)	Case No. 15-1832-EL-ATA
Approval of Revised Tariffs)	

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DEVIN CRIST IN OPPOSITION TO STIPULATION AND
RECOMMENDATION
ON BEHALF OF
INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC.**

July 16, 2018

1 **Q. Please state your name and title.**

2 A. My name is Devin Crist. I am the Manager, Treasury and Risk for IGS Energy.

3 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

4 A. I am testifying on behalf of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. ("IGS").

5 **Q. Please describe your educational background and work history.**

6 A. I have a Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Capital University and
7 a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) from Ohio University. I am also a
8 Certified Treasury Professional (CTP). I started my career working at American
9 Municipal Power, Ohio (AMP) as an energy and billing analyst. I was promoted to
10 the role of Director of Energy Accounting and Settlements where I was responsible
11 for the energy settlements and billing between AMP and wholesale counterparties
12 and the utilities. In 2004, I was hired in the role of Director of Energy Accounting
13 and Controls with Accent Energy. At Accent Energy, I managed the margin
14 accounting and settlements as well as serving as the company's risk manager. In
15 2013, I assumed the role of Manager of Treasury and Risk at IGS Energy. In this
16 position I manage the company's credit and collateral position with utilities, RTO's,
17 and counterparties, oversee all treasury activity throughout the organization,
18 facilitate the corporate insurance program and direct the middle office's monitoring
19 and valuing of IGS Energy's energy trading program.

20 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

21 A. The purpose of my testimony is to respond to the Stipulation and Recommendation
22 ("Stipulation") and to support Objections to the Staff Report of Investigation filed

1 on April 11, 2018. Specifically, I am recommending that Dayton Power and Light
2 Company (Dayton) revise its *credit requirements and calculation of collateral* to
3 ensure that these requirements do not disproportionately impact privately held,
4 unrated companies relative to the risk they impose to Dayton.

5 **Q. Where are DP&L's collateral and credit requirements addressed?**

6 A. Dayton's credit and collateral requirements are addressed in the Alternative
7 Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff ("Supplier Tariff").

8 **Q. Does the Staff Report or Stipulation address these requirements?**

9 A. No, neither the Stipulation nor the Staff Report directly addresses these
10 requirements. Due to the failure of the Stipulation to address this matter, IGS
11 recommends that if the Commission adopts the Stipulation it should order
12 additional refinements to Dayton's credit requirements and collateral calculation.

13 **Q. What are you recommending?**

14 A. I recommend that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO" or
15 "Commission") direct Dayton to modify its Supplier Tariff credit requirements to be
16 more in line with the other electric utilities in the state.

17 **Q. What is the impact of your recommendation?**

18 A. My proposal would result in a lower credit requirement for privately held companies
19 that are more consistent with publicly traded companies. The companies would
20 still post collateral and the new calculation would be more in line with industry
21 standards.

1 **Q. Why is there a credit requirement for electric suppliers?**

2 A. There is a credit requirement on electric suppliers in case of default. The utility
3 must provide its customers a firm supply of electric generation service when there
4 is a failure of a supplier to provide retail electric generation service. The credit
5 requirement covers any costs the utility would incur taking on the responsibility of
6 serving those customers.

7 **Q. Are all suppliers required to post collateral?**

8 A. No. Suppliers owned by public companies with investment grade long-term bond
9 ratings are deemed to satisfy their creditworthiness and receive an unsecured
10 credit limit.

11 **Q. Are privately owned companies required to post collateral?**

12 A. Yes. Privately owned companies which do not have bond ratings must make
13 alternative credit arrangements with Dayton.

14 **Q. What are alternative credit arrangements?**

15 A. A guaranty of payment, an irrevocable Letter of Credit, a Prepayment Account with
16 Dayton, a Surety Bond, or other mutually agreeable security or arrangement.

17 **Q. Why are you requesting a change in the calculation of the alternative credit
18 arrangement?**

19 A. After the Finding and Order in Case No. 16-0395-EL-SSO, Dayton changed how
20 it calculated the required credit amount, applying its credit requirements in a
21 manner inconsistent with historical practice. This new calculation significantly
22 increases the amount of collateral a supplier is required to post.

1 **Q. Does the Staff address the issue in its Staff Report?**

2 A. No.

3 **Q. What is Dayton's new calculation for credit requirements?**

4 A. Dayton multiplies 30 days of the supplier's estimated summer usage by the highest
5 monthly average megawatt-hour price from the prior summer's PJM Day Ahead
6 market and multiplies by 30 days of the supplier's capacity obligation by the final
7 Dayton zonal capacity megawatt-day price for the upcoming delivery year.¹

8 **Q. Why is this new calculation burdensome to privately held companies?**

9 A. Calculating 30 days of exposure *and* including the capacity obligation significantly
10 increases the amount that a supplier is required to post.

11 **Q. Does the Supplier Tariff state that the credit amount should be applied
12 mechanically the same to all suppliers?**

13 A. No. The Supplier Tariff states that Dayton is supposed to account for actual risk
14 and consider performance. The Supplier Tariff states that "[t]he amount of the
15 security required must be and remain commensurate with the financial risks placed
16 on the Company by that supplier, *including recognition of that supplier's*
17 *performance.*"²

18 **Q. Does Dayton give any weight to the language in its tariff to consider actual
19 risk and performance?**

¹ DP&L Alternative Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff, sheet G8, page 24 of 30

² DP&L Alternative Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff, sheet G8, page 24 of 30 (emphasis added).

1 A. No. IGS has over 25 years of experience serving retail customers in the state of
2 Ohio and serves in total one million customers without defaulting on its obligations.
3 Moreover, the IGS family of companies are involved in a diverse range of
4 businesses. This diversity provides additional resiliency and strength to IGS'
5 balance sheet. These factors are not considered in any fashion when Dayton
6 determines if or what level of collateral IGS must provide.

7 **Q. Regarding the calculation itself, do other electric utilities in the state of Ohio**
8 **include capacity costs in their collateral requirements?**

9 A. No.

10 **Q. Can you explain how other electric utilities in Ohio calculate collateral?**

11 A. Yes. FirstEnergy requires a standard collateral payment in the amount of
12 \$250,000. Above that amount FirstEnergy uses a credit exposure formula. AEP
13 and Duke calculate collateral based on estimated energy usage.

14 **Q. What is the FirstEnergy credit exposure methodology?**

15 A. FirstEnergy requires suppliers to post \$250,000 in collateral. After that amount,
16 they calculate any additional requirement based on peak summer energy usage
17 for 5 days times peak pricing.

18 **Q. What is Duke's methodology?**

19 A. Duke's credit requirement for collateral is based on estimated summer usage for
20 30 days multiplied by July peak prices. Duke also provides a credit if the supplier
21 is participating in the Purchase of Receivables program.

22 **Q. Is AEP's calculation similar to Duke and FirstEnergy's?**

1 A. Yes, it is similar in that it uses an estimate to calculate the collateral payment.
2 AEP, however, estimates peak summer energy usage for 15 days and multiplies
3 that times July peak prices.

4 **Q. Does FirstEnergy, Duke or AEP include capacity obligation in their collateral**
5 **calculation?**

6 A. No.

7 **Q. Does FirstEnergy, Duke or AEP use the same number of days of exposure in**
8 **their collateral calculation?**

9 A. No. FirstEnergy uses 5 days, Duke uses 30 days, and AEP uses 15 days.

10 **Q. Do you support AEP's methodology over Dayton's methodology for**
11 **collateral calculation?**

12 A. Yes. I believe using an energy only estimate for the collateral would provide the
13 utility with a reasonable amount in case of default. I also believe 15 days' exposure
14 is more reasonable than 30 days.

15 **Q. What is the impact of including capacity obligation and 30 days of exposure**
16 **in the collateral calculation?**

17 A. Including capacity obligation at peak forward pricing and calculating energy and
18 capacity exposure based on 30 days can potentially add millions to the collateral
19 requirement.

20 **Q. Why is this an issue for suppliers owned by privately held companies?**

1 A. Having to post millions of dollars in collateral is unduly burdensome to privately
2 held companies with strong balance sheets. Similar public companies with credit
3 ratings are not required to post any collateral and yet, financially strong private
4 companies are required to post collateral. Typically speaking, privately held,
5 unrated companies such as IGS may have little or no business reason to get a
6 credit rating; therefore, DP&L's tariff is structured to the disadvantage of
7 companies like IGS.

8 **Q. Has Dayton consistently calculated and applied its collateral requirements?**

9 A. No, at one point, Dayton did require a de minimus amount of collateral, but then
10 changed it to zero. It remained at zero until earlier this year, although it had a tariff-
11 based method for calculating collateral requirements.

12 **Q. Was the change in collateral amount the only issue with having to post**
13 **collateral?**

14 A. No. Dayton also unilaterally modified the time period upon which it may demand
15 collateral must be paid following default. This is known as remedy timing.

16 **Q. What is remedy timing?**

17 A. It is the amount of time the surety has to pay the obligee any indebtedness the
18 principal has incurred up to the promised amount stated on the bond.

19 **Q. What was the change Dayton required?**

20 A. The bond form Dayton had posted on its website stated a 30-day remedy period.
21 When IGS submitted its collateral payment, Dayton informed us that the required

1 remedy period was now five days. That shortened time period puts a lot of pressure
2 on the bond company to commit to that obligation. It is also my understanding
3 Dayton did not obtain Commission authorization to make this change.

4 **Q. What is a typical remedy period?**

5 A. I would say the standard is 30 days. An acceptable shortened time period would
6 be 10 days.

7 **Q. Does the bond form on the Dayton website now reflect the change to 5 days?**

8 A. No. The bond form on the Dayton website now states a 2-day remedy period which
9 is very aggressive.

10 **Q. Is the bond form, including timing and process, approved by the PUCO?**

11 A. No, I do not believe the PUCO approved the bond form. It is not included in the
12 PUCO approved tariff that defined the collateral requirement.

13 **Q. What are your recommendations?**

14 A. I recommend that Dayton give full effect to the requirement in its tariff that the
15 amount of the security required be and remain commensurate with the financial
16 risks placed on the Company by that supplier, including recognition of that
17 supplier's performance. I further recommend that Dayton revise the collateral
18 requirements to be more in line with the other electric utilities in the state. Either
19 a standard collateral amount or a calculation based on energy only based upon 15
20 days' exposure. I recommend more advance notice to changes on any large
21 collateral requirements. I recommend that the remedy time on the bond form be

1 set at no less than 10 days. And finally, I recommend Dayton obtain Commission
2 approval before making collateral changes.

3 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

4 **A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to further supplement my testimony.**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing *Direct Testimony of Devin Crist in Opposition to Stipulation and Recommendation on Behalf of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.* was served this 16th day of July 2018 via electronic mail upon the following:

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Surety Bond

Surety Bond given by _____, as Principal ("Principal"), and the _____ as Surety ("Surety") a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of _____ and licensed to transact a surety business in the State of Ohio, to The Dayton Power and Light Company, 1065 Woodman Dr., Dayton, OH 45432 ("DP&L").

WHEREAS, DP&L is prepared to accept Principal as an Electricity Supplier under the DP&L Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff in connection with the Electricity Supplier's delivery of Competitive Power Supply in DP&L service territory;

WHEREAS, DP&L will accept Principal as an Electricity Supplier only upon DP&L acceptance of this Surety bond guaranteeing payment of any penalties and other amounts owed by Principal to under the DP&L Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff; and

WHEREAS, Surety is willing to provide this Surety Bond guaranteeing payment of any penalties and other amounts owed by Principal to DP&L under the terms set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, which the Surety acknowledges constitutes adequate consideration for its obligations hereunder, the Surety agrees as follows:

1. Principal and Surety are held and firmly bound to DP&L with respect to the payment of all amounts owed to DP&L by Principal in regard to the above referenced delivery of Competitive Power Supply as provided under the DP&L Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff (or any successor schedules approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio), a minimum amount of _____ (\$ _____) for which Principal and Surety jointly and severally bind themselves, their successors, assigns and legal representatives.
2. This obligation shall continue in force until Principal and Surety shall pay or cause to be paid to DP&L the entire indebtedness covered by this Surety Bond.
3. If Principal fails to make payments related to the services to DP&L as the same shall become due, DP&L will endeavor to give prompt notice thereof to Principal and to Surety; provided however that:
 - (a) DP&L shall be under no obligation to give such notice to Principal or Surety of such failure of payment;
 - (b) Surety shall not be discharged or released from its obligations hereunder by any proceeding, voluntary or involuntary, involving the bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, liquidation or arrangement of Principal or by any defense which Principal may have by reason of the order, decree or decision of any court or administrative body resulting from any such proceeding. If at any time any payment by Principal to DP&L is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or

reorganization of Principal or otherwise, the Surety's obligations hereunder with respect to such payment shall be at such time as though such payment had not been made; and

(c) Surety hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Surety Bond and notice of any obligation or liability to which it may apply, and waives presentment, demand for payment, protest, notice of dishonor or non-payment of any obligation or liability, suit or the taking of action by DP&L against, and any other notice to Principal, Surety or others. Surety hereby further waives and relinquishes all rights and remedies accorded by applicable law to sureties or guarantors and agrees not to assert or take advantage of any such rights or remedies, including without limitation (i) any right to require DP&L to proceed against Principal or any other person or entity or to pursue any other remedy in DP&L power before proceeding against Surety, (ii) any defense that may arise by reason of the incapacity, lack of power or authority, dissolution, merger or termination of Principal or any other person or entity or the failure of DP&L to file or enforce a claim against the estate (in administration, bankruptcy or any other proceeding) of Principal or any other person or entity, (iii) any defense based upon an election of remedies by DP&L which destroys or otherwise impairs the subrogation rights of Surety, the right of Surety to proceed against Principal for reimbursement, or both,

(d) any defense based on any offset against any amounts which may be owned by any person or entity to Surety for any reason whatsoever,

(e) any defense based upon any statute or rule of law which provides that the obligation of a surety must be neither larger in amount nor in other respects more burdensome than that of the Principal,

(f) any duty on the party of DP&L to disclose to Surety any facts DP&L may now or hereafter know about Principal, since Surety acknowledges that Surety is fully responsible for being and keeping informed of the financial condition of Principal and of all circumstances bearing on the risk of non-payment of any obligations and liabilities hereby guaranteed, and

(g) any defense based on any change in the time, manner or place of any Payment under, or in any other term of, DP&L Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff.

4. DP&L shall have the right at any time to make written demand on Principal or Surety on this Surety Bond for payment of any and all amounts covered by this Surety Bond, which are due and owing and remain unpaid.

5. Within two (2) business days after DP&L has made written demand on Principal or on surety for payment of any amounts due and owing to it covered by this Surety Bond, Surety will pay in full such amounts to DP&L, including any applicable interest and late payment charges. Multiple partial draws shall be permitted under this Surety Bond throughout its term.

6. Surety shall always remain liable to DP&L for the full amount of any and all unpaid amounts covered by this Surety Bond and the Surety Bond will also survive and be binding upon Surety

following any merger, reorganization, consolidation or other change in Principal's or Surety's structure, personnel, business or affairs.

7. This bond may be canceled by Surety at any time by giving ninety (90) days written notice to in which event Surety's liability at the expiration of said ninety (90) days shall terminate, except as to such liability of Principal as may have accrued prior to the expiration of said ninety (90) days. Such cancellation by Surety shall not relieve Principal from any liability which accrues either prior to or subsequent to cancellation of this Surety Bond, it being the intent of the parties hereto that Principal shall always remain primarily liable for payment of all amounts due to DP&L.

8. If any one or more of the provisions of this Surety Bond are determined to be illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions shall remain effective.

9. Subrogation. The Surety hereby agrees that until the payment and satisfaction in full of all of the Principal's obligations which are the subject of this Surety Bond, it shall not exercise any right or remedy arising by reason of any performance by it under this Surety Bond, whether by subrogation or otherwise, against any other guarantor of any of the Principal's obligations.

10. Costs and Expenses. The Surety agrees to pay all of DP&L's costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) which may be incurred in connection with the collection or enforcement of the Surety's obligations under this Surety Bond, including all such costs and expenses which may be incurred by DP&L in any legal action, reference or arbitration proceeding. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to obligate DP&L to pay any fees or expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of this Surety Bond.

11. This Surety Bond shall be governed under the laws of the State of Ohio. It represents the entire agreement of Principal, Surety and DP&L with respect to matters referred to herein. It may not be amended unless DP&L has agreed to such amendment in writing.

In Witness Whereof, Principal and Surety have executed this Surety Bond on ____ day of _____, _____.

WITNESS/ATTEST _____(SEAL)

By: _____
(Principal) (Title)

By: _____
(Surety) (Title)

THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
MacGregor Park
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P.U.C.O. No. 17
ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE
ALTERNATE GENERATION SUPPLIER COORDINATION TARIFF

APPLICABLE:

Available to any Alternate Generation Supplier ("AGS") certified by the PUCO to provide electric power to customers connected to the DP&L transmission and/or distribution system and any PJM Demand Response Curtailment Service Provider ("CSP"). This Tariff sets forth the basic requirements for interactions and coordination between the Electric Distribution Company and an AGS necessary for ensuring the delivery of Competitive Energy Supply from an AGS to Customers. A Customer cannot act as their own AGS. This Tariff also sets forth applicable requirements for interactions and coordination between the Electric Distribution Company, the Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO"), and a CSP.

The Tariff provisions apply to any AGS providing Competitive Energy Supply to Customers located in the Company's Certified Territory, including an affiliate or division of the Company that provides Competitive Energy Supply, and with whom the Company has executed an AGS Coordination Agreement as required herein. In addition, the charges herein shall apply to anyone receiving service unlawfully or to any unauthorized receipt of Coordination Services. The Customers of an AGS subject to coordination terms and conditions of this Tariff must take Generation Service under the Competitive Retail Generation Service Schedule G9.

The inclusion of FERC-jurisdictional matters within the scope of this Tariff is intended solely for informational purposes and is not intended to accord any jurisdictional authority over such matters to the PUCO. Further, to the extent that anything stated herein is in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of the Federal Power Act ("FPA"), or any tariff, rule, regulation, order or determination of the FERC under the FPA, then such provision of the FPA, tariff, rule, regulation, order or determination shall control. To the extent required under any provision of the FPA, or any FERC tariff, rule, regulation, order or determination, the Company shall secure, from time to time, all necessary orders, approvals, and determinations from the FERC necessary to implement this Tariff.

This Tariff operates and is subject to PUCO Orders, rules and regulations.

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS:

Alternate Generation Supplier or AGS – a person, corporation, broker, marketer, aggregator, generator or any other entity approved by the Commission to sell electricity to End-use Customers, utilizing the jurisdictional transmission and distribution facilities of the Company and registered in the Company's Electric Choice Program.

AGS Coordination Agreement – The Agreement entered into between the AGS and the Company.

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AGS Coordination Tariff – this Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff.

Ancillary Services – those services that are necessary to support the Competitive Energy Supply from resources to loads while maintaining reliable operation of the transmission system in accordance with the PJM OATT.

Bad Credit – an AGS has bad credit if it has failed to make any payments or is insolvent (as evidenced by a credit report prepared by a reputable credit bureau or credit reporting agency or public financial data, liabilities exceeding assets or generally failing to pay debts as they become due). An AGS will also be deemed to have bad credit if it has failed to pay or is five (5) days late in paying any Company invoice when they became due on any occasion within the last twelve billing cycles.

Billing Cycle – the time frame between two (2) regularly scheduled meter readings. End-use Customer meter readings are obtained on a regular schedule, which is managed by the Company.

Billing Line Item (BLI) Transfer – an online PJM tool for managing the automatic transfer of billing line items between the AGS and the Company. Consent to a BLI Transfer requires the AGS to establish a PJM account or subaccount where PJM Settlements will exclusively direct all Dayton load obligations and market activity for the AGS.

Business Day – any day on which the Company's corporate offices are open for business.

Certified Territory – the certified territory established for an electric supplier under sections 4933.81 to 4933.90 of the Ohio Revised Code as amended by Sub. S.B. No. 3 of the 123rd General Assembly.

Company – The Dayton Power and Light Company.

Competition Act – the Electricity Deregulation Act (Sub. S. B. No. 3, 123rd General Assembly).

Competitive Energy Supply – unbundled energy provided by an Alternate Generation Supplier, and other products that may be provided by an AGS to fulfill its obligations to serve customer load.

Consolidated Billing – a billing service where both the Regulated Utility Charges as well as the AGS's Charges are contained on a single customer bill.

Control Area – as defined by North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), an electrical system bounded by interconnection (tie-line) metering and telemetry. It controls generation and/or load directly

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to maintain its interchange schedule with other control areas and contributes to frequency regulation of the interconnection.

Control Area Operator or CAO – The Dayton Power and Light Company, the Independent System Operator (ISO) or RTO that operates the Control Area to which The Dayton Power and Light Company belongs.

Coordination Activities – all activities related to the provision of Coordination Services.

Coordination Obligations – all obligations identified in this Tariff, relating to the provision of Coordination Services.

Coordination Services – those services that permit the type of interface and coordination between the AGS and the Company in connection with the delivery of electricity to End-use Customers located within the Company's service territory.

Coordination Services Charges – all Charges stated in the Charges section of this Tariff, that are billed by the Company for Coordination Services performed hereunder.

Curtailment Service Provider or CSP – A company authorized by PJM to act as an agent between the RTO and an End-use customer to provide demand response service.

DASR (Direct Access Service Request) – an electronic form of communication that shall be exchanged between the Company and an AGS.

DP&L Internet Site – a Company Internet site.

EDU Tariff – the Company's currently PUCO approved Distribution Schedule.

Electric Distribution Utility or EDU - an electric utility that supplies at least retail electric distribution service.

ECAR – East Central Area Reliability or its successor organization.

Electronic Exchange – approved methods of data exchange by the PUCO.

End-use Customer – the final user of generation and regulated delivery services.

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Energy Imbalance – the difference between the final hourly AGS Supply Schedule for energy and the actual hourly energy consumed by Customers utilizing hourly metering data and estimated hourly energy consumed by other Customers using load profiles.

FERC – the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or its successor.

Interval Meter – an electricity meter which records an End-use Customer's electric usage for defined intervals (e.g., fifteen (15) minutes, half-hour, hour, etc.), allowing the possibility for consumption during different time periods to be billed at different rates and providing a means for an End-use Customer's load pattern to be analyzed.

Interval Metering Data – data from electrical metering equipment that supplies hourly or sub-hourly readings of customer consumption.

Load Serving Entity or "LSE" – an entity that has been granted the authority or has an obligation pursuant to State or local law, regulation or franchise to sell electric energy to end users located in the PJM Control Area.

Locational Marginal Price or "LMP" – The hourly integrated marginal price to serve load at individual locations throughout PJM, calculated by the PJM OI as specified in the PJM OATT.

Meter Read Date – the date on which the Company schedules a meter to be read for purposes of producing an End-use Customer bill in accordance with the Company's regularly scheduled Billing Cycles.

NERC – North American Electric Reliability Council or its successor.

PJM Control Area – The control area encompassing systems in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Ohio, Illinois, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan which is recognized by the North American Electric Reliability Council as the PJM Control Area.

PJM OI – The PJM Office of Interconnection, the system operator for the PJM Control Area.

PJM Tariff – The PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") on file with FERC and which sets forth the rates, terms and conditions of transmission service located in the PJM Control Area, including the DP&L zone.

PUCO or Commission – the Public Utility Commission of Ohio or its successor.

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Regulated Utility Charges – utility charges for noncompetitive services including, but not limited to, tariffed transmission and distribution and generation services that are under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Retail Load Responsibility (“RLR”) – The AGS load obligation that the EDU submits to PJM that shows the aggregate electric power and energy (including losses on the transmission and distribution systems) that an AGS should have provided in DP&L’s certified territory for each hour of the calendar day to supply its customers.

Standard Offer Rate – a rate offered by the Company as approved by the Commission to End-use Customers in its service territory for all essential electric service to End-use Customers who are not receiving competitive services from an AGS, including a firm supply of electric generation service.

Tariff – this Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff.

TSA (Transmission Scheduling Agent) – An entity that performs one or more of an AGS’s coordination obligations, including the submission of energy schedules to the PJM OI, and that either is (1) a member of the PJM Interconnection LLC or (2) the agent for scheduling purposes of one or more AGS that are members of the PJM Interconnection LLC.

1. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

The Rules and Regulations, filed as part of this Tariff, are a part of every AGS Coordination Agreement entered into by the Company pursuant to this Tariff and govern all Coordination Activities. The obligations imposed on an AGS in the Rules and Regulations shall also apply to anyone receiving service unlawfully or to any unauthorized or fraudulent receipt of Coordination Services.

2. **COMMENCEMENT OF COMPANY/AGS COORDINATION:**

2.1 **Registration Process**

The Company shall approve or disapprove the supplier’s registration within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of complete registration information from the supplier. The thirty (30) day time period may be extended for up to thirty (30) days for good cause shown, or until such other time as is mutually agreed to by the supplier and the Company.

The Company shall not approve a supplier’s registration until all information required in Section 2.2 has been provided to the Company’s satisfaction. The approval process shall also include

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completion of EDI testing for applicable transaction sets necessary to commence service. The supplier and the Company shall proactively attempt to resolve issues that may delay the completion of EDI testing. If the supplier is deemed to have not been sufficiently responsive to the Company's requests, EDI testing shall be suspended and registration disapproved after thirty (30) calendar days following the onset of testing.

The Company will notify the supplier of incomplete registration information within ten (10) calendar days of receipt. The notice to the supplier shall include a description of the missing or incomplete information.

2.2 Registration Information

A supplier seeking to obtain Coordination Services hereunder must deliver to the Company a completed registration, consisting of the following:

- (a) an AGS Coordination Agreement, fully executed by a duly authorized representative of the supplier;
- (b) consent for PJM to conduct a Billing Line Item (BLI) Transfer for certain transmission-related charges;
- (c) a copy of the supplier's Certification application submitted to the PUCO, subject to a confidentiality agreement, or a copy of an unexpired Certificate issued by the PUCO;
- (d) written evidence that the AGS or its TSA is a signatory to the Operating Agreement and Reliability Assurance Agreement of the PJM Interconnection LLC;
- (e) written affidavit that the AGS or its TSA will use PJM Network Integration Service to serve retail load in DP&L's certified territory;
- (f) the supplier's Dun & Bradstreet Number;
- (g) an EDI Trading Partner Agreement, fully executed by a duly authorized representative of the supplier;
- (h) the supplier must demonstrate to the Company's satisfaction that it is fully capable of performing the necessary data transfer functions required to supply the Company with the data necessary to operate its business; and
- (i) collateral pursuant to Section 12.4

2.3 Grounds for Rejecting Registration

The Company may reject any registration for Coordination Services on any of the following grounds:

- (a) the supplier, predecessor or affiliate has outstanding debts to the Company;
- (b) the supplier has failed to comply with collateral requirements specified in Section 12.4 of the Tariff;

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- (c) the Company has provided written notice to the supplier that a registration is deficient and the supplier has failed to submit a completed registration within thirty (30) calendar days after the Company has notified the supplier of the deficiency;
- (d) the supplier is not certified by the PUCO;
- (e) the supplier has Bad Credit;
- (f) failure to meet data transfer standards to the Company's satisfaction;
- (g) failure to provide written evidence as required in Section 2.2 (d) and (e) or
- (h) any other reasons determined by the PUCO.

2.4 Offer of Conditional Acceptance of Registration

Where grounds for rejection of a registration exist due to a supplier's outstanding debts to the Company, the Company may offer the affected supplier a conditional acceptance if the supplier pays such debts before it receives Coordination Services. If the supplier rejects the Company's offer of conditional acceptance under this Rule, then its registration for Coordination Services will be deemed rejected.

2.5 Rejection of Registration

Upon rejection of any registration, the Company shall provide the affected supplier with written notice of rejection within the time periods set forth in Section 2.1, and shall state the basis for its rejection.

2.6 Approval of Registration

Upon its approval of a registration for Coordination Services, the Company shall execute the AGS Coordination Agreement tendered by the registrant. The Company shall provide one to the supplier by delivering such within the period set forth in Section 2.1 and shall maintain a copy for its own records.

2.7 Identification Numbers

Upon its approval of a registration for Coordination Services, the Company will use the Dun & Bradstreet number assigned to each supplier as an identification number to be used in subsequent electronic information exchange between the supplier and the Company. In addition, the Company may also assign to the supplier identification numbers that may be required to perform coordination obligations under this Tariff and the AGS Coordination Agreement.

2.8 Commencement of Coordination Services

Coordination Services may commence after the Company's acceptance of a supplier's registration for Coordination Services provided that all of the information necessary for the Company to provide

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Coordination Services has been provided to the Company and any conditions required under Section 2.4 have been satisfied by the supplier.

3. COORDINATION OBLIGATIONS:

3.1 Multiple AGSs

Only one AGS shall provide Competitive Retail Electric Service to a specific End-use Customer's Account during any given Billing Cycle, unless otherwise provided by the Company's tariff.

3.2 Partial Competitive Retail Electric Service

An End-use Customer's Account is not permitted to have partial Competitive Retail Electric Service. The AGS shall be responsible for providing the total energy consumed by the End-use Customer's Account during any given Billing Cycle, unless otherwise provided by the Company's tariff.

3.3 PJM Services and Obligations

An AGS is responsible for procuring those services provided by the PJM OI that are necessary for the delivery of Competitive Energy Supply to its Customers pursuant to the executed DOA. In addition, an AGS or its TSA must satisfy all obligations which are imposed on LSEs in the PJM Control Area by the PJM OI.

3.4 Timeliness and Due Diligence

AGSs shall exercise due diligence in meeting their obligations under this Tariff and the AGS Coordination Agreement.

3.5 Duty of Cooperation

The Company and each AGS will cooperate in order to ensure delivery of Competitive Energy Supply to Customers as provided for by this Tariff, the EDU Tariff, the PJM Tariff and the Competition Act and the AGS Coordination Agreement.

3.6 State Certification

An AGS must have and maintain certification from the PUCO as a certified Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider.

3.7 Energy Procurement

An AGS is wholly responsible for procuring and making all necessary arrangements for obtainment of Competitive Energy Supply in a quantity sufficient to serve its Customers, including capacity,

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energy, transmission and distribution losses, and any other ancillary services required by the PJM OI.

- 3.8 Customer Arrangements
By selecting an AGS, the Customer designates the AGS to act on its behalf. However, the AGS will remain ultimately responsible for PJM services and obligations as the LSE for such Customer.
- 3.9 Reliability Requirements
An AGS shall satisfy those reliability requirements issued by the PUCO, ECAR, PJM OI and NERC.
- 3.10 Determination of Load and Location
The Company and the AGS or its TSA shall coordinate with the PJM OI to determine the magnitude and location of the AGS's actual or projected load as required by the PJM OI, for the purpose of calculating a Network Integration Transmission Service Reservation, an installed capacity obligation, or other requirements under the PJM Tariff.
- 3.11 Supply of Data
An AGS and the Company shall supply to the other all data, materials or other information specified in this Tariff and the AGS Coordination Agreement in accordance with PUCO rules in a thorough and timely manner.
- 3.12 Communication Requirements
An AGS shall implement the communication requirements as specified in the AGS Coordination Agreement, or any other protocol established by the PUCO, the CAO, or other group with authority to set common communication standards.
- 3.13 Payment Obligation
The Company's provision of Coordination Services to an AGS is contingent upon the AGS's payment of all charges provided for in this Tariff.
- 3.14 Record Retention
An AGS and the Company shall comply with all applicable laws and PUCO rules and regulations for record retention. The AGS shall be responsible to maintain records of Customer's authorization to switch suppliers.

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3.15 Data Exchange

- (a) An AGS must notify its Customers that by signing up for Competitive Energy Supply with the AGS, the Customer is consenting to the disclosure by the Company to the AGS of certain basic information about the Customer. At minimum, the notice shall inform the Customer that the following information will be disclosed: the Customer's name, billing account number, service address, mailing address and rate class.
- (b) In the event an AGS sends the Company the same erroneous data more than once (unless through no fault of the AGS), the Company may charge processing costs to that AGS.

4. CUSTOMER ENROLLMENT PROCESS:

4.1 Pre-Enrollment End-use Customer Information List and Governmental Aggregator List

Pre-Enrollment End-Use Customer Information List

Upon request, the Company will electronically provide to any supplier certified by the Commission the most recent End-use Customer information list.

The Company will offer the End-use Customer information list and updates available monthly. Once the list has been updated, a supplier may not use an End-use Customer information list from a prior month to contact End-use Customers.

The Company will provide End-use Customers the option to have all the End-use Customer's information listed in the section below removed from the End-use Customer information list. At the same time the Company will also provide End-use Customers the option to have all End-use Customer's information listed below reinstated on the End-use Customer information list. The End-use Customer will be notified of his or her options quarterly.

The following information will be provided on the End-use Customer information list for each End-use Customer who has not requested that all information be removed from this list:

- i) End-use Customer name
- ii) Service Address
- iii) Service City
- iv) Service State and Zip Code
- v) Mailing Address
- vi) Mailing City
- vii) Mailing State and Zip Code

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- viii) Rate Schedule under which service is rendered, including class and sub-class (if applicable)
- ix) Rider (if applicable)
- x) Load Profile Reference Category
- xi) Meter Type (will provide information that is readily available)
- xii) Interval Meter data indicator (will provide information that is readily available)
- xiii) Budget Bill / PIPP indicator
- xiv) Shopping indicator
- xv) Meter Read Cycle
- xvi) Meter Number (if applicable)
- xvii) Net Metering Indicator
- xviii) Most recent twelve (12) months of historical monthly customer energy usage data (actual energy usage plus demand, if available)

The Company will provide the End-use Customer information list on DP&L's Internet Site for AGSs. The information will be prepared and distributed in a uniform and useable format that allows for data sorting. End-use Customers participating in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program will be coordinated exclusively through the PIPP program administered by the Ohio Department of Development.

Governmental Aggregator List

Upon request, the Company will electronically provide a Governmental Aggregator List to any Governmental Aggregator certified by the Commission or a certified Competitive Retail Electric Service provider under contract with the Governmental Aggregator.

The Governmental Aggregator list will comply with O.A.C. 4901:1-10-32(A) which includes:

- (1) An updated list of names, account numbers, service addresses, billing addresses, rate codes, percentage of income payment plan codes, load data, and other related customer information, consistent with the information that is provided to other electric services companies, must be available in spreadsheet, word processing, or an electronic non-image-based format, with formulas intact, compatible with personal computers.
- (2) An identification of customers who are currently in contract with an electric services company or in a special agreement with the electric utility.
- (3) On a best efforts basis, an identification of mercantile customers.

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In addition to these requirements, the Governmental Aggregator list will include: 1) telephone number; 2) whether the Customer is currently in arrears with DP&L and the amount of arrearage; and 3) whether the Customer is on a deferred payment plan. DP&L will not provide any information that it otherwise holds confidential if the Customer objects to its disclosure.

4.2 AGS Requests for End-use Customer Information

An AGS may request historical Interval Meter data through a DASR after receiving the appropriate End-use Customer authorization. The Interval Meter data will be transferred in a standardized electronic transaction. The AGS will be responsible for the incremental costs incurred to prepare and send such data. The charges for these services are listed in this or other tariff rate schedules.

4.3 Direct Access Service Requests (DASRs)

Enrollment of End-use Customers is done through a DASR, which may be submitted only by an AGS. An AGS may not submit a DASR to initiate enrollment or change a Customer's supplier without prior consent of the Customer and completion of the enrollment transaction with the Customer except for "opt-out" aggregation.

DASRs will be effective on the next Meter Read Date provided that it is received by the Company at least twelve (12) calendar days before the next Meter Read Date, unless otherwise provided in the Company's tariff. If a DASR is received within those twelve (12) days before the next Meter Read Date, it will be effective on the following Meter Read Date.

The Company will process all valid DASRs and send the End-use Customer confirmation within two business days. Simultaneous with the sending of the notice to the End-use Customer, the Company will electronically advise the AGS of acceptance. Notice of rejection of the DASR to the AGS shall be sent in one (1) business day, if possible, but in no event later than four (4) calendar days, and include the reasons for the rejection. The Company shall provide a rescission period as provided by the Commission's rules, and the Company will provide the Customer with a cancellation number to confirm the rescission of the contract. If the End-use Customer rescinds, the Company shall send a drop notice to the AGS. In the event of Customer rescission, the previous AGS will continue to serve the Customer under the same terms and conditions.

Enrollments will be processed on a "first in" priority basis based on the received date, and using contract date as the tie-breaker. Only one (1) subsequent enrollment DASR received within the same Billing Cycle will be accepted, with an effective date of the subsequent enrollment equal to the next scheduled meter read date following the effective date of the already pending enrollment. Other subsequent enrollment DASRs received within the same Billing Cycle will be rejected.

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To participate in the Electric Choice Program, an End-use Customer must have an active electric service account with the Company. After the electric service account is active, an AGS may submit a DASR as described herein. Every new electric service account will bill on the Standard Offer Rate for at least one (1) billing cycle.

4.4 End-use Customers Return to Standard Offer Rate

An End-use Customer's return to the Standard Offer Rate may be a result of Customer choice, supplier default, termination of a supplier contract, opt out or termination of a governmental aggregation program, supplier withdrawal, or the customer's application for assistance through the Percentage of Income Payment Plan.

An End-use Customer may contact the Company to return to the Company's Standard Offer Rate. The return to the Standard Offer Rate shall be conducted under the same terms and conditions applicable to an enrollment with an AGS. Thus, the Company will provide a rescission period consistent with the Commission rules. Provided the Company has effectuated the request to return to the Standard Offer Rate twelve (12) calendar days prior to the next regularly scheduled Meter Read Date and an AGS's enrollment DASR has not already been accepted within the same Billing Cycle, the End-use Customer will be returned to the Standard Offer Rate on the next regularly scheduled Meter Read Date.

4.5 End-Use Customer Inquiries and Requests for Information

Upon request, End-use Customers will be sent an information package containing a summary of the program and a current list of AGSs, which will be sent to the End-use Customer's service or mailing address.

The list of AGSs will be posted on a designated DP&L Internet Site. The list of AGSs will contain suppliers currently registered to enroll End-use Customers in the Company's service territory. The list of AGSs will also designate, if available, which customer classes the AGSs will be serving.

4.6 Information Disclosure

The AGS must notify its Customers that by signing up for Competitive Electric Supply with the AGS, the Customer is consenting to the disclosure by the Company to the AGS of information about the Customer pursuant to Section 3.15(a).

4.7 Changing Suppliers

If a Customer contacts a new AGS to request change of an AGS and the new AGS agrees to serve the Customer, the Customer's new AGS shall obtain the appropriate authorization from the Customer or person authorized to act on the Customer's behalf indicating the Customer's choice of

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AGS, and shall thereupon follow the procedures described in Section 4.3. If a Customer contacts the Company to request initial service from an AGS, or to request a change of suppliers, the Company will inform the Customer that the AGS must be contacted directly with the request.

4.8 Discontinuation of Service

- (a) If a Customer contacts the Company to discontinue electric service at the Customer's then current location, and initiates a request for service at a new location in the Company's service territory, the Company will notify the current AGS of the Customer's discontinuance of service for the account at the Customer's prior location. Final bill(s) will be issued at the date of discontinuance of service. The Company will provide the AGS that served the Customer at the old location with the Customer's new mailing address or forwarding address.
- (b) If a Customer contacts the Company to discontinue electric service and indicates that the Customer will be relocating outside of the Company's certified territory, the Company will notify the current AGS of the Customer's discontinuance of service for the account at the Customer's location. If available, the Company will provide the AGS that served the Customer at the old location with the Customer's new mailing address or forwarding address.
- (c) A Customer's AGS cannot arrange for the disconnection or discontinuation of distribution service as a consequence of contract termination, non-payment, or for any other reason.

4.9 Arrangements with AGS Customers

The AGS shall be solely responsible for having appropriate contractual or other arrangements with their Customers consistent with all applicable laws, PUCO requirements, and this Tariff. The Company shall not be responsible for monitoring, reviewing or enforcing such contracts or arrangements. The Company will not be liable for any contractual disputes that arise between the AGS and the Customer.

4.10 Transfer of Cost Obligations Between AGSs and Customers

Nothing in this Tariff is intended to prevent an AGS and a Customer from agreeing to reallocate between them any charges that this Tariff imposes on the AGS, provided that any such agreement shall not change in any way the AGS's obligation to pay such charges to the Company, and that any such agreement shall not confer upon the Company any right to seek recourse directly from the AGS's Customer for any charges owed to the Company by the AGS.

5. COMPANY SUPPLIED INFORMATION:

5.1 Information Available

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The information provided by the Company is available as a resource to assist an AGS in meeting its retail load obligations. Generic load profile information and loss factors will be available. It will be the responsibility of the AGS to schedule and deliver the appropriate PJM OI services using this and any other information it deems appropriate for its Customers.

Although the Company believes the information is accurate and correct to the best of the Company's knowledge and belief, and for its originally-intended purposes, the Company makes no representations or warranties as to the accuracy or usefulness of the information and takes no responsibility for the AGSs use of the information.

5.2 Load Profiles

Load profiles will be applied to actual consumption to determine and reconcile consumption energy imbalance for customers without hourly metering. The Company will utilize its own load profiling methodology and will provide this methodology to the AGS.

5.3 Retail Load Responsibility (RLR)

The Company shall calculate each AGS's RLR for each hour of each calendar day and submit the values to PJM in accordance with PJM's business practices. The RLR values that the Company submits to PJM will be used as the basis for settlement process.

6. LOAD SCHEDULING:

6.1 Energy Delivery

Energy will be delivered to the Company's electric distribution system using the PJM power scheduling policies and procedures.

6.2 AGS Energy Schedule

The AGS is responsible for forecasting its customer load. The AGS or its TSA must schedule electric power on behalf of the retail customers it supplies in accordance with the PJM Tariff and applicable PJM guidelines. The aggregate hourly load forecast shall define the hourly energy requirements for an AGS.

6.3 PJM Network Transmission Service

An AGS or its TSA must submit requests for Network Transmission Services on the applicable PJM systems to service retail load in DP&L's certified territory. The AGS or its TSA must adhere to the applicable time frames in accordance with the PJM OATT and other PJM documents.

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7. RECONCILIATION OF CONSUMPTION ENERGY IMBALANCE:
Sections 7.1 through 7.3 will be applicable for reconciliation of consumption energy imbalance for the PJM LMP market.
- 7.1 **Billing**
The Company and the AGS will rely on PJM to perform calculations to determine the monetary value of reconciliation quantities and to bill and/or credit AGSs for oversupplies and undersupplies at an hourly price through the PJM grid accounting system.
- 7.2 **The Company's and AGS's Role**
The Company will assist PJM in accounting for reconciliation quantities by (1) collecting all Customer usage data; (2) determining the hourly RLR for each AGS or TSA; and (3) submitting the RLR quantities to the PJM OI. If PJM policies require the Company to obtain consent from the AGS for initiation of a PJM settlement process, the execution of the AGS Coordination Agreement shall be deemed as affirmative consent by the AGS for the settlement or resettlement or reconciliation; and if PJM requires any additional indicia of consent, the AGS shall provide affirmative consent within ten (10) calendar days of the Company's request.
- 7.3 **Meter Data Collection**
Meter data collected by the Company shall be utilized to calculate the quantity of energy consumed by an AGS's Customers for a particular reconciliation period. Such collection shall occur at the time of a Customer's monthly meter reading. Thus, in order to measure the energy consumed by all Customers on a particular day, at least one billing period is required for data collection.
- 7.3.1 **Monthly Metered Customers**
Data from monthly metered Customers is collected in subsets corresponding to customer billing cycles, which close on different days of the month. To reconcile energy mismatches on an hourly basis, the Company shall convert such meter data for Customers to the equivalent hourly usage. Load profiles adjusted for actual weather values will be applied to metered usage to derive an estimate for the hour-by-hour usage.
- 7.3.2 **Hourly Metered Customers.**
Data from hourly metered Customers will also be collected by the Company monthly on a billing cycle basis.

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8. METERING:

8.1 Meter Requirements

Wireless Interval Meters will be required for End-use Customers who select an AGS and have a maximum annual peak demand greater than or equal to two hundred (200) kW for the most recent twelve (12) month period.

If an existing Customer reaches a peak demand greater than or equal to two hundred (200) kW at any point in the most recent twelve (12) month period, the Customer and AGS will be notified that this Customer has exceeded the two hundred (200) kW limit and that a wireless interval meter is required. If authorization to install the wireless meter is not received from the Customer or AGS within sixty (60) days, the Customer will be returned to the Standard Offer Rate.

8.2 Interval Meter Charges and Installation Process

The End-use Customer or AGS may request a Wireless Interval Meter for use at any account below the interval meter threshold. The End-use Customer and/or AGS shall be responsible for the incremental costs of upgrading the present meter plus all incremental costs associated with the installation of required or requested interval metering. The charges for a Wireless Interval Meter may include a tariffed rate or payment plan not to exceed twenty-four (24) months. For the wireless interval meter, the installed equipment cost covers the initial 24 months of wireless reads. All costs associated with wireless meter reads may be passed through to the End-use Customer after the expiration of the initial 24 months of wireless meter reads. Title to the meter shall remain with the Company.

If an analog telephone line interval meter was previously selected and the phone line is not functional after installation, a notification will be sent to the AGS and Customer to repair the phone line. After the notification is sent to the AGS and Customer, the necessary equipment to read the analog telephone meter must be installed or the Customer may be returned to the Standard Offer Rate at the Company's discretion.

An End-use Customer that is required to have interval metering must request an order for Wireless Interval meter installation. Before the End-use Customer can be enrolled and served by the AGS, the End-use Customer must allow three (3) business days for accounts with single service or at least five (5) business days for accounts with multiple services for the Company to process the order. For End-use Customers who are required to have a Wireless Interval Meter for the requested service, service may begin, assuming an order was processed for Wireless Interval meter installation, using a Company load profile for settlement; consumption meter reads will continue to be used for billing.

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This shall be the approach during the period between when the End-use Customer has requested a Wireless Interval Meter and the time that the Company is able to install such a meter.

- 8.3 **Company's Need to Obtain Actual Meter Reading**
The Company must have reasonable access to the meter in order to obtain an actual (rather than estimated) monthly meter reading.
- 8.4 **Customer or AGS Access to Meter Information**
All meters will be the sole property of the Company. DP&L will provide a Customer or its AGS with access to meter information at no charge. The Customer or its AGS must reimburse DP&L for the costs of installing such information gathering equipment. If DP&L is requested to process the information, then it will charge its costs therefore.
9. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION:**
- 9.1 **General**
All confidential or proprietary information made available by one party to the other in connection with the registration by a supplier with the Company and/or the subsequent provision and receipt of Coordination Services under this Tariff, including but not limited to load curve data, and information regarding the business processes of a party and the computer and communication systems owned or leased by a party, shall be used only for purposes of registration with the Company, receiving Coordination Services and/or providing Competitive Retail Electric Service to Customers in the Company's service territory. Other than disclosures to representatives of the Company or AGS for the purposes of enabling that party to fulfill its obligations under this Tariff or for an AGS to provide Competitive Retail Electric Service to Customers in the Company's Certified Territory, a party may not disclose confidential or proprietary information without the prior authorization and/or consent of the other party.
- 9.2 **Customer Information**
The AGS shall keep all End-use Customer-specific information supplied by the Company confidential unless the AGS has the End-use Customer's written authorization to do otherwise or unless permitted to be disclosed per Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-21-10.
An Individual Customer may request that Company information relating to their account be confidential. The AGS shall comply with all prescribed notification requirements informing their Customers of this option to keep their Company information confidential. The AGS shall keep all Customer-specific information supplied by the Company confidential unless the AGS has the Customer's authorization to do otherwise.

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10. COMPANY BILLING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF AGS:

10.1 Company Billing for AGS

All AGS charges to Customers, if billed by the Company, shall be billed in accordance with the following provisions:

The Company will provide consolidated rate ready and consolidated bill ready billing services. Rate ready billing will be provided if price plans offered by the AGS are based on fixed and variable charges similar to those the Company employs for billing Distribution Service and Electric Generation Service Standard Offer. Nothing in this Tariff shall require the Company to manually bill Customers. Within this context, if the Company's billing system has the capability to bill the price plans offered by the AGS, the AGS may request the Company to do all or some of the billing for the AGS's Customers based on the Customers' preferences. However, in no case shall the Company require the AGS to provide separate Customer lists or perform unique scheduling and reconciliation services for Customers billed directly by the Company. The AGS shall provide all data in its possession necessary for the timely generation of bills. A failure of the AGS to provide necessary data to the Company in a timely fashion may delay generation of a bill for the month to which the data pertains. In such instances, the AGS is responsible for all fines and violations, if any, arising as a result of the Company's inability to render a timely bill.

The Company shall make available rates for consolidated rate ready billing services that will automatically calculate the AGS's charges as a percentage off the Company's Standard Offer Rate for bypassable generation and transmission charges ("Price-to-Compare"). The Company will not produce a bill via consolidated rate ready billing services using a meter read measuring "supplied" kWh from a net meter. The AGS shall not use the Company's consolidated billing services for billing of items other than electric commodity including, but not limited to, early termination fees and for communication of any anti-competitive or disparaging messages.

The AGS must fully execute the Billing Services Agreement specific to either the rate ready or bill ready consolidated billing service before the Company will commence that billing service. For an AGS to present its logo on a DP&L consolidated bill, the AGS must ensure that the logo meets the Company's required technical specifications. The AGS may be subject to technical support and assistance charges for failure to submit a compliant logo.

10.2 Netting of End-use Customer Payment and AGS Charges Billed by the Company

If the AGS defaults and the Company is performing Consolidated Billing of End-use Customers for the AGS, the Company reserves the right to retain the payments collected from the End-use Customers and apply the payments to the Company's charges.

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10.3 Summary Billing

The Company will not provide consolidated summary billing for customers that take generation service from an AGS. DP&L will provide summary billing for customers that take generation service from an AGS and receive a dual bill.

10.4 Budget Billing

DP&L will comply with the Commission's rules applicable to Budget Billing.

10.5 DP&L Purchase of AGS Accounts Receivable

DP&L will not purchase the accounts receivable of an AGS.

10.6 AGS Tax Responsibility

The Company is not responsible for paying or remitting on behalf of an AGS taxes including, but not limited to, Ohio Public Utility Excise Tax, Ohio Corporation Franchise Tax, municipal income, Ohio Sales Tax and Federal Corporate Income Tax.

10.7 Company Reimbursement to AGS for Customer Payments

Where the Company acts as the billing agent for the AGS, the Company shall reimburse the AGS as soon as practicable upon receipt of payment for all energy charges and any other charges collected on behalf of the AGS from the Customer. The Company will conduct all remittance processing of current customer charges. In the event that a Customer remits partial payments of a bill, the remittance will be applied against the various amounts that may be due and owing to the Company and the AGS in the following manner: AGS past due power and energy, including transmission and ancillary charges, EDU past due, EDU current, AGS current ("partial payment posting priority"). Any amount remitted by a Customer in excess of the total due and owing will be held in the Customer's account with the Company and be applied to the next bill in accordance with the partial payment posting priority, or at the Customer's request, will be refunded to the Customer. In the event that any Customer checks are returned dishonored by a bank, the corresponding debits will be applied in inverse order to the order set forth above for the application of remittances. The Company will correct any misapplied payments or transactions.

A Customer on a deferred payment plan shall be deemed to have paid the full monthly amount due if the Customer meets the monthly payment plan obligation, which is the monthly amount agreed to by DP&L and the Customer. Similarly, a Customer on a budget-billing plan shall be deemed to have paid the full monthly amount due if they pay the monthly budgeted amount and AGS current charges if they are not included in the budgeted amount. Security deposits provided by the Customers to the EDU and payments for reconnect charges shall be applied before AGS past due.

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EDU security deposits shall be applied solely to EDU charges on the final bill. Late payment charges on AGS past due amounts shall be applied immediately following AGS past due amounts. EDU late payment fees and return check fees shall be treated as ordinary EDU distribution charges. DP&L will apply payments by a guarantor or energy assistance payments by a public or private agency on behalf of a mutual Customer according to the partial payment posting priority.

10.8 AGS Service Discontinued

If service from the AGS is discontinued, the AGS' charges shall remain on the Customer's bill for the earlier of: a) at least three (3) billing cycles; b) the Customer is disconnected; c) a final bill is issued on the Customer's account; or d) the Customer is issued a bill containing new AGS charges. Payments from the Customer during that period shall be subject to the partial payment posting priority. DP&L will not assess late payment charges on AGS past due balances.

10.9 Deferred Payment Plan

DP&L may place a Customer on a deferred payment plan covering both AGS and DP&L charges without further approval of the AGS. DP&L shall follow the same policy regarding deferred payment plans for both AGS and DP&L charges. DP&L shall provide notice to the AGS that a mutual Customer has entered into a deferred payment plan. Such notice shall be provided on DP&L's Internet Site for AGSs on at least a monthly basis listing the Customers that entered into a deferred payment plan. The information on the list shall include, but not be limited to, the Customer's name, address, account number and type of payment plan.

10.10 Company Reporting on Behalf of AGS

To the extent DP&L performs reporting services at the request of the AGS to comply with PUCO Market Monitoring rules on behalf of the AGS, the AGS shall reimburse DP&L for its costs to perform such reporting requirements. At the request of the AGS, the Company may also provide Customers with environmental disclosure information that complies with the Minimum Competitive Retail Electric Service Standards. To the extent the Company provides this service, the AGS shall reimburse DP&L for its costs to provide such service.

11. AGS BILLING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF DP&L:

DP&L will permit an AGS to provide consolidated billing using a bill ready format provided that the supplier purchases DP&L's receivables. Additionally, the AGS must demonstrate to DP&L they are competent to bill on DP&L's behalf and able to comply with all applicable rules and regulations including, but not limited to: billing, payment posting priorities, disconnect rules, customer notices, and any other information contained in the Company's Commission filings. The terms of the sale of

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receivables shall be negotiated among the parties, including an agreed upon discount. Any disagreement about terms shall be mediated by a neutral third party.

12. AGS PAYMENT OF COORDINATION SERVICES:

12.1 AGS Payment of Obligations to the Company

An AGS shall pay all Coordination Services Charges or any other Charge it incurs hereunder in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) Billing Procedure: The Company shall submit an invoice to the AGS for all Coordination Services Charges provided under this Tariff at a frequency determined by the Company. An AGS shall make payment for Charges incurred on or before the due date shown on the bill. The invoice shall be paid by the AGS within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- (b) Billing Corrections and Estimated Billings: Notwithstanding anything stated herein: (1) bills shall be subject to adjustment for any errors in arithmetic, computation, meter readings, estimating or other errors for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of such original monthly billing; and (2) the Company shall be entitled to submit estimated bills (subject to correction) in the event the AGS fails to supply necessary information in a timely fashion or other circumstances limit the timely availability of necessary data.
- (c) Manner of Payment: The AGS shall make payments of funds payable to the Company by wire transfer to a bank designated by the Company as designated in the AGS Coordination Agreement. In the event of a dispute as to the amount of any bill, the AGS will notify the Company of the amount in dispute and the AGS will pay to the Company the amount not in bona fide dispute. The Company shall refund, with interest at the rate described in paragraph (d), any portion of the disputed amount ultimately found to be incorrect. All payments shall be in United States dollars.
- (d) Late Fee for Unpaid Balances: If payment is made to the Company after the due date shown on the bill, a late fee will be added to the unpaid balance until the entire bill is paid. Interest on any unpaid amounts (including amounts placed in escrow) shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology specified for interest on refunds in the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR § 35.19a(a)(2)(iii). Interest on delinquent amounts shall be calculated from the due date of the bill to the date of payment. The Company may, in its sole discretion, impose the late charge for any AGS that fails to pay its invoices in a timely manner.

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12.2 AGS Failure to Pay Obligations to the Company

In the event the AGS fails to make payment to the Company of all amounts not in bona fide dispute on or before the due date as described above, and such failure of payment is not corrected within two (2) calendar days after the Company notifies the AGS to cure such failure, the AGS shall be deemed to be delinquent. In the event an AGS is deemed to be delinquent, the Company, may at its sole discretion, reduce the reimbursement to the AGS for amounts collected by the Company by the amount owed to the Company or exercise its rights under the AGS's collateral posted pursuant to Section 12.4.

In the event of a billing dispute between the Company and the AGS, the Company will continue to provide service pursuant to the AGS Coordination Agreement and the Tariff as long as the AGS continues to make all payments including disputed amounts. A billing dispute shall be dealt with promptly in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in this Tariff.

12.3 Billing for Supplier Obligations to Other Parties

The Company will assume no responsibility for billing between an AGS and any energy source or accept responsibility to negotiate with a defaulting supplier to the AGS for damages resulting from such supplier's failure to perform. The AGS is responsible to collect any damages from wholesale suppliers that fail to deliver to the AGS. Any such supplier default does not alter AGS's financial obligation to pay the Company in accordance with the terms and conditions of this tariff. The Company will not accept any delayed payment from an AGS while the AGS is settling or litigating any disputes with the AGS' supplier(s) or PJM OI.

12.4 Guarantee of Payments

The Company will apply, on a non-discriminatory and consistent basis, reasonable financial standards to assess and examine a supplier's creditworthiness. These standards will take into consideration the scope of operations of each supplier and the level of risk to the Company. This determination will be aided by appropriate data concerning the supplier, including load data or reasonable estimates thereof, where applicable.

A supplier shall satisfy its creditworthiness requirement and receive an unsecured credit limit by demonstrating that it has, and maintains, investment grade long-term bond ratings from any two (2) of the following three (3) rating agencies:

AGENCY	SENIOR SECURITIES RATING (BONDS)
Standard & Poors	BBB- or higher
Moody's Investors' Services	Baa3 or higher
Fitch IBCA	BBB- or higher

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The supplier will provide the Company with its, or its parent company's, most recent independently-audited financial statements, (if applicable) and, its or its parent's most recent Form 10-K and Form 10-Q (if applicable).

The Company shall make reasonable alternative credit arrangements with a supplier that is unable to meet the aforementioned criteria and with those suppliers whose credit requirements exceed their allowed unsecured credit limit. The supplier may choose from any of the following credit arrangements in a format acceptable to the Company: a guarantee of payment; an irrevocable Letter of Credit; a Prepayment Account established with the Company; a Surety Bond, including the Company as a beneficiary; or other mutually agreeable security or arrangement. The alternate credit arrangements may be provided by a party other than the AGS, including one or more ultimate customers. The fact that a guarantee of payment, irrevocable Letter of Credit, Prepayment Account, or Surety Bond is provided by a party other than the AGS shall not be a factor in the determination of the reasonableness of any alternative credit arrangement, as long as such party and the related credit arrangements meet the Company's standard credit requirements. The amount of the security required must be and remain commensurate with the financial risks placed on the Company by that supplier, including recognition of that supplier's performance.

The Company will make available on request its credit requirements. A supplier may appeal the Company's determination of credit requirements to the Commission or seek Staff mediation as to any dispute.

The following collateral calculation applies to AGSs who serve retail customers in DP&L's service territory and is intended to cover DP&L's risk as the default supplier:

DP&L will calculate the amount of collateral to cover its risk as the default supplier by multiplying thirty (30) days of DP&L's estimate of the summer usage of the AGS's customers by a price set at the highest monthly average megawatt-hour price from the prior summer's PJM Day Ahead market and by multiplying thirty (30) days of DP&L's estimate of the AGS's capacity obligation by the final Dayton zonal capacity megawatt-day price for the upcoming delivery year.

In addition to information required otherwise hereunder, an AGS shall be required to provide to the Company such credit information as the Company reasonably requires. The Company may report to a national credit bureau the AGS's credit history with the Company. The Company agrees to keep all information supplied by the AGS confidential if required by the AGS.

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13. WITHDRAWAL BY AGS FROM RETAIL SERVICE:

13.1 Notice of Withdrawal to the Company

An AGS shall provide electronic and written notice to the Company ninety (90) days prior to withdrawal by the AGS from retail service in accordance with any applicable PUCO rulings. Notice shall be irrevocable.

13.2 Notice to Customers

An AGS shall provide notice to its Customers of withdrawal by the AGS from retail service in accordance with applicable PUCO rulings.

13.3 Charges for Noncompliance

An AGS that withdraws from retail service and fails to provide at least ninety (90) days written notice to the Company and the AGS's customers of said withdrawal shall reimburse the Company for all of the following costs associated with the withdrawal, including but not limited to:

- (a) mailings by the Company to the AGS's Customers to inform them of the withdrawal and their options;
- (b) non-standard/manual bill calculation and production performed by the Company;
- (c) AGS data transfer responsibilities that must be performed by the Company;
- (d) charges or penalties imposed on the Company by third parties resulting from AGS nonperformance; and
- (e) all damages arising from the AGS failing to provide ninety (90) days notice including, but not limited to, replacement capacity costs, energy costs, and/or transmission costs incurred to provide service to AGS's customers until the ninety (90) days notice period has expired.

14. AGS DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE TO PARTICULAR CUSTOMERS:

14.1 Notice of Discontinuance to the Company

An AGS shall provide electronic notice to the Company of all intended discontinuances of service to Customers in accordance with applicable PUCO rules.

14.2 Notice to Customers

An AGS shall provide advance notice to any Customer it intends to stop serving Competitive Energy Supply of such intended discontinuance in a manner consistent with all applicable PUCO rulings.

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14.3 Effective Date of Discontinuance

Any discontinuance will be effective on the next regularly scheduled Meter Read Date and in accordance with the AGS switching rules in this Tariff and the Distribution Service Rules and Regulations contained in the EDU Tariff. Any discontinuance prior to the Meter Read Date will result in charges for non-compliance in accordance with Section 13.3.

15. LIABILITY:

15.1 General Limitation on Liability

The Company shall have no duty or liability with respect to Competitive Retail Electric Service before it is delivered by a Supplier to an interconnection point with the Control Area. After its receipt of Competitive Retail Electric Service at the point of delivery, the Company shall have the same duty and liability for transmission and distribution service to customers receiving Competitive Retail Electric Service as to those customers receiving electric energy and capacity from the Company.

15.2 Limitation on Liability for Service Interruptions and Variations

The Company does not guarantee continuous, regular or uninterrupted supply of service. The Company may, without liability, interrupt or limit the supply of service for the purpose of making repairs, changes, or improvements in any part of its system for the general good of the service or the safety of the public or for the purpose of preventing or limiting any actual or threatened instability or disturbance of the system. Neither party is liable to the other party for any damages due to accident, strike, storm, riot, fire, flood, legal process, state or municipal interference, or any other cause beyond the Company's control.

The Company shall have no liability with respect to any transaction or arrangement by or between a Customer and AGS and shall have no liability to the AGS arising out of or related to Customers' decisions in switching among AGSs. The Company is not liable for a Customer's lost savings arising out of an error or omission in customer enrollment or switching by the AGS.

For purposes of indemnification, the Company shall be deemed to possess and control the electricity provided by the AGS upon receipt thereof (at the Company's distribution system or the ISO Bus) until the electricity is delivered to the Customer or for the Customer's account at the point of delivery (at the customer's meter). The AGS shall be deemed to possess and control the electricity prior to such receipt by the Company. Subject to the provisions of this section, the party in possession and control (the "indemnifying party") will indemnify the other party (the "indemnified party") for liability arising out of such possession and control.

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If the Company becomes liable for Ohio state taxes not paid by an AGS, the non-compliant AGS shall indemnify the Company for the amount of additional state tax liability or penalties imposed upon the Company by the Ohio Department of Taxation due to the failure of the AGS to pay or remit to the State the tax imposed.

16. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

Alternative Dispute Resolution shall be offered to both AGSs and the Company as a means to address disputes and differences between AGSs and the Company. Nothing in this Tariff or any related agreements shall limit either the Company or the AGS from filing a formal or informal complaint with the Commission.

17. MISCELLANEOUS:

17.1 Governing Law

To the extent not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of FERC, the formation, validity, interpretation, execution, amendment and termination of this Tariff or any AGS Coordination Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio.

The Tariff or any AGS Coordination Agreement, and the performance of the parties' obligations thereunder, is subject to and contingent upon (i) present and future local, state and federal laws, and (ii) present and future regulations or orders of any local, state or federal regulating authority having jurisdiction over the matter set forth herein.

If at any time during the term of the Tariff or any AGS Coordination Agreement, FERC, the PUCO or a court of competent jurisdiction issues an order under which a party hereto believes that its rights, interests and/or expectations under the Agreement are materially affected by said order, the party so affected shall within thirty (30) days of said final order provide the other party with notice setting forth in reasonable detail how said order has materially affected its rights, interests and/or expectations in the Agreement. Within thirty (30) days from the receiving party's receipt of said notice, the parties agree to attempt through good faith negotiations to resolve the issue. If the parties are unable to resolve the issue within thirty (30) days from the commencement of negotiations, either party may at the close of said thirty (30) day period terminate the Agreement, subject to any applicable regulatory requirements, following an additional thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party without any liability or responsibility whatsoever except for obligations arising prior to the date of service termination.

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- 17.2 Termination of AGS Coordination Agreements Require PUCO Authority
Notwithstanding any other provision of this Tariff or the Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Agreement, in the event of a default, the Company shall serve a written notice of such default in reasonable detail and with a proposed remedy to the Alternate Generation Supplier and the Commission. On, or after, the date the default notice has been served, the Company may file with the Commission a written request for authorization to terminate or suspend the Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Agreement. If the Commission does not act within 10 (ten) business days upon receipt of the request, the Company's request to terminate or suspend shall be deemed authorized on the 11th (eleventh) business day. Terminations or suspensions shall require authorization from the Commission.

The Company shall send notices pursuant to the Section by e-mail, fax, overnight mail, or hand delivery to the Commission and Staff at the Commission's offices. The Company shall notify all Commissioners, the Chief of Staff, the Director of the Consumer Services Department, the Director of the Utilities Department, the Director of the Legal Department, and the Chief of the Attorney General's Public Utilities Section. The Company shall send the notice to the address and fax number provided by the Alternate Generation Supplier in its Alternate Generation Supplier Coordination Agreement.

- 17.3 Headings
The headings and subheadings used for the Sections herein are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall in no way affect the meaning or interpretation of the provisions of this Tariff.
- 17.4 Revisions
This Tariff may be revised, amended, supplemented or otherwise changed from time to time in accordance with law, and such changes, when effective, shall have the same force and effect as the present Tariff. Changes may be made to the AGS Coordination Agreement with thirty (30) days written notice.
- 17.5 Statements by Agents
No Company representative has authority to modify a Tariff, rule or provision, or to bind the Company by any promise or representation contrary thereto.
18. TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE CHARGE:
Technical support and assistance is defined as support and assistance that may be provided by the Company to a licensed AGS or CSP in connection with questions and research requests from the AGS or CSP in support of its energy supply business.

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The Company will provide basic instruction on the DP&L Internet Site; assistance in normal business interactions, such as daily scheduling; and, standard processing of AGS or CSP data files. In addition, the Company will post a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page on the DP&L Internet Site, and update it on a regular basis.

The Company is under no obligation to provide any further support or assistance. However, should additional assistance be required, such as manual verification of customer data, explanation of The Dayton Power and Light Company filings or regulatory orders, or explanation of the DP&L Internet Site/Network communications, the Company will make its best efforts to provide the requested support, for a fee as described below. The fee may include time spent by Company employees or consultants conducting research in connection with an AGS or CSP inquiry.

CHARGES

First four (4) hours per month per AGS or CSP: No charge.

Additional hours beyond first four (4) hours per month per AGS or CSP: \$90 per hour or fraction thereof.

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

A. AGS Fees

1. Manual Historical Customer Energy Usage Data: The Company requires Customer authorization for providing historical customer usage data. The Company will only provide customer usage data manually if it is unavailable electronically. For historical customer energy usage data, the following charges will apply:
 - Up to twelve (12) months of monthly kW and/or kWh data - No Charge
 - Thirteen through thirty-six (13-36) months of monthly kW and/or kWh data - \$16.50 per account per request
 - Greater than thirty-six (36) months of monthly kW and/or kWh data - \$32.25 per account per request
 - One (1) month of Hourly Load Data (where available) - \$25.00 per account per request
 - One (1) month of 30 minute Load Data (where available) - \$25.00 per account per request
 - Twelve (12) months of Hourly Load Data (where available) - \$150.00 per account per request
2. Electronic Interval Meter Data:
 - One (1) month of Hourly Load Data (where available) - \$25.00 per account per request
 - One (1) month of 30 minute Load Data (where available) - \$25.00 per account per request

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Twelve (12) months of Hourly Load Data (where available) - \$150.00 per account per request

3. Switching Fee:

The Company will be entitled to impose a Switching Fee on the End-Use Customer in accordance with Tariff Sheet No. D34 for any changes made by either a Customer or an authorized agent to a different AGS. The AGS will be required to pay the Switching Fees on behalf of the Customer.

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**BEFORE
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In the Matter of the Application of The)	
Dayton Power and Light Company to)	Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Increase Its Rates for Electric Distribution)	
 In the Matter of the Application of The)	
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Approval of Revised Tariffs)	

**DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
WM. ROSS WILLIS**

IN SUPPORT OF THE STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATION

**On Behalf of
The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel
65 East State Street, 7th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4213**

July 2, 2018

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2

3 ***Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.***

4 ***A1.*** My name is Wm. Ross Willis. My business address is 65 East State Street,
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

6

7 ***Q2. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED?***

8 ***A2.*** I am employed by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC").

9

10 ***Q3. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION WITH OCC AND WHAT ARE***
11 ***YOUR DUTIES?***

12 ***A3.*** I am a Senior Regulatory Analyst within the Analytical Department. My duties
13 include performing analysis of impacts on the utility bills of residential consumers
14 with respect to utility filings before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
15 ("PUCO"), and PUCO-initiated investigations. I examine utility financial and
16 asset records to determine operating income, rate base, and the revenue
17 requirement, on behalf of residential consumers.

18

19 ***Q4. WOULD YOU BRIEFLY STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?***

20 ***A4.*** I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree that included a major in
21 finance and a minor in management from Ohio University in December 1983. In
22 November 1986, I attended the Academy of Military Science and received a

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1 commission in the Air National Guard. Moreover, I have attended various
2 seminars and rate case training programs sponsored by the PUCO.

3

4 ***Q5. PLEASE OUTLINE YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE.***

5 ***A5.*** I joined the PUCO in February 1984 as a Utility Examiner in the Utilities
6 Department. I held several technical and managerial positions with the PUCO
7 over my 30-plus year career. I retired from the PUCO on December 1, 2014. My
8 last position with the PUCO was Chief, Rates Division within the Rates and
9 Analysis Department. In that position, my duties included developing, organizing,
10 and directing the PUCO staff during rate case investigations and other financial
11 audits of public utility companies subject to the jurisdiction of the PUCO. The
12 determination of revenue requirements in connection with rate case investigations
13 was under my purview. I joined OCC in October 2015.

14

15 My military career spans 27 honorable years of service with the Ohio National
16 Guard. I earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and I am a veteran of the war in
17 Afghanistan. I retired from the Air National Guard in March 2006.

18

19 ***Q6. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PUCO?***

20 ***A6.*** Yes, attached to my testimony is WRW Attachment A listing the cases in which I
21 presented testimony before the PUCO.

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1 **Q7. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

2 **A7.**The purpose of my direct testimony is to support the Stipulation and
3 Recommendation ("Settlement") filed by parties, including OCC, in these cases
4 on June 18, 2018.

5

6 **Q8. WHAT ARE THE PUCO'S STANDARDS OF REVIEW FOR EVALUATING**
7 **PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS?**

8 **A8.**The PUCO uses three criteria for evaluating the reasonableness of a proposed
9 settlement:

- 10 1. Is the settlement a product of serious bargaining among
11 capable, knowledgeable parties?
- 12 2. Does the settlement, as a package, benefit customers and
13 the public interest?
- 14 3. Does the settlement package violate any important
15 regulatory principle or practice?

16

17 The PUCO also routinely considers whether the parties represent a diversity of
18 interests.

19

20 **Q9. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR OPINIONS REGARDING THE**
21 **SETTLEMENT.**

22 **A9.**I recommend that the PUCO adopt the Settlement as filed. The proposed
23 Settlement meets the PUCO's three-prong test. This Settlement represents a fair

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1 and reasonable compromise among the parties to resolve issues in these cases
2 involving Dayton Power and Light ("DP&L") and its 519,000 customers. It is a
3 product of serious bargaining among parties with diverse interests, including OCC
4 which represents DP&L's 460,000 residential consumers. The Settlement, as a
5 package, benefits customers and the public interest. And the package does not
6 violate important regulatory principles or practices.

7

8 **II. EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

9

10 ***Q10. WHO ARE THE SIGNATORY PARTIES TO THE SETTLEMENT?***

11 ***A10.*** The Signatory Parties are OCC, the staff of the PUCO ("PUCO Staff"), DP&L,
12 Ohio Energy Group, The Kroger Company, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, Sam's
13 East, Inc., Ohio Hospital Association, Natural Resources Defense Council, Ohio
14 Environmental Council, Environmental Defense Fund, Environmental Law &
15 Policy Center, Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition, and Ohio Partners for
16 Affordable Energy. In addition, there were several entities that were parties to
17 the above cases and agreed not to oppose the Settlement. These parties include
18 the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy
19 Group, Buckeye Power, and One Energy Enterprises, LLC.

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1 ***Q11. IS THE SETTLEMENT IN THESE CASES A PRODUCT OF SERIOUS***
2 ***BARGAINING AMONG CAPABLE, KNOWLEDGEABLE PARTIES THAT***
3 ***REPRESENT DIVERSE INTERESTS?***

4 ***A11.*** Yes. The various parties and their counsel have participated in numerous
5 proceedings before the PUCO. The signatory parties have a history of active
6 participation in PUCO proceedings and are represented by experienced and
7 competent counsel with diverse interests. The parties are knowledgeable on
8 issues addressed by the Settlement. DP&L and interested parties participated in
9 negotiations that required numerous meetings, with individual meetings spanning
10 many hours, resulting in concessions, as evidenced by the Settlement. I was
11 actively involved on behalf of OCC in the negotiations.

12

13 ***Q12. DOES THE SETTLEMENT, AS A PACKAGE, BENEFIT DP&L'S***
14 ***CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST?***

15 ***A12.*** Yes. Benefits to customers and the public interest in the Settlement include:

- 16 • The annual increase to the base distribution revenue that
17 customers will pay is reduced from DP&L's proposed
18 \$65.8 million increase to a \$29.7 million increase.¹
- 19 • DP&L's new base rates to be charged to customers will
20 reflect a reduction in its federal income tax expense to

¹ See Settlement Exhibit 1.

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1 recognize the lowering of the federal income tax rate from
2 35% to 21%.²

3 • The gross revenue conversion factor reflects the lowering
4 of the federal income tax rate from 35% to 21% which
5 reduces the base distribution rates charged to consumers.³

6 • DP&L will promptly return to customers all excess
7 accumulated deferred income taxes ("ADIT") resulting
8 from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA") and the full
9 balance of the regulatory liability ordered by the PUCO
10 effective January 1, 2018 in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI (the
11 "Tax Investigation Case") to customers.⁴

12 • Regarding the eligible unprotected portion of the excess
13 ADIT (the "Unprotected ADIT") and the regulatory
14 liability relating to the January 10, 2018 PUCO Order in
15 the Tax Investigation Case, customers will receive a
16 minimum \$20 million in tax savings over five years, with
17 the remainder (if any) to be returned over the next five
18 years which reduces the base distribution rates charged to
19 consumers.⁵

² Settlement at 4.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

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- 1 • The distribution-related eligible protected excess ADIT will
2 be returned to customers consistent with federal law.⁶
- 3 • The Settlement prohibits DP&L from making legal
4 arguments, in the PUCO's Tax Investigation Case and in
5 other proceedings, to avoid sharing its tax savings with
6 customers.⁷
- 7 • The Settlement includes a fair and reasonable 7.27% rate of
8 return on rate base.⁸ This is less than DP&L's proposed
9 7.86% in its Application and is lower than even the low end
10 of the PUCO Staff's recommended range of 7.33% to
11 7.82% from the Staff Report.⁹ This reduces the amount that
12 customers will pay in base rates.
- 13 • The Settlement requires DP&L to work with the
14 Consumers' Counsel and the PUCO Staff to develop an
15 annual plan to improve reliability of electric service for
16 customers. If DP&L fails to meet certain reliability metrics
17 (*i.e.*, customers experience too many outages and/or
18 outages that are too long), then the maximum amount of

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.* at 5.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Staff Report (Mar. 12, 2018).

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1 charges to customers under DP&L's Distribution

2 Investment Rider will decrease by \$2.0 million per year.¹⁰

- 3 • Once new base distribution rates go into effect, DP&L will
4 no longer charge customers for so-called "lost revenues"
5 resulting from its energy efficiency programs.¹¹

- 6 • The residential customer charge has been reduced from
7 DP&L's proposed \$13.73 per month rate to \$7.00 per
8 month.¹²

- 9 • The Signatory Parties agree that the PUCO should adopt
10 the findings and recommendations of the Staff Report,
11 except as otherwise agreed in the Settlement. This means,
12 among other things, that no distribution costs will be
13 reallocated to customers who use DP&L's standard service
14 offer for electric generation service. These results are
15 important for the public interest and for preserving for
16 consumers the benefit of the competitively bid standard
17 service offer.¹³

¹⁰ Settlement at 9.

¹¹ *Id.* at 12.

¹² *Id.* at 14.

¹³ Staff Report at 29; Settlement at 3.

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1 ***Q13. DOES THE SETTLEMENT VIOLATE ANY IMPORTANT REGULATORY***
2 ***PRINCIPLES?***

3 ***A13.*** No. As discussed above, the downward adjustments for federal income taxes, rate
4 of return and the lower customer charge will reduce DP&L's base distribution
5 rates under the Settlement so that residential consumers will be charged just and
6 reasonable rates.

7

8 **III. CONCLUSION**

9

10 ***Q14. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?***

11 ***A14.*** Yes. However, I reserve the right to incorporate new information that may
12 subsequently become available. I also reserve the right to supplement my
13 testimony if other parties submit new or corrected information in connection with
14 this proceeding.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Direct Testimony of Wm. Ross Willis on behalf of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel* has been served upon those persons listed below via electronic transmission this 2nd day of July 2018.

/s/Christopher Healey

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WRW Attachment A

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Ohio Gas Company – Case No. 17-1139-GA-AIR

Aqua Ohio, Inc. – Case No. 16-907-WW-AIR

Globe Metallurgical, Inc. - Case No. 16-737-EL-AEC

Ohio Power Company - Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO

Aqua Ohio, Inc. – Case No. 13-2124-WW-AIR

Camplands Water LLC. - Case No. 13-1690-WW-AIR

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. - Case No. 12-1685-GA-AIR

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. - Case No. 12-1682-EL-AIR

Ohio American Water Company - Case No. 11-4161-WS-AIR

Water and Sewer LLC. - Case No. 11-4509-ST-AIR

Aqua Ohio, Inc. - Case No. 09-1044-WW-AIR

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. - Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR

*Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company
And The Toledo Edison Company - Case No. 07-551-EL-AIR*

Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. - Case No. 03-2170-GA-AIR

Water and Sewer LLC. – Case No. 03-318-WS-AIR

Southeast Natural Gas Company – Case No. 01-140-GA-AEM

Masury Water Company - Case No. 00-713-WW-AIR

Akron Thermal, Limited Partnership - Case No. 00-2260-HT-AEM

GTE North, Inc. - Case No. 87-1307-TP-AIR

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company - Case No. 85-675-EL-AIR

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TERESA RINGENBACH
ON BEHALF OF
THE RETAIL ENERGY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION AND
INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC.**

July 16, 2018

IGS/RESA #1

Q1. Please introduce yourself.

A1. My name is Teresa Ringenbach. I am the Senior Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Midwest, for Direct Energy, LLC. My business address is 5200 Upper Metro Place, Suite 170, Dublin, OH 43017.

Q2. Please describe your educational background and work history.

A2. I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in International Business from the University of Toledo. I started in the energy industry in 2001 with Integrys Energy Services, Inc., formerly WPS Energy Services, Inc., as a Customer Service and Marketing Specialist promoting and managing Ohio residential and small commercial electric offers. In 2002, I became an Account Manager – Inside Sales, where I sold and managed Government Aggregation Programs for both gas and electric. In 2005, I was promoted to Regulatory Specialist. In this position, I was responsible for regulatory compliance throughout the United States and Canada. In 2006, I accepted the position of Regulatory Affairs Analyst – East covering New England, New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania gas and electric issues. In the spring of 2008, I accepted the Regulatory Affairs Analyst position for the Midwest region covering Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and all of Canada. In this position, I directed the regulatory and legislative efforts affecting Integrys Energy's gas and electric business. In September 2009, I joined Direct Energy as the Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs for the Midwest.

Q3. Have you previously testified before any regulatory agency?

1 A3. Yes. I have testified before the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, the
2 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the
3 Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

4 **Q4. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

5 A4. I am testifying to explain RESA and IGS's opposition to the Stipulation and its
6 continuation of a charge for historical interval data by the utility.

7 **Q5. Why do RESA and IGS oppose this charge?**

8 A5. DP&L has furnished no information demonstrating that it incurs costs to provide this
9 information. There is no reason to believe that any de minimis costs DP&L incurs are not
10 already being recovered by DP&L through base rates or its customer charge.

11 **Q6. Do suppliers and their customers need historical usage data to make informed**
12 **decisions about choosing a supplier or offer?**

13 A6. Yes. Historical usage data is an essential piece for a customer to receive accurate pricing
14 from their supplier. Historical interval or hourly usage allows a supplier to model and
15 calculate a product to the particular customer's needs and peak usage profiles.

16 **Q7. Should suppliers pay for this data?**

17 A7. No. As things stand today in Ohio the only entity that can provide this data is the utility.
18 It is essentially a monopoly service. Neither a customer nor their supplier should have to
19 pay a fee for this service which currently remains a sole function of the monopoly.

20 **Q8. Can a customer receive this data without a fee?**

21 A8. Not in a manner that is simple and allows them to provide it to a supplier. Also, note that
22 a supplier is looking for interval data to calculate peak usages and other factors which
23 will allow us to shape and model our product to that customer.

1 **Q9. Would a lower fee be more appropriate?**

2 A9. No. As I have already pointed out this service remains a monopoly service at this time
3 and as such should be recovered as a monopoly service because neither suppliers nor our
4 customers can receive this in any other form or from anywhere else.

5 In addition, while we disagree, if the Commission wanted to only have a pay-for-
6 use process then this system should have been paid for by now. DP&L recovered over
7 \$2.7 million dollars between 2012 and 2017.¹ DP&L has not provided any information on
8 what this fee is used to recover or at what point over \$2.7 million dollars in fees would be
9 enough to recover system costs and eliminate this fee.²

10 **Q10. Please summarize your testimony.**

11 A10. The Commission should recognize that access to hourly or less meter data is at this time a
12 monopoly function and eliminate all fees associated with a customer's right to allow
13 access to their data for CRES pricing. In addition, the Commission should order DP&L to
14 immediately eliminate the fee charged to access this data. If the Commission believes
15 DP&L may have a right to charge customers and their approved suppliers for this data,
16 the Commission should order DP&L to substantiate the costs basis for its proposed fee.

17 **CONCLUSION**

18 **Q11. Does this complete your testimony?**

19 A11. Yes.

¹ Exhibit TR-1 at 5-6.

² Exhibit TR-2 at 6-7.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy the foregoing Direct Testimony of Teresa Ringenbach was served by electronic mail this 16th day of July, 2018 to the following:

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- h. 2012: \$346,200
2013: \$479,400

2014: \$477,300

2015: \$381,150

2016: \$518,250

2017: \$501,000

i. \$339,300

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke

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OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES

INT-4-1. As of December 31, 2016, identify the amount of DP&L customers in each of the following customer classes, breaking out shopping vs. non-shopping for each category:

- a. Residential Heating
- b. Residential Non-Heating
- c. Commercial
- d. Industrial
- e. State & Local Government
- f. Federal Government
- g. Public Street & Highway Lighting
- h. Street Railway

RESPONSE: General Objections Nos. 1 (relevance), 2 (unduly burdensome), 4 (confidential), 5 (inspection of business records). Subject to all general objections, DP&L states that please see IGS Set 4 INT-1 Attachment 1 – HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSELS' EYES ONLY, DP&L-AIR 0036098.

Witness Responsible: Robert J. Adams

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- a. The calculations were derived from the Stipulation and Recommendation filed on October 26, 2011, which was approved in PUCO Case No. 11-3002-EL-MER.

- b. The costs being recovered are a result of confidential settlement communications resulting in the Stipulation and Recommendation filed on October 26, 2011, which was approved in PUCO Case No. 11-3002-EL-MER.
- c. The origin of the \$150 charge is the Stipulation and Recommendation filed on October 26, 2011, which was approved in PUCO Case No. 11-3002-EL-MER.
- d. Requests are made either by email or through an EDI 814 HI transaction. If by email, the recipient will locate the meter recorder IDs by account number, query the requested number of months of data within the MV90 source system, reformat the data and return the data via email. If by EDI, the request will trigger an EDI 867 transaction in response that will include up to 12 months of historical interval data.
- e. Please see the response to sub-part (d).
- f. DP&L objects to this Interrogatory as vague because the phrase "[h]ow much labor" is subject to varying interpretations.
- g. EDI responses will typically be delivered on the next business day following the EDI request but no later than 4 calendar days. Email responses may experience slightly longer delays due to the manual effort involved.
- h. DP&L will supplement its response.
- i. DP&L will supplement its response.

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke

4-3. Identify the total amount of switching fees that DP&L collected (either from a customer or a supplier) in the following time periods:

- a. The test year
- b. 2012
- c. 2013
- d. 2014
- e. 2015
- f. 2016
- g. 2017

RESPONSE: General Objections Nos. 1 (relevance), 2 (unduly burdensome), 4 (proprietary), 5 (inspection of business records), 9 (vague or undefined), 12 (seeks information that DP&L does not know at this time). Subject to all general objections, DP&L states:

- a. \$247,120
- b. Not available
- c. Not available
- d. \$158,000 (August-December 2014)
- e. \$254,445
- f. \$223,715
- g. \$270,060

Witness Responsible: Nathan C. Parke

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

RPD-4-1. Provide a copy of all documents relied upon to answer INT-4-1 through INT-4-3

RESPONSE: General Objections Nos. 1 (relevance), 2 (unduly burdensome), 3 (privileged and work product), 4 (proprietary), 7 (publicly available), 9 (vague and undefined). Subject to all general objections, DP&L states that it will produce responsive unprivileged documents.

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RETAIL ENERGY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION
AND INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC.**

July 16, 2018

RESA/IGS #2

1 **Q. Please state your name and title.**

2 A. My name is J. Edward Hess. I am a self-employed consultant.

3 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

4 A. I am testifying on behalf of Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) and Interstate Gas
5 Supply, Inc. (IGS).

6 **Q. Please describe your educational background and work history.**

7 A. I have a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Ohio University and
8 completed most of Capital University's Master of Business Administration program. I am
9 a certified public accountant (presently inactive). I was employed by the Public Utilities
10 Commission of Ohio in 1975 as a field auditor. I resigned from the Commission in 1977
11 and joined the public accounting firm of John Gerlach and Company. I rejoined the
12 Commission in July 1980. In March 2009, I retired from the Commission after over 30
13 years of employment. My last position with the Commission was as the Chief of the
14 Accounting and Electricity Division of the Utilities Department. In that capacity, I was
15 responsible for ensuring statutory compliance with state and federal statutes, rules and
16 procedures governing utility regulation with most of that responsibility focused on the
17 electric sector. I was also responsible for analyzing and testifying to a whole variety of
18 financial data regarding all utilities regulated by the Commission. From October 2009
19 through May 2015, I was employed by McNees Wallace & Nurick as a technical
20 specialist where I provided practical insight and analytical expertise on regulatory and
21 legislative issues to the business community. I also provided expert testimony on behalf
22 of the firm's clients in regulatory hearings before the Commission. I have attended and
23 completed numerous continuing education courses relevant to the regulation of public

1 utilities and my accounting profession. I have also participated in regulatory conferences
2 and training seminars and have served as a workshop presenter at the annual energy
3 conference sponsored by the Manufacturers' Education Council.

4 **Q. Were you involved with Ohio's electric restructuring as a member of the PUCO**
5 **Staff?**

6 A. Yes. In 1999, I began working with Chairman Glazer on the restructuring of the electric
7 industry. The first Johnson-Mead bill had been proposed, the utilities countered with their
8 own version and everyone involved was working on the second version of Johnson-Mead
9 that eventually became known as Senate Bill 3. The bill passed in July 1999. Before the
10 bill was passed Alan Schreiber became the chairman of the PUCO and I continued my
11 work on the legislation with Chairman Schreiber.

12 After the legislation passed, I was given the responsibility of managing the Staff's
13 efforts to implement the bill. That included processing electric transition plans (called
14 "ETP") and developing rules that were required by the legislation. At the time of the
15 legislation there were 8 electric distribution companies that were required to file
16 transition plans per the legislation. The issues that were addressed in the ETP filings and
17 the rules that were required are too numerous to list here. We completed the required
18 tasks on time and we were ready for the transition on January 1, 2001.

19 Sometime in late 2002 and early 2003 -- shortly after the California Energy Crisis
20 and Enron's collapse -- there was a general belief that the Ohio industry was not ready for
21 a flash cut to market-based rates on January 1, 2006. We began discussing a longer
22 transition period with all interested parties. I was again given the responsibility of
23 coordinating the Staff efforts. We successfully implemented rate stabilization plans for an

1 additional three or four years with all the utility distribution companies except
2 Monongahela Power Ohio. Monongahela Power was eventually purchased by Columbus
3 Southern after several negotiations and litigations. Eventually, additional legislation, SB
4 221, was enacted. Among other things, the legislation provided the PUCO with additional
5 flexibility to deal with actual circumstances that were different than anticipated when SB
6 3 was enacted.

7 As a Staff member, I did help with processing the first round of electric security
8 plans for AEP and First Energy that were put into effect in 2009.

9 **Q. What was your involvement with Ohio's electric restructuring as a member of the**
10 **McNees Wallace and Nuriuck?**

11 A. I testified before the PUCO in several SSO cases that were filed in the second round of
12 cases. I also submitted testimony in Ohio Power Company's and Columbus Southern
13 Power Company's Distribution Rate Case and Fuel cases.

14 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

15 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support Objections to the Staff Report of Investigation
16 filed on April 11, 2018 that were not addressed in the Stipulation filed June 18, 2018.
17 Specifically, I am recommending that Dayton Power and Light Company (Dayton) be
18 required to unbundle the distribution costs required to process and administer the
19 standard service offer (SSO) and allocate those costs to SSO customers directly rather
20 than allocating those costs to all customers including shopping customers. The result of
21 this allocation is three-fold. First, it ensures that non-shopping customers pay for all the
22 services that they receive. Second, and conversely to my first point, it ensures that
23 shopping customers are not charged for services that they do not receive. Third, the

1 ultimate result of my proposed allocation is to eliminate an existing subsidy that
2 artificially lowers the price of SSO service. Thus, my proposed allocation provides a
3 more level playing field between the SSO and services available in the competitive
4 market.

5 **Q. What are you recommending?**

6 A. I recommend that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO or Commission)
7 establish a credit rider for all customers allowing them to avoid distribution costs that
8 support the SSO administrative and processing costs. I am also recommending that the
9 Commission create an avoidable rider that collects these costs directly from non-
10 shopping customers.

11 **Q. What is the impact of your recommendation?**

12 A. The net impact of my proposal would result in a credit rider detailed by class of customer
13 on Exhibit JEH-1 to all customers and an avoidable rider charge also detailed by
14 customer class on Exhibit JEH-1 to non-shopping customers. The net impact will leave
15 Dayton revenue neutral. Unbundling and reallocating these costs to the non-shopping
16 customers and adding the cost to the advertised price-to-compare will continue the
17 Commission's long-standing practice of appropriately allocating costs to cost causers as
18 well as eliminating barriers for customers to leave the SSO and shop for a competitive
19 retail supplier. This is also consistent with the State's policy to ensure the availability of
20 unbundled and comparable retail electric service and corrects for the current problem of
21 subsidization by the regulated utility.

22 **Q. What is the SSO?**

1 A. The SSO is a statutory requirement that the electric distribution utility must provide its
2 customers a firm supply of electric generation service when there is a failure of a supplier
3 to provide retail electric generation service. The service must be on an unbundled,
4 comparable, and nondiscriminatory basis.

5 **Q. Was the SSO intended to be a competitive service?**

6 A. No. The SSO is intended to simply be a back-up service for customers that haven't
7 decided on a retail competitive offer or were between competitive service providers.

8 **Q. Did the Commission address the issue of administrative costs in Dayton's last SSO**
9 **case?**¹

10 A. Yes. The Commission approved a stipulation that included a provision that there would
11 be an evaluation of costs contained in this case that may be necessary to provide standard
12 service offer service.²

13 **Q. Does the Staff address the issue in its Staff Report?**

14 A. Yes, to some extent. The Staff stated that it attempted to evaluate the costs contained in
15 the distribution rates that are necessary to provide standard service offer service and
16 would be removed from Dayton distribution expenses if SSO service was no longer a
17 default service, and those costs that are not already recovered through a by-passable
18 charge.

19 **Q. Did the Staff Report provide the evaluation that was agreed to in the SSO**
20 **stipulation?**

21 A. Not at all. The issue that was stipulated to in the SSO case requested an evaluation of
22 costs contained in distribution rates that are necessary to provide standard service offer

¹ Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO

² Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order page 8 (Oct. 20, 2017).

1 service. The Staff added an additional standard that the costs will also be removed from
2 Dayton distribution expenses if SSO service was no longer a default service.

3 We are not recommending that the SSO service no longer be the default service.
4 Cost allocation is not an avoidable expense issue that reduces the revenue requirement
5 calculation. It is a cost of service allocation issue. Costs that are necessary to provide
6 standard service customers may not reduce the revenue requirements of the distribution
7 company in the short term. However, these costs are necessary to administer and process
8 the SSO portion of an SSO customer's service and should be allocated to the SSO
9 customer rather than socialized to all distribution customers.

10 **Q. The Staff states that Dayton is unable to quantify different costs between shopping**
11 **and non-shopping customers and expressed that it would be prohibitively expensive**
12 **to track costs for the functions of administering the competitive retail market or**
13 **providing a standard service offer. Are you recommending that these costs be**
14 **tracked and individually identified?**

15 A. No. We agree that tracking these costs individually could be expensive, although Dayton
16 has not identified how expensive that process would be. Regardless, that is why we are
17 recommending a cost of service allocation methodology that approximates the costs
18 incurred by Dayton in providing this service. It is the industry's acceptable methodology
19 to identify costs between different types of customers when tracking costs is prohibitively
20 expensive.

21 **Q. The Staff also states that all the costs Dayton incurs to provide particular services to**
22 **or on behalf of shopping and non-shopping customers are appropriately assigned to**
23 **the distribution function of Dayton because a distribution utility is required by law**

1 **to offer a standard service offer and has obligations with regard to administering**
2 **aspects of the competitive market. Do you agree?**

3 A. No. While I agree that Dayton must make an SSO available to customers, I do not agree
4 that Dayton must charge all customers equally to make available that service. Much like
5 how Dayton charges different distribution customer classes different costs, because the
6 cost of service is different, Dayton must also charge SSO customers differently because
7 their cost of service is different from Choice customers.

8 **Q. What kind of costs should be allocated to the SSO customers and not socialized to**
9 **all customers so that the SSO and CRES service and prices are comparable?**

10 A. Company costs that are incurred to process and administer SSO service should be
11 allocated to SSO customers only. These costs are like the costs that are required of the
12 CRES providers to administer and process shopping customers generation service. The
13 intent is to unbundle these costs from distribution rates and thereby make SSO service
14 and the price comparable to competitive retail service prices.

15 **Q. Can you give a specific example of the type of costs that a CRES provider is**
16 **required to incur to comply with these rules?**

17 A. Yes. OAC Section 4901:1-21-08(B) requires CRES providers to investigate customer
18 complaints and provide a status report within three business days following receipt of the
19 complaint. This rule requires CRES providers to staff and educate a complaint
20 department and be prepared to respond to any complaint that a customer initiates.
21 Similarly, OAC Section 4901:1-10-21(C) requires each electric utility investigate
22 customer/consumer complaints and provide a status report within three business days of

1 the date of receipt of the complaint. The costs of replying to complaints related to the
2 SSO service should be allocated to the SSO customer.

3 **Q. Does the electric distribution company include these costs in the price for the SSO**
4 **when it responds to a complaint about the SSO?**

5 A. No. These costs are accounted for in FERC account 903 and are included in this
6 application as an electric distribution company expense. The costs are allocated to the
7 rate schedules but are not otherwise allocated between SSO customers and shopping
8 customers.

9 **Q. Do shopping customers avoid any SSO costs incurred by Dayton to administer and**
10 **process the SSO?**

11 A. No. As I mentioned above, these costs are not currently reflected in the SSO price but
12 rather bundled into distribution rates and recovered from all distribution customers.

13 **Q. Generally, what other services are required by CRES providers to provide service**
14 **to shopping customers that the electric distribution utility must also provide to non-**
15 **shopping customers?**

16 A. Other types of costs would include providing minimum standards for customer service
17 quality, safety, and reliability, providing consumers with sufficient information to make
18 informed decisions about competitive retail electric service, protect consumers against
19 misleading, deceptive, unfair, and unconscionable acts and practices in the marketing,
20 solicitation, and sale of CRES and in the administration of any contract for that service,
21 establish and maintain records and data sufficient to verify its compliance with the
22 requirements of any applicable commission rules and support any investigation of
23 customer complaints, maintain those records for no less than two years, establish

1 reasonable and nondiscriminatory creditworthiness standards, require a deposit or other
2 reasonable demonstration of creditworthiness from a customer as a condition of
3 providing service, provide reasonable access to its service representatives, a customer
4 complaint process, environmental disclosures, timely provide to the customer up to
5 twenty-four months of the customer's payment history, net-metering service and
6 customer billing and payments.

7 **Q. Has the Commission recognized that there are certain distribution company costs,**
8 **beyond the generation costs, that are specific to SSO customers and allocated those**
9 **costs directly to the SSO customers?**

10 A. Yes. The Commission approved a settlement in Dayton's last SSO case that authorized an
11 uncollectible recovery mechanism that separates the unavoidable recoverable
12 uncollectible costs from the avoidable SSO uncollectible costs.³ My recommendation in
13 this case further identifies that there are administrative and processing costs associated
14 with these uncollectible expenses that should also be allocated to the SSO customer. The
15 company has identified at least \$1.4 million of these administrative costs that are
16 included in the test year expenses and not recovered through the uncollectible expense
17 rider.⁴

18 **Q. Does Dayton charge the CRES providers for services that the CRES providers must**
19 **recover through their rates but that are not included in the SSO rates?**

20 A. CRES providers often must pay Dayton additional fees: for example, switching fees,
21 billing fees, and interval data fees. In the test year alone, CRES suppliers and their

³ *Id.* at 14.

⁴ Dayton's response to IGS Interrogatory INT-3-4.

1 customers paid Dayton \$247,120 in switching fees.⁵ These fees likely exceeded \$1
2 million since 2012.⁶ Customers are not required to pay switching fees to return to the
3 SSO.⁷ Moreover, Dayton charges CRES providers \$150 for each interval data request.
4 During the test year, CRES providers paid Dayton \$339,300 in interval data fees.⁸ The
5 historical usage fees amounted to over \$500,000 in 2016 alone, and approximately \$2.7
6 million since 2012.⁹ Each of the fees discussed above are separate and apart from internal
7 costs that CRES providers must incur to make a competitive product available and must
8 recover these costs through their rates.

9 **Q. How many customers are served by the SSO?**

10 A. During 2016, there were approximately 275,000 customers served¹⁰ by the SSO which
11 generated approximately \$280 million of revenue.¹¹ It is impossible that there are no
12 processing and administrative costs associated with this number of customers and this
13 amount of revenue.

14 **Q. Does the SSO rate currently reflect the full cost of SSO service?**

15 A. No. As I have stated, the SSO rate is artificially low because it is only a wholesale pass-
16 through of commodity costs. It does not include all other additional costs incurred by
17 Dayton necessary to process and administer SSO service.

⁵ Dayton Supplemental Response to IGS-INT-4-3.

⁶ *Id.* According to this discovery response, Dayton lacked data for 2013, 2014, and a portion of 2015, but in no year where complete information was available were fees less than \$223,000.

⁷ The terms of this charge are set forth on Tariff Sheet D34.

⁸ Dayton Supplemental Response to IGS-INT-4-2.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ Staff's "Summary of Switch Rates from EDUs to CRES Providers in Terms of Customers For the Month Ending March 31, 2016," available at <https://www.puco.ohio.gov/industry-information/statistical-reports/electric-customer-choice-switch-rates-and-aggregation-activity/electric-switch-rates-by-customer/customers-2016-pdf/>.

¹¹ Dayton's response to IGS 1st Set INT-1 Attachment 1

1 **Q. What is the effect of shopping customers paying SSO administrative and processing**
2 **costs to Dayton?**

3 A. Shopping customers are subsidizing the costs of non-shopping customers through the
4 distribution rates.

5 **Q. How does an artificially low SSO rate effect competition?**

6 A. Artificially low SSO rates have a negative effect on competition. The artificially low
7 default rate makes customers less likely to shop. The SSO price is a product that all
8 products compete against. To the extent that the SSO is subsidized and artificially low, it
9 harms all other products that must compete against the SSO. Ultimately, subsidizing the
10 SSO leads to less competition in the Dayton service territory and fewer products being
11 available to customers.

12 **Q. If the SSO rate is artificially low, does that mean the distribution rates are**
13 **artificially high for shopping customers?**

14 A. Yes. As I mentioned above, all SSO administrative and processing costs are recovered
15 through distribution rates from all customers. If the portion of administrative and
16 processing costs attributable to SSO service were instead unbundled, allocated and
17 recovered from SSO customers, the distribution rates for shopping customers would be
18 lower.

19 **Q. How would your recommendation to unbundle the SSO administrative costs affect**
20 **customers?**

21 A. The distribution rate would be as proposed by the Staff, subject to potential changes to
22 account for SSO-related costs that Staff did not recommend Dayton collect for

1 ratemaking purposes.¹² I am recommending that all customers receive a credit rider to
2 eliminate the administrative and processing SSO costs and that only SSO customers be
3 required to pay a separate avoidable rider to recover these costs. The net impact to SSO
4 customers is an increase and the net impact to shopping customers is a decrease.

5 **Q. Would unbundling reduce the penalty currently incurred for customers that shop?**

6 A. Yes. The portion of currently unavoidable processing and administrative costs that are
7 included in the distribution rates would become avoidable.

8 **Q. Would unbundled distribution and SSO rates result in a default utility product that
9 is more comparable to products offered by competitive suppliers?**

10 A. Yes. Both the utility and supplier product would better reflect the true cost of service. It
11 would be a more accurate apples-to-apples comparison.

12 **Q. Is unbundling consistent with state policies reflected in R.C. 4928.02?**

13 A. Yes. It would ensure effective competition in the provision of retail electric service by
14 avoiding anticompetitive subsidies flowing from a noncompetitive retail electric service
15 to a competitive retail electric service or to a product or service other than retail electric
16 service by prohibiting the recovery of any generation-related costs through distribution
17 rates. Moreover, it would ensure the availability of unbundled, comparable, and
18 nondiscriminatory retail electric service.

19 **Q. Should the Commission continue to take measures that would encourage customers
20 to engage in Ohio's competitive retail electric markets?**

¹² The Staff Report recommended that Dayton not be permitted to collect rate case expenses associated with Dayton's electric security plan case. Also, the Staff Report did not recommend that Dayton collect a cash working capital allowance associated with the provision of SSO service.

1 A. Yes. The Commission should continue to adopt measures for moving Ohio's competitive
2 retail electric markets forward in a way that encourages customer engagement. In order
3 for customers to be more willing to adopt value-added products and services that enable
4 them to use and consume energy more efficiently, customers must be engaged in the
5 competitive retail electric market. Unfortunately, the current SSO service discourages
6 customer engagement and encourages customers to view electric service as a commodity-
7 only product. I encourage the Commission to adopt proposals that encourage customers
8 to affirmatively choose a retail electric product based on the preferences of the customer
9 and the true cost of the service.

10 **Q. Have you determined what type of costs should be unbundled?**

11 A. Yes. There are many costs Dayton incurs through the distribution company that are
12 required to administer and support SSO service and should be unbundled and allocated to
13 the non-shopping customers. Those costs include but are not limited to:

- 14 • Call center infrastructure and employees to maintain appropriate
15 customer service and customer complaints for SSO customers;
- 16 • Printing and postage to communicate with SSO customers;
- 17 • Accounting infrastructure and employees to establish and maintain records and
18 data sufficient to verify compliance with any Commission rules for SSO
19 customers;
- 20 • IT employees, infrastructure, and software;
- 21 • Administrative and general salaries and infrastructure to comply with the
22 regulatory rule requirements for the SSO service and oversee minimum standards
23 for service quality, safety and reliability and to manage the risks of providing the
24 service;
- 25 • Outside and inside legal, regulatory, and compliance personnel to
26 comply with the regulatory rule requirements for the SSO;
- 27 • Administrative and processing costs for uncollectible;

- Office space for employees to provide these services;
- The regulatory assessments for the PUCO and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) that are based on SSO generation revenue, but are recovered through distribution rates;
- Taxes Other than Income Taxes such as labor taxes, property taxes and excise taxes associated with other costs to support SSO service.

Q. Where does Dayton account for these costs?

A. According to the FERC Uniform System of Accounts, Dayton accounts for these expenses in FERC categories Customer Accounting Expense, Customer Service and Information Expense, Sales Expense, Administrative and General Expenses and Taxes Other than Income Taxes Expense. The plant that would support these costs would be accounted for in Dayton's accounts for common plant.

Q. Would your unbundling recommendation inhibit Dayton's ability to recover its costs?

A. No. Dayton will continue to recover these costs. It will just recover them from shopping and non-shopping customers in a different proportion.

Q. Have you calculated the level of costs that should be unbundled from distribution rates and instead recovered from non-shopping customers?

A. Yes. A summary of my recommendation is below.

	Residential	Comercial	Industrial and Other
Credit Rate to All Customers	\$ (0.0020050)	\$ (0.0003035)	\$ (0.0000076)
Avoidable Rider to Non-Shoppers	\$ 0.003804	\$ 0.001332	\$ 0.000035

Q. Will you explain your calculation?

1 A. I reviewed the Schedule C-2.1 and have identified several accounts included in
2 distribution expenses that would include the type of expenses I discussed earlier. These
3 accounts are included in the FERC categories Customer Accounts Expense, Customer
4 Service and Information Expense, Sales Expense, Administrative and General Expenses
5 and Taxes Other Than Income Taxes. I reviewed these categories by specific FERC
6 account to identify the accounts that would include costs that should be allocated to SSO
7 customers. These accounts include costs such as PUCO and OCC assessments, legal and
8 regulatory expenses, payroll taxes, call center costs, accounting costs, infrastructure
9 costs, and several other categories of costs I have identified throughout my testimony.
10 These accounts, which I have identified, contain costs that are being incurred to process
11 or administer to the SSO. For instance, Customer Account Expense contains costs for
12 receiving, recording, and handling of inquiries, complaints, and requests for
13 investigations from customers, including SSO customers. Dayton also recovers items
14 such as the PUCO and OCC assessment, legal and compliance and other costs required to
15 support the SSO service through the General and Administrative account. These are items
16 that directly support SSO customers. The accounts that I selected are identified on JEH-2.

17 **Q. How did you arrive at the allocated costs?**

18 A. I started with the unadjusted C-2.1 expenses and included the Staff's proposed
19 adjustments by FERC account. I then eliminated expenses that would have been directly
20 associated with expenses and investments outside of the five categories. For example,
21 there are labor costs included in FERC accounts that I am not including in my analysis,
22 so I eliminated taxes that are associated with those labor expenses. The Staff's adjusted
23 Pension and Benefits expense is included, in total, in FERC account 926 so I eliminated

1 the portion of those expenses that were not associated with the accounts that I am
2 including in my analysis. I allocated Property Insurance and Property Taxes based on the
3 net plant investment. That brought me to the adjusted expenses.

4 The adjusted expenses listed in each category support both distribution service
5 and SSO service and need to be allocated to both services. I developed an allocation
6 factor based upon the relationship of Dayton's SSO revenue to total Dayton revenue and
7 an allocation factor based on a weighted customer count allocator.

8 Specifically, I divided Dayton's SSO revenue by Dayton's total revenue collected
9 from customers to get the revenue allocation factor. For the weighted customer count
10 allocation factor, I accounted for SSO customers as both distribution customers and
11 generation customers and accounted for shopping customers as only distribution
12 customers. Both allocators are calculated on my Exhibit JEH-4.

13 **Q. Were you able to identify rate base items that should be included in this**
14 **recommendation?**

15 A. Yes. Most of the plant to support the SSO process would be included in Dayton's
16 accounts for General Plant. I performed a similar allocation that I did in the expense
17 analysis and converted the allocated rate base to a revenue requirement amount. The
18 results are included on Exhibit JEH-3.

19 **Q. Why did you choose SSO revenue and a weighted number of customers to calculate**
20 **your allocation factors?**

21 A. The Customer Accounts Expenses and the Customer Service and Information Expenses
22 that I allocated are customer related expenses. These expenses vary by numbers of
23 customers. I applied a weighted customer allocation ratio to these expenses consistent

1 with that relationship. The ratio was weighed to account for the costs to support
2 distribution service for CRES customers and distribution and generation service for SSO
3 customers.

4 I chose to allocate Administrative and General Expenses and Rate Base based on
5 the amount of SSO revenue Dayton receives from customers. A utility company's
6 revenues provide a proxy for and generally mirror the costs that are required to provide
7 the utility service to various customer categories.

8 **Q. What is the total amount you have identified that should be allocated to SSO**
9 **generation service?**

10 **A.** The total amount I have identified is in Exhibit JEH-1.

11 **Q. How should the amount identified on JEH-1 be collected?**

12 **A.** The amounts that I have identified are already included in the Staff's proposed rates. The
13 costs first need to be excluded from the Staff's proposed rates by calculating a volumetric
14 credit rider that will be applied to all customers. The rider is calculated by customer class
15 by dividing the total amount per class by the total sales (shopping and non-shopping
16 customers) per class.

17 These same costs will then be charged to the SSO customer by creating an
18 avoidable rider by customer class. The amount per kWh would be calculated by dividing
19 the identified costs by the SSO sales by customer class.

20 The rider/credit structure provides a revenue-neutral mechanism for Dayton while
21 also allocating costs more equitably, it provides a better comparison for shopping
22 customers furthering the Commission's desires to provide shopping incentives to

1 customers, and it would eliminate the subsidization that the distribution company is
2 currently providing the SSO customers.

3 **Q. Would the riders need to be trued-up periodically to prevent any over-or under-**
4 **recovery of revenue by Dayton?**

5 **A.** Yes. Under my proposal, both the credit rider and the avoidable rider would have to be
6 adjusted periodically to reflect the changing shopping levels in the Dayton service
7 territory. The changes in shopping levels would require an update to the revenues
8 percentage, the weighted customer's percentage and the sales statistics used to calculate
9 the volumetric rates. I do not recommend that the adjusted expense in the five categories
10 or the rate base be adjusted.

11 Therefore, I recommend that every 6 months Dayton re-calculate both the credit
12 rider and the avoidable rider to ensure it is not over- or under-recovering costs.

13 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

14 **A.** Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to further supplement my testimony.

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Exhibit JEH 1

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From JEH 2	\$ 11,235,576
From JEH 3	\$ 163,876
	<u>\$ 11,399,452</u>

Calculation of the Credit Rate to All Customers (By Sales)

Allocation to Customer Class (By Number of Total Customers)

	Residential	Comercial	Industrial and Other	Total
Total Customers	458,392	50,763	1,714	510,869
% to the Total	89.728%	9.937%	0.336%	100.000%
	\$ 10,228,488	\$ 1,132,718	\$ 38,246	\$ 11,399,452

	Residential	Comercial	Industrial and Other	Total
Total KWH Sales	5,101,000,000	3,732,000,000	5,010,000,000	13,843,000,000
	\$ (0.0020052)	\$ (0.0003035)	\$ (0.0000076)	

Calculation of the Avoidable Rider to Non-Shoppers (By Sales)

Allocation to Customer Class (By Number of Non-Shopping Customers)

	Residential	Comercial	Industrial and Other	Total
Non-Shopping Customers	256,217	21,383	436	278,036
% to the Total	92.152%	7.691%	0.157%	100.000%
	\$ 10,504,875	\$ 876,701	\$ 17,876	\$ 11,399,452

	Residential	Comercial	Industrial and Other	Total
Non-Shopping MWH Sales	2,761,000,000	658,000,000	507,000,000	3,926,000,000
	\$ 0.003805	\$ 0.001332	\$ 0.000035	

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Acct. No.	Account Title	Unadjusted Distribution	Total Adjustments	Adjusted		Adjusted Expenses	SSO Allocated Expenses	Alloc. Method
1	OPERATING EXPENSES							
2								
3	CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS EXPENSES							
4	Operation							
5	901 Supervision	0	-	-		-		
6	902 Meter Reading Expenses	3,653,751	-	3,653,751		-		
7	903 Customer Records and Collection Expenses	10,957,095	-	10,957,095	100.0000%	10,957,095	3,861,640	CUST
8	904 Uncollectible Accounts	30,976,224	(30,953,613)	22,611		-		
9	905 Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses	0	112,295	112,295	100.0000%	112,295	39,576	CUST
10	TOTAL Customer Accounts Expenses	45,587,070	(30,841,318)	14,745,752		11,069,390	3,901,216	
11								
12	CUSTOMER SERVICE AND INFORMATIONAL EXPENSES							
13	Operation							
14	907 Supervision	2,465,547	(2,524,158)	(58,611)		-		
15	908 Customer Assistance Expenses	6,202,665	(6,197,913)	4,752	100.0000%	4,752	1,675	CUST
16	909 Informational and Instructional Expenses	2,270,531	(2,219,303)	51,228	100.0000%	51,228	17,283	REV
17	910 Misc. Customer Service and Informational Expenses	12,655,033	(12,646,579)	8,454	100.0000%	8,454	2,852	REV
18	TOTAL Customer Service and Informational Expenses	23,593,776	(23,587,953)	5,823		64,434	21,810	
19								
20	911-916 SALES EXPENSES	0	-	-				
21								
22	ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES							
23	Operation							
24	920 Administrative and General Salaries	4,500,812	(6,945,943)	(2,445,131)	100.0000%	(2,445,131)	(824,912)	REV
25	921 Office Supplies and Expenses	9,424,735	(45,292)	9,379,443	100.0000%	9,379,443	3,164,337	REV
26	922 Administrative Expenses Transferred - Cr.	(1,042,533)	1,485	(1,041,048)	100.0000%	(1,041,048)	(351,218)	REV
27	923 Outside Services Employed	5,127,227	(84,443)	5,042,784	100.0000%	5,042,784	1,701,281	REV
28	924 Property Insurance	1,272,230	(729,426)	542,804	Plant ratio	-	1,352.06	Net Plant
29	925 Injuries and Damages	802,012	(1,142)	800,870	31.9430%	255,822	86,307	REV
1	926 Employee Pensions and Benefits	17,857,381	(3,849,597)	14,007,784	31.9430%	4,474,509	1,509,562	REV
2	927 Franchise Requirements	0	-	-		-	-	REV
3	928 Regulatory Commission Expenses	4,016,665	(1,617,957)	2,398,708	100.0000%	2,398,708	809,251	REV
4	929 Duplicate Charges-Cr.	(619,576)	474,610	(144,966)	100.0000%	(144,966)	(48,907)	REV
5	930.1 General Advertising Expenses	760,752	(760,752)	-		-	-	REV
6	930.2 Miscellaneous General Expenses	1,902,958	(7,942)	1,895,016	100.0000%	1,895,016	639,320	REV
7	931 Rents	18,771	(27)	18,744	100.0000%	18,744	6,324	REV
8	TOTAL Operation	44,021,434	(13,566,426)	30,455,008		19,833,881	6,692,695	
9	Maintenance							
10	935 Maintenance of General Plant	1,352,265	(1,074,474)	277,791		-	-	
11	TOTAL Administrative and General Expenses	45,373,699	(14,640,900)	30,732,799		19,833,881	6,692,695	
12								
15	DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSES							
17	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE							
18	403 Production	0						
19	403 Transmission	0						
20	403 Distribution	50,308,318	(7,151,888)	43,156,430				
21	403 General	1,011,832	(749,198)	262,634	Direct	574,595	202,506	CUST
22	TOTAL Depreciation Expense	51,320,150	(7,901,086)	43,419,064		574,595	202,506	
23								
24	AMORTIZATION OF UTILITY PLANT							
25	403 Intangible Plant	4,287,557	(271,358)	4,016,199		-	-	
26								
27	411 Accretion Expense	0	-	-		-	-	
28								
29	TOTAL Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	55,607,707	(8,172,444)	47,435,263		574,595	202,506	
1	TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES							
2	408 Commercial Activity Taxes	565,242	206,313	771,555		-	-	
3	408 State Excise Taxes	49,707,317	(49,776,248)	(68,931)		-	-	
4	408 Payroll Taxes	2,600,015	22,046	2,622,061	31.9430%	837,565	295,186	CUST
5	408 Property Taxes	51,827,392	(3,144,396)	48,682,996	Plant Ratio	-	121,264	Net Plant
6	408 Federal Use Tax	3,268	-	3,268		-	-	
7	408 Insurance Premium Taxes	5,572	-	5,572		-	-	
8	408 Ohio User Fees	0	-	-		-	-	
9	TOTAL Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	104,708,806	(52,692,185)	52,016,621		837,565	416,449	
10								
Total						32,379,865	11,234,677	

Customer Allocator 35.2433%
Revenue Allocator 33.7369%
Allocated Expenses before Labor Associated Expenses 26,237,374

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Exhibit JEH 3

Line No.	Acct No.	Account Title	Adjusted Jurisdictional Plant	Adjusted Jurisdictional Reserve	Net Plant	Adjusted Rate Base	SSO Allocated Rate Base	Depreciation Expense	Adjusted Depreciation
1	3892	Land & Rights - Comm - OTHER	1,608,881	-	1,608,881	-	-	-	-
2	3902	S&I - Common - OTHER	17,255,105	11,406,031	5,849,074	5,849,074	2,061,406	574,595	574,595
3	3815	Office Furn & Equip - EAST BEND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	3815	Office Furn & Equip - MIAMI FORT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	3815	Office Furn & Equip - ZIMMER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	3825	Transportation Equip - ZIMMER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	3930	Stores Equip - Common - ZIMMER	345,031	274,765	70,266	-	-	13,284	-
8	3935	Stores Equip - COF - EAST BEND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	3935	Stores Equip - COF - MIAMI FORT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	3940	Tools, Shop & Garage - OTHER	7,391,677	4,222,864	3,168,893	-	-	269,796	269,796
11	3950	Lab Equip - Common - OTHER	4,084,553	515,722	3,578,831	-	-	163,782	163,782
12	3960	Power Operated Equip - OTHER	2,148,702	2,148,702	(0)	-	-	-	-
13	3960	Power Operated Equip - PWR OPER EQUIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	3975	Communication Equip - EAST BEND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	3975	Communication Equip - ZIMMER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	3980	Misc Equipment - Comm - OTHER	-	(247,124)	247,124	-	-	-	-
17	Composite	Reconciling Difference - Prorated by Year	(23,203,997)	(23,270,958)	66,961	-	-	(758,823)	-
18	106	Completed Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	108	RWIP - Cost of Removal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	108	RWIP - Salvage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21									
22		Total General Plant	9,639,952	(4,950,178)	14,590,130	-	2,061,406	574,595	262,634
1		Working Capital Allowance			3,557,898	0.249089%	8,862		
2		Customers' Advances for Construction			(466,036)	0.249089%	(1,161)		
3									
4					(187,841,780)	0.249089%	(467,893)		
5		Other Rate Base Items					1,601,214		
							6.60%		
		Staff's midpoint Rate of Return (net of tax)					1,5497320		
		Staff's GRFC					163,876		
		Revenue Requirement Impact							

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Revenue Allocation Factor for the period ended 12/31/2015

	Distribution	Generation	Total Billed
Non-Shopping	\$ 194,983,391	\$ 280,458,250	\$ 475,441,642
Shopping	\$ 355,867,587		\$ 355,867,587
	<u>\$ 550,850,979</u>	<u>\$ 280,458,250</u>	<u>\$ 831,309,229</u>

Revenue Allocation Factor 33.73693%

Weighted Customer Allocation Factor as of 3/31/2016

	Distribution	Generation	Total
Non-Shopping	278,036	278,036	556,072
Shopping	232,833		232,833
	<u>510,869</u>	<u>278,036</u>	<u>788,905</u>

Weighted Customer Allocation Factor 35.24328%

Labor Associated Expense Allocation

Adjusted O&M Expenses before Labor Associated Expenses	26,237,374
Staff's Adjusted Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses (Staff's Schedule C-2, Column 3, line 15)	82,138,062
	31.943015%

Plant Associated Expense Allocation

SSO Plant Allocated to Rate Base	2,061,406
Staff's Adjusted Net Plant (Staff's Schedule B-1, Column 2, line 13)	827,578,284
	0.249089%

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The	:	
Dayton Power and Light Company to	:	Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Increase Its Rates for Electric Distribution	:	
	:	
In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton	:	
Power and Light Company for Accounting	:	Case No. 15-1831-EL-AAM
Authority	:	
	:	
In the Matter of the Application of Dayton	:	
Power and Light Company for Approval of	:	Case No. 15-1832-EL-ATA
Revised Tariffs	:	

STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-30, any two or more parties may enter into a written stipulation concerning a proposed resolution of some or all of the issues in a proceeding of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"). This Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation") sets forth the understanding and agreement of the parties that have signed below ("Signatory Parties"), who recommend that the Commission approve and adopt this Stipulation without modification to resolve all of the issues in the above-captioned proceeding.

This Stipulation reflects a just and reasonable resolution of the issues in this proceeding. It is the product of serious, arms-length bargaining among the Signatory Parties and those parties who chose not to sign this Stipulation ("Non-Opposing Parties") (all of whom are capable, knowledgeable, and represented by counsel), with the participation of the Staff of the Commission ("Staff"). All parties were invited to discuss and negotiate this Stipulation, and it was openly negotiated among those parties that chose to participate; no party was excluded from

these negotiations. This Stipulation is supported by adequate data and information, and as a package, benefits customers and the public interest. This Stipulation violates no regulatory principle or practice; indeed, it complies with and promotes the policies and requirements of Title 49 of the Ohio Revised Code. This Stipulation accommodates the diverse interests represented by the Signatory Parties, and is entitled to careful consideration by the Commission.

WHEREAS, The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L" or the "Company") is a public utility engaged in the business of supplying electric distribution service to more than 500,000 customers in West Central Ohio;

WHEREAS, DP&L's current base rates for electric distribution service were approved by the Commission using a date certain of March 31, 1991, and a test period of January 1 to December 31, 1991;¹

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2015, DP&L filed the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company to Increase Its Rates for Electric Distribution ("Application") using a date certain of September 30, 2015 ("Date Certain"), and a test period of June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 ("Test Period");

¹ In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for Authority to Amend Its Filed Tariffs to Increase the Rates and Charges for Electric Service, Case No. 91-414-EL-AIR (Jan. 22, 1992 Opinion and Order). The distribution rates approved in that case were later unbundled from rates for transmission and generation service and frozen through December 31, 2012 by a series of Stipulation and Recommendations that were approved by the Commission. In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of Transition Plan Pursuant to 4928.31, Revised Code and for the Opportunity to Receive Transition Revenues as Authorized Under 4928.31 to 4928.40, Revised Code, Case No. 99-1687-EL-ETP (Sept. 21, 2000 Opinion and Order); In the Matter of the Continuation of the Rate Freeze and Extension of the Market Development Period for The Dayton Power and Light Company, Case No. 02-2779-EL-ATA (Sept. 2, 2003 Opinion and Order); In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of its Electric Security Plan, Case No. 08-1094-EL-SSO (June 24, 2009 Opinion and Order).

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the Staff of the Commission, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19(C), submitted the findings of its investigation regarding the facts set forth in the Application and the exhibits attached thereto, and of the matters connected therewith ("Staff Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Signatory Parties agree that this Stipulation represents a just and reasonable resolution of all of the issues in this proceeding;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to resolve all of the issues raised in this proceeding, the Signatory Parties stipulate, agree, and recommend that the Commission issue an Opinion and Order in this proceeding accepting and adopting this Stipulation without modification.

I. STAFF REPORT

1. The Signatory Parties agree that the Commission should adopt the findings and recommendations of the Staff Report, except as otherwise agreed in this Stipulation.

II. BASE DISTRIBUTION RATES

1. The Signatory Parties agree that the revenue requirement for DP&L's base rates for electric distribution service is \$247,951,788 ("Stipulated Revenue Requirement"). The Signatory Parties further agree to the amounts set forth in Stipulated Schedule A-1, which is attached to this Stipulation as Exhibit 1.

2. The Signatory Parties, including Staff, recommend that the Commission adopt the proposal detailed in this paragraph. The Signatory Parties understand and agree that the full impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA") has only been partially realized in these

proceedings and TCJA impacts will be resolved in their entirety in a subsequent proceeding(s) as described below. The Signatory Parties agree that the Stipulated Revenue Requirement includes necessary adjustments to implement the TCJA, with regard to the federal income tax expense and the gross revenue conversion factor. The Signatory Parties further agree that all excess accumulated deferred income taxes ("ADIT") resulting from the TCJA and the full balance of the regulatory liability ordered by the Commission effective January 1, 2018 in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI are not realized in these proceedings and TCJA impacts will be resolved in their entirety in a subsequent proceeding(s) as described below. The Company agrees that the savings from the TCJA, including the excess ADIT and the regulatory liability, constitute monies that must be returned to customers and the Company agrees to file an application in a subsequent proceeding(s) for the sole purpose of returning monies associated with the aforementioned items within the time periods described herein. By no later than January 1, 2019, DP&L shall calculate the net impact of the TCJA. By not later than March 1, 2019, the Company shall file an application to commence a proceeding limited to the sole issue of the TCJA refund as described herein (the "TCJA Application"). The distribution-related, eligible unprotected portion of the excess ADIT ("the Unprotected ADIT") and the regulatory liability relating to the January 10, 2018 Commission Order in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI will be returned to customers by the Company over an amortization period no greater than 10 years; however, the Company agrees that it will provide customers an aggregate refund of no less than \$4.0 million per year for the first five years of the amortization period unless the refund of the Unprotected ADIT and the aforementioned regulatory liability is fully returned within the first five years. If any balance remains after the first five years of the amortization period, such remainder shall be returned to customers over a maximum of an additional five years. The distribution-related eligible protected excess ADIT will be returned to customers in accordance with Federal law. In Case

No. 18-47-AU-COI, the aforementioned TCJA Application, and any other proceeding addressing a return of the tax savings from the TCJA to DP&L's customers, DP&L agrees to withdraw and waive its arguments that a refund or credit of deferred amounts would be unlawful or unreasonable for any of the following reasons: (a) retroactive ratemaking or the filed-rate doctrine; (b) that the refund or credit would constitute an unlawful refund; (c) DP&L's ROE is too low; and (d) that the issues can be addressed only in a rate case.

3. The Signatory Parties agree that, pursuant to R.C. 4909.15(A)(2), a fair and reasonable rate of return for DP&L on the Stipulated Rate Base is 7.27% ("Stipulated Rate of Return"), which incorporates a return on equity of 9.999% and a cost of long-term debt of 4.8% ("Stipulated Cost of Debt").

4. The Signatory Parties agree that, pursuant to R.C. 4909.15(A)(1), the valuation of property of DP&L used and useful in rendering electric distribution service as of the Date Certain was \$643,518,823 ("Stipulated Rate Base"). The Stipulated Rate Base includes the plant-in-service findings and recommendations in the Staff Report including a reduction of \$2,007,847 to deferred income taxes associated with Staff's net plant adjustments and flow-through adjustments related to cash working capital. See Stipulated Schedule B-1, which is attached to this Stipulation as Exhibit 2.

5. The Signatory Parties agree that, pursuant to R.C. 4909.15(A)(4), the adjusted operating income during the Test Period was \$23,424,847 ("Stipulated Operating Income"). In calculating the Stipulated Operating Income, the Signatory Parties implemented the following adjustment(s) to the recommendations in the Staff Report regarding DP&L's operating expenses:

- a. An addition of \$5,610,653 to reflect employee labor costs incurred by DP&L during the Test Period;
- b. An addition of \$1,910,790 to reflect property tax expense incurred by DP&L during the Test Period;
- c. An addition of \$5,000,000 included in the Stipulated Operating Expenses to reflect known increases in vegetation management; and
- d. A reduction of \$1,500,000 to test year revenues associated with Staff's adjustment for energy efficiency.
- e. A reduction of \$329,774 to test year expenses associated with Miscellaneous General Expenses.

III. RIDERS

- 1. The Signatory Parties agree that pursuant to the October 20, 2017 Opinion and Order in Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO, the Commission shall populate DP&L's Distribution Investment Rider ("DIR") in this proceeding, as follows:
 - a. The DIR shall commence coincident with the update to DP&L's base rates for electric distribution service approved in this proceeding;
 - b. The beginning DIR balance will include the balance of qualifying incremental investments placed in service from October 1, 2015 to the Commission's approval of this Stipulation;

c. The DIR shall be calculated using the tax rates enacted as part of the TCJA;

d. The DIR shall be subject to the following revenue caps:

2018	\$1,200,000 per month effective with DIR commencement
2019	\$22,000,000
2020	\$29,000,000
2021	\$37,000,000
2022	\$44,000,000
2023	\$43,000,000 (reflects proration through October 31, 2023).

Should DP&L fail to file a base distribution rate case on or before October 31, 2022, the DIR will sunset, and the DIR rate shall be set to zero, on November 1, 2022. If DP&L files a base distribution rate case on or before October 31, 2022 the DIR will sunset, and the DIR rate shall be set to zero, on November 1, 2023, unless otherwise approved as part of a new standard service offer. Upon approval of a subsequent rate case application, the DIR revenue caps for the remainder of the current SSO period (16-395-EL-SSO) will be re-established on a pro-rated basis, and the collection of revenue under the rider could begin, based upon the outcome of the subsequent rate case.

e. DP&L shall file quarterly updates on or about January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st, with rates effective 60 days after filing unless otherwise suspended by the Commission. The filings shall be subject to annual Commission review, audit, and reconciliation. Such audit shall include a determination of whether the distribution investments made are used and useful in rendering utility service to customers;

f. DP&L shall include in the DIR tariff language the following provision:

"This Rider is subject to reconciliation or adjustment, including but not limited to, increases or refunds. Such reconciliation or adjustment shall be limited to the 12-month period of expenditures upon which the rates were calculated, if determined to be unlawful, unreasonable, or imprudent by the Commission, or Supreme Court of Ohio in the docket those rates were approved, or the docket where the audit of those rates occurred."

- g. DP&L may file an application with the Commission for battery storage projects related to distribution service. Interested parties may submit to DP&L requests to consider battery storage projects related to distribution service. DP&L may install battery storage projects for the purpose of deferring distribution circuit investments or addressing distribution reliability issues, and include those distribution plant investments in the DIR. Prior to including a battery storage investment in the DIR, DP&L agrees to meet with Staff and Signatory Parties prior to filing an application for pre-approval of a battery project. In a battery application, DP&L must demonstrate that the battery (or batteries) will be used for a distribution service and will qualify as distribution equipment under the FERC uniform system of accounts authorized to be included in the DIR (specifically Accounts 360 to 374).
- h. The DIR shall be calculated using the same methodology reflected in Exhibit 3 to this Stipulation, which includes the after-tax weighted average cost of capital specified in Part II.3 above.
- i. DP&L shall work with Staff and OCC to develop an annual plan to emphasize proactive distribution maintenance that will focus spending on where it will have the greatest impact on maintaining and improving

reliability for customers. The plan shall specifically include identification of those expenditures that will help reduce customers' minutes interrupted. The plan shall be submitted to Staff and OCC annually starting on December 1, 2019. In lieu of the Staff Report recommendation that the DIR revenue caps be set to zero if the Company fails to comply with its Customer Average Interruption Duration Index ("CAIDI") and System Average Interruption Frequency Index ("SAIFI") performance standards, the Signatory Parties agree to the following. DP&L's CAIDI and SAIFI performance for 2018 will not be used to determine any penalty for non-compliance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-10(E). Beginning with the 2019 CAIDI and SAIFI performance reported on or before March 31, 2020, if either performance standard is not achieved for two consecutive years, DP&L's DIR revenue cap increment will decrease by \$2.0 million rather than being assessed a penalty or forfeiture due to a violation of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-10.

2. DP&L will dedicate up to \$1.0 million in total capital investment eligible for DIR recovery, beginning in 2019, to fund distribution grid investments necessary to support installation of electric vehicle ("EV") charging infrastructure in the DP&L service territory. Specifically, through the DIR the Company may recover costs associated with investments for the meter and equipment in front of meter (i.e., on the Company's side of the meter) to support EV charging stations supported by grants awarded by the Ohio EPA pursuant to its Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for dollars allocated from the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund. DP&L will commit to work with Ohio EPA and charging station host applicants within its service territory

to facilitate the installation of DC fast chargers under the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, including but not limited to siting criteria. In consultation with the Staff and the Signatory Parties, the Company may develop a pilot EV tariff. This provision does not preclude DP&L from spending additional amounts in support of EV deployment and seeking cost recovery for such additional expenditures; however, this Stipulation does not provide any independent right for DP&L to obtain cost-recovery for amounts expended in support of EV deployment. DP&L further agrees to provide, upon reasonable request, information regarding the costs of these investments to any Signatory or Non-Opposing Party.

3. The Signatory Parties agree, that pursuant to the October 20, 2017 Opinion and Order in Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO, DP&L shall be permitted to implement Revenue Decoupling through its existing Decoupling Rider, as follows:

- a. Revenue Decoupling shall employ a revenue per customer ("RPC") methodology and is applicable to tariff classes D17, D18, and D19 only. The calculation of the allowed RPC allocates the Stipulated Revenue Requirement to each tariff class based on the revenue allocations in the Staff Report and divides the result by the test year number of customers as filed in DP&L's Application. The resulting RPC is shown and calculated on Exhibit 4;
- b. The Decoupling Rider will be set to zero with the implementation of this distribution rate case;
- c. Beginning on January 1, 2019, the Decoupling Rider will be effective with a rate (or credit) calculated by taking the difference between the Stipulated

Revenue Requirement applicable to tariff classes D17, D18, and D19 and the Allowed Revenue Requirement. The Allowed Revenue Requirement will be calculated by multiplying the number of customers as of September 30, 2018 by the RPC that is shown in Exhibit 4;

- d. For subsequent annual true-ups, the Decoupling Rider rate or credit will be calculated by taking the difference, whether positive or negative, between the updated Allowed Revenue Requirement (calculated by multiplying the updated number of customers by the RPC) and actual base distribution revenues for tariff classes D17, D18, and D19 in the calendar year. The Decoupling Rider will be reconciled on a calendar year basis and will be effective April 1st of each year;
- e. The Decoupling Rider deferral balance (whether over or under) will include carrying costs at DP&L's Stipulated Cost of Debt;
- f. The Decoupling Rider tariffs will be automatically implemented 60 days *after the filing of the Company's Decoupling Rider filings*, unless suspended by the Commission. The Decoupling Rider is subject to reconciliation or adjustment, including but not limited to, increases or refunds. Such reconciliation or adjustment shall be limited to the twelve-month period upon which the rates were calculated, if determined to be unlawful, unreasonable, or imprudent by the Commission, or the Supreme Court of Ohio, in the docket those rates were approved or the docket where the audit of those rates occurred;

- g. The Decoupling Rider will be charged based on a percentage of base distribution revenue for each applicable tariff class individually; and
- h. Pursuant to the Stipulation approved by the Commission in Case No. 17-1398-EL-POR, with the implementation of this distribution rate case, DP&L shall not be entitled to double collect the same revenue reductions through lost distribution revenues and decoupling charges simultaneously.

IV. OTHER

1. The Signatory Parties agree that DP&L is authorized to defer as a regulatory asset, for future recovery, with no carrying costs, annual expenses for vegetation management performed by third-party vendors as follows: for calendar year 2018 annual expenses which are incremental to the baseline of \$10.7 million, subject to a \$4.6 million annual cap, and for calendar year 2019 and thereafter annual expenses which are incremental to the Test Year expenses of \$15.7 million, subject to a \$4.6 million annual cap. Annual spending of less than the vegetation management baseline amount listed above will result in a reduction to the regulatory asset or creation of a regulatory liability.

2. Prior to filing its Distribution Infrastructure Modernization Plan in accordance with Case Nos. 16-395-EL-SSO *et al.*, and within 60 days of the filing of this Stipulation, DP&L will meet with Staff; the Environmental Law & Policy Center, Natural Resources Defense Council, Ohio Environmental Council, and Environmental Defense Fund ("Environmental Parties"); OCC; and any other interested stakeholders at least once to seek input and information relevant to formulate a proposal to facilitate electric vehicle adoption and deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

3. DP&L will meet with Staff, the Environmental Parties, and any other interested stakeholders, within 60 days of the filing of this Stipulation, to collaborate on developing a pilot plan with a goal of identifying for potential implementation "non-wires alternatives" (NWA) (e.g. energy efficiency, demand response, distributed generation, storage, or other non-wires alternatives) that could cost-effectively result in the deferral or avoidance of a distribution investment project. In its Distribution Infrastructure Modernization Plan filing, DP&L will propose to continue the effort as a Non-Wires Alternatives Pilot Collaborative. Six months after the filing of this Stipulation, DP&L and the Environmental Parties will each file a status report with the Commission describing progress toward developing an NWA pilot plan. DP&L will work to finalize an NWA pilot plan within 12 months of the filing of this Stipulation. To the extent a final NWA pilot is developed, DP&L also commits to file and seek approval of the final NWA pilot plan with the Commission within three months of finalizing the NWA pilot plan for approval by the Commission prior to implementation. To the extent the final NWA may lawfully be included in an appropriate regulatory mechanism, and cost-recovery is legally permissible, DP&L may seek recovery of prudently incurred cost for any implementation of a final NWA pilot plan. DP&L shall not implement the NWA pilot plan until it receives Commission approval. The Signatory Parties agree that nothing in this paragraph shall limit or restrict in any manner the rights of any of the Signatory or Non-Opposing Parties to make whatever arguments they deem appropriate in any proceeding relevant to the NWA Pilot or any cost recovery related thereto requested by DP&L. To the extent no final NWA pilot is developed, DP&L and the Environmental Parties will file a status report with the Commission explaining DP&L's decision not to pursue the NWA pilot plan within three months of the decision not to file the plan.

4. Nothing in this Stipulation prohibits DP&L from filing its next distribution rate case at any time.

V. RATES AND TARIFFS

1. The Signatory Parties agree that DP&L shall charge customers the rates set forth in the summary sheet for new rates attached to this Stipulation as Exhibit 5.

2. In accordance with Exhibit 5, the customer charge for residential customers shall be \$7.00.

3. In accordance with Exhibit 5, the allocations to customer classes represent the Staff Report recommendations with a modification to the Secondary, Primary, and Primary-Substation classes, which reflects a compromise allocation between the Company's Application and the Staff Report.

4. DP&L agrees to waive the Contract Capacity Charge related to Redundant Service (aka "Alternate Feed Service") described in DP&L's current Tariff No. D10, any other applicable tariff, or any equivalent service until a final order is issued in DP&L's next base distribution rate case in the following manner. This waiver is applied to all OHA members regardless of whether or not these members are currently paying Redundancy/Alternate Feed Service charges or whether these OHA members require Redundancy/Alternate Feed Service in the future. This waiver shall not exempt OHA members from the capital costs associated with supplying a new redundant service feed, including throw-over and protective equipment.

5. DP&L will conduct a distribution interconnect feasibility study for the solar farm at the 16-acre brownfield located in Edgemont on the former General Motors factory site at the

intersection of Miami Chapel Road and Wisconsin Boulevard, the costs of which will not be recovered from customers.

VI. OTHER PROVISIONS

1. In arm's-length bargaining, the Signatory Parties have negotiated terms and conditions that are embodied in this Stipulation. This Agreement involves a variety of difficult, complicated issues that would otherwise be resolved only through expensive, complex, protracted litigation. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement among the Signatory Parties, and embodies a complete settlement of all claims, defenses, issues and objections in this proceeding. The Signatory Parties agree that this Stipulation is in the best interest of the public and urge the Commission to adopt it.

2. DP&L will rely on the Staff Report and may offer its testimony and exhibits as evidentiary support of this Stipulation. DP&L will file supplemental testimony in support of this Stipulation. Except as modified by this Stipulation or the Staff Report, DP&L's Application in this proceeding is approved. Nothing in this subsection prohibits any Signatory Party from filing testimony or submitting evidence in support of the Stipulation.

3. This Stipulation is a consensus among the Signatory Parties of an overall approach to ratemaking in this proceeding. It is submitted for the purposes of this case alone and should not be understood to reflect the positions that an individual Signatory Party may take as to any individual provision of the Stipulation standing alone, nor the position a Signatory Party may have taken if all of the issues in this proceeding had been litigated. Nothing in this Stipulation shall be used or construed for any purpose to imply, suggest or otherwise indicate that the results produced through the compromise reflected herein represent fully the objectives of any Signatory

Party. This Stipulation is submitted for purposes of this proceeding only, and is not deemed binding in any other proceeding, except as expressly provided herein, nor is it to be offered or relied upon in any other proceedings, except as necessary to enforce the terms of this Stipulation. The willingness of Signatory Parties to sponsor this document currently is predicated on the reasonableness of the Stipulation taken as a whole. The Signatory Parties will support this Stipulation if it is contested.

4. This Stipulation is conditioned upon adoption of the Stipulation by the Commission in its entirety and without material modification. If the Commission rejects or materially modifies² all or any part of this Stipulation, any Signatory or Non-Opposing Party shall have the right to apply for rehearing. If the Commission does not adopt the Stipulation without material modification upon rehearing, or if the Commission makes a material modification to any Order adopting the Stipulation pursuant to any reversal, vacation and/or remand by the Supreme Court of Ohio, then within thirty (30) days of the Commission's Entry on Rehearing or Order on Remand any Signatory or Non-Opposing Party may withdraw from the Stipulation by filing a notice with the Commission ("Notice of Withdrawal"). No Signatory or Non-Opposing Party shall file a Notice of Withdrawal without first negotiating in good faith with the other Signatory and Non-Opposing Parties to achieve an outcome that substantially satisfies the intent of the Stipulation. If a new agreement achieves such an outcome, the Signatory and Non-Opposing Parties will file the new agreement for Commission review and approval. If the discussions to achieve an outcome that substantially satisfies the intent of the Stipulation are unsuccessful, and a Signatory or Non-Opposing Party files a Notice of Withdrawal, then the Commission will convene an evidentiary hearing to afford that Signatory or Non-Opposing Party

² Each Signatory and Non-Opposing Party has the right, in its sole discretion, to determine whether the Commission's approval of this Stipulation constitutes a "material modification" thereof.

the opportunity to contest the Stipulation by presenting evidence through witnesses, to cross-examine witnesses, to present rebuttal testimony, and to brief all issues that the Commission shall decide based upon the record and briefs. If the discussions to achieve an outcome that substantially satisfies the intent of the Stipulation are successful, then some or all of the Signatory and Non-Opposing Parties shall submit the amended Stipulation to the Commission for approval after a hearing if necessary.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned Signatory Parties agree to this Stipulation and Recommendation this 18th day of June, 2018. The undersigned Signatory Parties request that the Commission issue an Opinion and Order approving and adopting this Stipulation.

THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT
COMPANY

By: /s/ Jeffrey S. Sharkey
Jeffrey S. Sharkey

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned Non-Opposing Parties agree not to
challenge this Stipulation and Recommendation this 18th day of June, 2018.

INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS-OHIO

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EXHIBIT 1

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR

Overall Financial Summary

Schedule A-1
Page 1 of 1

Line No.	Description	Stipulated Jurisdictional Test Year
(A)	(B)	(C)
1	Stipulated Rate Base	<u>\$ 643,518,823</u>
2		
3	Stipulated Operating Income	<u>\$ 23,424,847</u>
4		
5	Earned Rate of Return	3.64%
6		
7	Stipulated Rate of Return	7.27%
8		
9	Required Operating Income	<u>\$ 46,783,818</u>
10		
11	Operating Income Deficiency	<u>\$ 23,358,972</u>
12		
13	Gross Revenue Conversion Factor	<u>1.275097</u>
14		
15	Revenue Deficiency	<u>\$ 29,784,955</u>
16		
17	Stipulated Revenue Increase	<u>\$ 29,784,955</u>
18		
19	Adjusted Operating Revenues	<u>\$ 218,166,833</u>
20		
21	Stipulated Revenue Requirement	<u>\$ 247,951,788</u>

EXHIBIT 2

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR

Jurisdictional Rate Base Summary
As of September 30, 2015

Schedule B-1
Page 1 of 1

Line No.	Description (B)	Stipulated Amount (C)
(A)		
1	Plant in Service	
2	Production	\$ -
3	Transmission	\$ -
4	Distribution	\$ 1,494,435,485
5	General	\$ 9,639,952
6	Other: Intangible	\$ 25,305,660
7	Total Plant In Service	\$ 1,529,381,097
8		
9	Reserve for Accumulated Depreciation	
10	Production	\$ -
11	Transmission	\$ -
12	Distribution	\$ 695,057,490
13	General	\$ (4,970,577)
14	Other: Intangible	\$ 11,715,900
15	Total Reserve for Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 701,802,813
16		
17	Net Plant In Service	\$ 827,578,284
18		
19	Construction Work In Progress 75% Complete	\$ -
20		
21	Working Capital Allowance	\$ 2,240,507
22		
23	Customers' Advances for Construction	\$ (466,036)
24		
25	Other Rate Base Items	\$ (185,833,933)
26		
27	Jurisdictional Rate Base	\$ 643,518,823

EXHIBIT 3

The Dayton Power and Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR
Distribution Investment Rider
Revenue Requirement Calculation

Line No.	Description	Stipulated Amounts as of	
(A)	(B)	September 30, 2015 (C)	March 31, 2018 (D)
<u>Rate Base</u>			
1	Gross Distribution Plant	\$ 1,345,230,954	\$ 1,422,599,647
2	Accumulated Depreciation on Distribution Plant	\$ 642,166,933	\$ 717,388,560
3	Net Distribution Plant In Service	\$ 703,064,021	\$ 705,211,087
4			Line 1 - Line 2
5	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes on Distribution Plant	\$ (147,941,796)	(84,657,529)
6			
7	Distribution Rate Base for DIR	\$ 555,122,225	\$ 620,553,558
8			Line 3 + Line 5
9	Return on Rate Base	8.58%	8.58%
10	Return on Rate Base	\$ 47,629,487	\$ 53,243,495
11			Line 7 * Line 9
12	Incremental Return on Rate Base		Line 10, Col (D) - Col (C)
13			
14	<u>Depreciation, Taxes Other than Income and O&M</u>		
15	Depreciation Expense	\$ 38,359,093	\$ 40,280,597
16	Property Tax Expense	\$ 44,978,513	\$ 49,594,872
17			
18	Total Depreciation, Other Taxes and O&M Before CAT	\$ 83,337,606	\$ 89,875,469
19			Line 15 + 16
20	Incremental Depreciation, Taxes Other than Income and O&M (Pre Tax)		Line 18 Col D - Col C
21	Incremental Commercial Activities Tax		\$ 6,537,863
22			1,0026
23	Incremental Depreciation, Taxes Other than Income and O&M (Post Tax)		\$ 6,554,861
24			Line 20 * Line 21
25	<u>Revenue Requirement</u>		
26	Total DIR Revenue Requirement	\$ 12,168,870	Line 12 + Line 23

EXHIBIT 4

The Dayton Power & Light Company
Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR

Distribution Decoupling Rider – Calculation of Revenue Per Customer (RPC)

Sheet No. (A)	Tariff Class Description (B)	Test Year Customers (C) (C-11)	Revenue Allocation (D)	Base Distribution Revenue (E) (E) = (G)*(D)	RPC (F) (F) = (E)/(C)
D22	High Voltage	9	0.05%	\$ 123,976	\$ -
D20	Primary	462	6.59%	\$ 16,340,023	\$ -
D21	Primary Substation	8	0.35%	\$ 867,831	\$ -
D17	Transmission	10,487	0.00%	\$ 0	\$ 0.00000
D18	Subtransmission	10,487	0.00%	\$ 0	\$ 0.00000
D19	Substation	10,487	0.00%	\$ 0	\$ 0.00000
D25	Street Lighting	223	0.35%	\$ 867,831	\$ -
D23	Private Outdoor Lighting	-	1.12%	\$ 2,777,060	\$ -
Applicable Customer Base for Distribution Rider = 10,487					

EXHIBIT 5

Acct. No. (A)	Description (B)	Billing Determinants					Rates			Revenue and Allocation	
		Customer Bills (C)	kWh (D)	kVt (E)	kVAr (F)	Customer Charge (G)	kWh (H)	kVAr (J)	Requirements (K)	Allocation (L)	
1	RESIDENTIAL										
2	Residential Non-Heating	4,173,016	3,425,120.929			\$ 7.00	\$ 0.0233154		\$ 109,069,332		
3	Residential Non-Heating-Employee	13,041	10,159,595			\$ 7.00	\$ 0.0233154		\$ 328,162		
4	Residential Heating	1,340,092	1,810,219.986			\$ 7.00	\$ 0.0233154		\$ 51,586,730		
5	Residential Heating-Employee	4,281	6,928,695			\$ 7.00	\$ 0.0233154		\$ 191,513		
6	Total Residential	5,530,430							\$ 161,175,737	66.38%	
7	SECONDARY										
8	Unmetered Secondary Service	27,260				\$ 14.16			\$ 385,873		
9	Secondary Single Phase	445,903				\$ 16.73			\$ 7,461,991		
10	Secondary Three Phase	184,553				\$ 25.77			\$ 4,755,648		
11		657,716		12,933,870			\$ 3.65669905		\$ 47,320,983		
12	Secondary Single Phase-MAX	22,639				\$ 16.73			\$ 378,854		
13	Secondary Three Phase-MAX	13,007				\$ 25.77			\$ 335,170		
14		35,646	38,960,607				\$ 0.0112602		\$ 438,704		
15	Total Secondary								\$ 61,077,224	25.15%	
16	PRIMARY										
17	Primary	5,492	2,820,450.998			\$ 242.12	\$ 0.0051169		\$ 15,936,540		
18	Primary-MAX	232	3,457,905			\$ 242.12			\$ 73,917		
19	Total Primary								\$ 16,010,457	6.59%	
20	PRIMARY SUBSTATION										
21	Primary Substation	96		1,105,925		\$ 463.47		\$ 0.6144982	\$ 853,683	0.35%	
22											
23	TRANSMISSION VOLTAGE SERVICE										
24	High Voltage	108	975,140,514			\$ 1,124.11			\$ 121,404	0.05%	
25											
26	STREET LIGHTING SERVICE										
27	Street Lighting	2,656	54,279,372			\$ 8.60	\$ 0.0152357		\$ 849,827	0.35%	
28											
29	PRIVATE OUTDOOR LIGHTING SERVICE										
30	Pole Charges	116,246					Item Charge		\$ 153,987		
31	Ornamental Pole Charges	1,320					\$ 1.32		\$ 1,749		
32	Aerial Spans	155,040					\$ 0.60		\$ 92,651		
33	Fixtures	331,080					\$ 1.06		\$ 350,945		
34	9500 Lumens High Pressure Sod.	10,740				\$ 9.11			\$ 97,825		
35	28000 Lumens High Pressure Sod.	5,764				\$ 9.11			\$ 52,683		
36	7000 Lumens Mercury	194,316				\$ 9.11			\$ 1,769,813		
37	21000 Lumens Mercury	21,228				\$ 9.11			\$ 193,354		
38	2500 Lumens Incandescent	36				\$ 9.11			\$ 326		
39	7000 Lumens Fluorescent	108				\$ 9.11			\$ 984		
40	4000 Lumens P.T Mercury	552				\$ 9.11			\$ 5,028	1.12%	
41	Total Private Outdoor Lighting Service								\$ 2,719,446	100.00%	
42	BASE DISTRIBUTION REVENUE								\$ 242,807,679		
43											
44	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE								\$ 5,113,684		
45	Total Other Operating Revenue								\$ 30,425		
46	Off-peak Meter Surcharge										
47	TOTAL REVENUE								\$ 247,951,788		
48											
49	Current Distribution Revenue 12 months April 2018 (Distribution & Decoupling)								\$ 240,939,397		
50	Increase to Current Revenue								\$ 7,012,391		
51	% Increase to Current Revenue								\$ 2.91%		
52											
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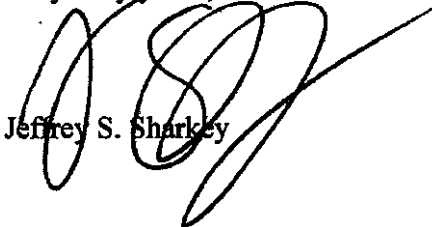
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Dear Commissioners:

Attached is a Supplemental Stipulation and Recommendation, which has been signed by the City of Dayton and The Dayton Power and Light Company.

The Commission's Staff has stated that it supports the Supplemental Stipulation. In emails dated July 11, 2018 and July 12, 2018, all Signatory and Non-Opposing Parties (with one exception) to the June 18, 2018 Stipulation and Recommendation stated that they do not oppose the Supplemental Stipulation. The only exception is Buckeye Power, Inc., which has not yet responded regarding whether or not it will object to the Supplemental Stipulation. No intervening party has stated that it will object to the Supplemental Stipulation.

Very truly yours,



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BEFORE
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In the Matter of the Application of The Dayton Power and Light Company for Accounting Authority	:	Case No. 15-1831-EL-AAM
	:	
In the Matter of the Application of Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of Revised Tariffs	:	Case No. 15-1832-EL-ATA
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SUPPLEMENTAL STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-30, any two or more parties may enter into a written stipulation concerning a proposed resolution of some or all of the issues in a proceeding of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"). This Supplemental Stipulation and Recommendation ("Supplemental Stipulation") sets forth the understanding and agreement of the parties that have signed below ("Supplemental Stipulation Parties"), who recommend that the Commission approve and adopt this Supplemental Stipulation without modification to resolve all of the issues in the above-captioned proceeding addressed herein.

This Supplemental Stipulation reflects a just and reasonable resolution of the issues that it addresses. It is the product of serious, arms-length bargaining among the Supplemental Stipulation Parties, all of whom are capable, knowledgeable, and represented by counsel. This Supplemental Stipulation is supported by adequate data and information, and as a package, benefits customers and the public interest. This Supplemental Stipulation violates no regulatory principle or practice; indeed, it complies with and promotes the policies and

requirements of Title 49 of the Ohio Revised Code. Thus, this Stipulation is entitled to careful consideration by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to resolve all of the issues raised in this proceeding addressed herein, the Supplemental Stipulation Parties stipulate, agree, and recommend that the Commission issue an Opinion and Order in this proceeding accepting and adopting this Supplemental Stipulation without modification.

1. The City of Dayton agrees to join the June 18, 2018 Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation") filed in this proceeding as a Non-Opposing Party, and to be bound by all provisions of the Stipulation applicable to Non-Opposing Parties, which are incorporated here by reference. This Supplemental Stipulation in no way modifies or abrogates any provision of the Stipulation.

2. The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L") agrees to waive the Contract Capacity Charge related to Redundant Service (aka "Alternate Feed Service") described in DP&L's current Tariff No. D10, any other applicable tariff, or any equivalent service until a final order is issued in DP&L's next base distribution rate case in the following manner. This waiver is applied to all City of Dayton accounts that currently have redundant service regardless of whether or not these accounts are currently paying Redundancy/Alternate Feed Service charges. This waiver shall not exempt City of Dayton accounts from the capital costs associated with supplying a new redundant service feed, including throw-over and protective equipment.

3. The Staff Report made several revisions to DP&L's Tariff Sheet No. D10, Emergency and Auxiliary Service. Specifically, Staff recommended that:

"the proposed kW rate for this service be adjusted downward by eliminating demand-related costs that are continuous, such as O&M expenses associated with customer accounts expenses, customer service and information, and administrative and general expenses, unless the Applicant can demonstrate or provide evidence as to why the recovery of these costs should be duplicated through the kW rate established for emergency and auxiliary service."

The Supplemental Stipulation Parties agree that as part of DP&L's next rate case DP&L shall conduct a cost of service study. That cost of service study shall include, among other things, an analysis to determine what incremental costs are associated with redundant service and are not currently being recovered by DP&L under base distribution rates, and should therefore be included in the redundant service charge as described in the Staff Report. That cost of service study shall also recommend a rate to be charged to customers taking redundant service. Signing this Supplemental Stipulation does not obligate any party to support or oppose the results of that cost of service study.

4. DP&L shall contribute \$50,000 of shareholder funds to the DP&L Gift of Power Program within 30 days of the Commission's approval of the Stipulation and Supplemental Stipulation. DP&L further commits to make donations to the Gift of Power program in the amount of \$50,000 of shareholder funds per year made in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. The aforementioned contributions to the Gift of Power program will be in addition to the contributions previously committed to by DP&L in PUCO Case No. 16-0395-EL-SSO.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned Supplemental Stipulation Parties agree to this Supplemental Stipulation and Recommendation this 12th day of July, 2018. The undersigned Supplemental Stipulation Parties request that the Commission issue an Opinion and Order approving and adopting this Supplemental Stipulation.

THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT
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THE CITY OF DAYTON

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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Sharon Schroder. My business address is 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, OH 45432.

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

A. I am employed by The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L" or "Company") as Managing Director of Regulatory Affairs.

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

A. I assumed my present position in November 2015. Prior to that, I served in several leadership roles within DPL Energy Resources, Inc. ("DPLER"), including Director of Community Relations, Director of Sales, and Director of Business Development & Regulatory Affairs.

Q. What are your responsibilities in your current position?

A. In my current position, my responsibilities include evaluating regulatory and legislative initiatives, the Company's retail and wholesale rates, and overall regulatory operations.

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

A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1989. I earned a Master of Science in Social and Applied Economics from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in 1990. Additionally, I earned a Master of Arts in Economics from The Ohio State University

1 in Columbus, Ohio in 1994. Prior to my roles within DPLER, I was Director of Major
2 Accounts for the Service Operations team and Manager of Federal Energy Regulatory
3 Commission ("FERC") Pricing and Policy, both for DP&L. I have been employed by
4 DPL Inc. since 1996.

5 **Q. Have you previously provided testimony before the Public Utilities Commission**
6 **of Ohio ("PUCO" or the "Commission"), any other state commission or the**
7 **FERC?**

8 A. Yes. I have sponsored testimony in Case No. 09-256-EL-UNC before the PUCO
9 regarding the establishment of the Company's Transmission Cost Recovery Rider. I
10 submitted testimony on behalf of the Company before the FERC on (i) August 31,
11 2001 with regard to the Federal Power Act ("FPA") Section 205 filing of the former
12 Alliance Companies in Docket No. RT01-88-006, (ii) December 11, 2002 with regard
13 to the FPA Section 205 filing of the Alliance Companies in Docket No. ER03-262-
14 000, (iii) October 14, 2003 with regard to the elimination of through-and-out rates in
15 Docket Nos. EL03-212, et al., (iv) July 30, 2004 with regard to the FPA Section 205
16 filing of AEP and Dayton to join PJM in Docket No. ER04-1068-000, and (v) April
17 29, 2005, May 13, 2005, and August 29, 2005 with regard to the FPA Section 205
18 filing to support Dayton's lost revenues in the Seams Elimination Charge/Cost
19 Adjustment/Assignment ("SECA") proceedings, Docket Nos. ER05-6, et al. I
20 sponsored testimony on behalf of the Responsible Pricing Alliance ("RPA") on
21 November 22, 2005 in Docket No. EL05-121-000, to review competing proposals for
22 a new PJM transmission rate design, and to present my conclusions concerning the

1 cost shifts and related cost of service issues involved in their proposals. I also
2 sponsored testimony before FERC supporting DPL Energy, LLC's revenue
3 requirement for Reactive Supply under PJM's Tariff in Docket ER08-1039 in May
4 2008. Finally, I sponsored testimony before the PUCO in Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO
5 in support of the March 14, 2017 Amended Stipulation and Recommendation.

6 **Q. What is the purpose of this testimony?**

7 A. The purpose of this testimony is to provide the facts showing that the Commission
8 should approve the Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation") filed in this
9 matter on June 18, 2018, because it is the product of serious negotiations among
10 knowledgeable parties, benefits customers and the public interest, and does not violate
11 any important regulatory principles or practices.

12 **II. THE STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATION**

13 **Q. Can you provide an overview of the terms of the Stipulation?**

14 A. Yes. The Stipulation is necessary because DP&L's current base rates for electric
15 distribution service are no longer sufficient to yield reasonable compensation for the
16 electric distribution service that DP&L renders and are no longer just or reasonable.
17 The Stipulation recommends that the Commission adopt the findings and
18 recommendations set forth in the March 12, 2018 Staff Report filed in this case,
19 except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation. Specifically, the Stipulation provides
20 for a Stipulated Revenue Requirement of \$247,951,788, which reflects a 9.999% ROE
21 and 4.8% cost of debt, and necessary adjustments to implement the Tax Cuts and Jobs

1 Act of 2017 ("TCJA") with regard to DP&L's federal income tax expense and gross
2 revenue conversion factor. The Stipulation also recommends a process for returning
3 excess accumulated deferred income taxes ("ADIT") resulting from the TCJA and the
4 full balance of the regulatory liability ordered by the Commission effective January 1,
5 2018 in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI to customers. It further recommends methodologies
6 for populating DP&L's Distribution Investment Rider ("DIR") and revenue decoupling
7 through its Distribution Decoupling Rider pursuant to the Commission's Opinion and
8 Order in Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO. The Stipulation also recommends that DP&L be
9 permitted to defer for future recovery annual expenses for vegetation management
10 incremental to a stipulated baseline, subject to an annual cap, among other
11 recommendations.

12 **III. THE COMMISSION'S CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING**
13 **STIPULATIONS**

14 **Q. What criteria does the Commission use to decide whether to approve a**
15 **Stipulation?**

16 **A.** The Commission has applied the following three criteria: First, is the Stipulation a
17 product of serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties? Second, taken
18 as a package, does the Stipulation benefit customers and the public interest? Third,
19 does the Stipulation violate any important regulatory principle or practice?

**A. The Stipulation is the Product of Serious Bargaining
among Knowledgeable Parties**

Q. Can you describe the interests of the parties that signed the Stipulation as Signatory Parties or Non-Opposing Parties?

A. Yes. The Stipulation is supported by parties representing a wide range of interests, including the interests of DP&L's customers. The Stipulation was signed by a diverse group of parties as either Signatory or Non-Opposing Parties that includes the Commission's Staff, DP&L, The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"), two representatives of residential low-income customers, two of the largest supermarket chains in the country, a state-wide organization representing local hospitals in DP&L's service territory, four environmental groups, and three state-wide organizations of large industrial customers.

Q. Was the Stipulation the product of serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties?

A. Yes. All of the intervening parties participated in, or had the opportunity to participate in, the negotiations, and most of them support it. The settlement negotiations involved a diverse group of experienced parties. Negotiation sessions were held at the Commission's offices following the May 3, 2018 Prehearing Conference, following the May 14, 2018 call-and-continue, on June 4, 2018, following the June 6, 2018 Prehearing Conference, and on June 8 and 13, 2018. All parties that intervened in the case were invited to attend these sessions. At the beginning or in advance of these sessions, DP&L or the Commission's Staff circulated to the parties either a settlement

1 term sheet or draft Stipulation. A telephone bridge was established for multiple
2 sessions to accommodate those parties whose counsel could not travel to a particular
3 session. At each session, DP&L answered questions from the parties and asked for
4 feedback on DP&L's proposed settlement terms. Staff and other parties made
5 extensive comments on DP&L's proposals, and all Signatory and Non-Opposing
6 Parties made compromises.

7 In addition, DP&L invited all of the parties to contact DP&L directly if they wanted to
8 engage in separate settlement discussions with the Company. Numerous parties took
9 advantage of that opportunity, and DP&L had several conversations with individual
10 parties, including but not limited to the Commission's Staff. The Signatory and Non-
11 Opposing Parties to the Stipulation represent a wide spectrum of diverse interests. All
12 of the Signatory and Non-Opposing Parties were represented by attorneys, most if not
13 all of whom have years of experience in regulatory matters before this Commission
14 and who possess extensive information. All of the negotiations were at arm's length.
15 Numerous hours were devoted to the negotiating process and to the exchange of
16 language and information associated with the terms of the Stipulation. The result of
17 the negotiations was a compromise, as explained more fully below. Many parties and
18 customers receive benefits under the Stipulation, but neither DP&L nor any other
19 Signatory or Non-Opposing Party received everything that it may have wanted or
20 desired. The Stipulation strikes a reasonable balance that benefits customers and the
21 public interest.

B. The Stipulation Benefits the Public Interest

Q. Turning to the second criterion or principle, does the Stipulation benefit customers and the public interest?

A. Yes. As discussed in more detail below, the principal benefits of the Stipulation to DP&L's customers and the public interest are that the Stipulation will: (1) enable DP&L to continue to provide safe and reliable service by promoting its financial condition by implementing just and reasonable rates, which will support DP&L's ability to meet and maintain operational needs; (2) facilitate incremental distribution system investments; (3) improve reliability by authorizing a deferral for future recovery of certain annual expenses for vegetation management; (4) begin to implement the lowered federal income tax rate of the TCJA and establish a framework for returning benefits resulting from the TCJA to customers; (5) institute a new decoupling mechanism; (6) establish a rate of return that incorporates a return on equity below the mid-point of the range proposed in the Staff Report and a cost of debt lower than what was requested by the Company and recommended in the Staff Report; (7) provide direct benefits to members of a state-wide organization representing local hospitals; (8) commit to develop innovative electric vehicle charging infrastructure and a non-wires pilot program; and (9) avoid further costs of litigation.

Q. How does the Stipulation allow DP&L to continue to provide safe and reliable service?

1 A. The Stipulation enables DP&L to continue to provide safe and reliable service in
2 several ways.

3 First, the Stipulation allows DP&L to recover just and reasonable rates based on a Test
4 Year of June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 and Date Certain of September 30, 2015.
5 DP&L's current base distribution rates are no longer sufficient to yield reasonable
6 compensation for the electric distribution service that DP&L renders and are no longer
7 just and reasonable. DP&L's base distribution rates have not increased in more than
8 27 years. The rates proposed in the Stipulation promote DP&L's financial condition
9 and, thus, its ability to provide safe and reliable service. The Stipulated Revenue
10 Requirement is reflected in Stipulated Schedule A-1, which is attached to the
11 Stipulation as Exhibit 1.

12 Second, by populating the DIR, the Stipulation enables DP&L to recover incremental
13 distribution capital investments recorded in FERC Plant Accounts 360-374, and
14 address certain known threats to the reliability of DP&L's distribution system. The
15 methodology for populating the initial DIR is attached to the Stipulation as Exhibit 3.
16 To ensure that the DIR expenditures will improve reliability, DP&L has committed to
17 share its annual plan with Staff and OCC.

18 Third, the Stipulation allows DP&L to defer for future recovery costs of vegetation
19 management expenses incremental to a baseline, subject to an annual cap of \$4.6
20 million, the need for which is shown in the Supplemental Direct Testimony of Barry J.
21 Bentley.

1 **Q. Can you explain the benefits of the Stipulation relating to the TCJA?**

2 A. Yes. The Stipulation recommends a Stipulated Revenue Requirement that
3 incorporates necessary adjustments to implement the TCJA, which lowered the federal
4 corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, with regard to DP&L's federal income
5 tax expense and gross revenue conversion factor. The Stipulation also recommends
6 that DP&L commence a proceeding not later than March 1, 2019 to return to
7 customers the distribution-related, eligible excess ADIT resulting from the TCJA and
8 the full balance of the regulatory liability ordered by the Commission effective
9 January 1, 2018 in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI.

10 DP&L has agreed to return to customers distribution-related, eligible unprotected
11 excess ADIT and the full balance of the regulatory liability ordered by the
12 Commission effective January 1, 2018 in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI over an
13 amortization period no greater than 10 years. It further has agreed to provide to
14 customers no less than \$4.0 million per year of that combined amount for the first five
15 years of that amortization period unless that combined amount is fully returned within
16 that first five years. The distribution-related protected excess ADIT will be returned
17 to customers in accordance with Federal law.

18 By agreeing to waive numerous legal arguments and committing to commence a
19 proceeding to return to customers all excess ADIT resulting from the TCJA and the
20 full balance of the regulatory liability ordered by the Commission effective January 1,
21 2018 in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI, DP&L's customers likely will begin to receive those

1 benefits more quickly than if DP&L had waited for the Commission to decide the
2 treatment of those issues as part of Case No. 18-47-AU-COI or some other
3 proceeding. Further, intervening parties are spared the costs associated with
4 protracted legal proceedings.

5 **Q. Can you explain the benefits of the Stipulation's recommendations relating to the**
6 **Distribution Decoupling Rider?**

7 A. Yes. Pursuant to the Commission's Opinion and Order in Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO,
8 the Stipulation recommends a methodology for revenue decoupling that shifts DP&L
9 away from a lost distribution revenues mechanism to a more holistic decoupling
10 mechanism. The purpose of decoupling is to separate a utility's revenue from
11 customer usage, so that it can recover the fixed costs of infrastructure, which do not
12 vary based on customer usage. The methodology proposed in the Stipulation
13 recognizes that reductions in base distribution revenues can be caused by decreases in
14 kWh sales due to energy efficiency savings that result from DP&L's approved energy
15 efficiency programs, but also weather, economic upswings and downturns, and
16 improvements in technology. The methodology also incorporates a revenue-per-
17 customer component calculated as shown in Exhibit 4 to the Stipulation. The
18 stipulated decoupling mechanism incentivizes DP&L to provide and encourage usage
19 management tools, such as energy efficiency programs, for the benefit of its customers
20 while also reducing the need for frequent costly rate cases. It also creates stability for
21 both the Company and customers by requiring a rate or credit to customers based upon
22 the decoupling calculation.

1 **Q. How does the Stipulation address DP&L's rate of return?**

2 A. The Stipulation recommends a Stipulated Rate of Return of 7.27%, which incorporates
3 a return on equity of 9.999% and a cost of debt of 4.8%. This return on equity is
4 lower than the 10.5% proposed by DP&L in its Application in this proceeding, and
5 also is lower than the mid-point of the 9.59% to 10.61% range recommended in the
6 Staff Report. In addition, the cost of debt is lower than the 5.29% cost of debt
7 contained in both DP&L's Application and the Staff Report. DP&L's customers will
8 benefit directly from this lower rate of return through a lower Stipulated Revenue
9 Requirement.

10 **Q. How does the Stipulation address DP&L's customer charge for residential**
11 **customers?**

12 A. The Stipulation recommends a \$7.00 customer charge for DP&L's residential
13 customers, which is lower than both the \$13.73 customer charge recommended in
14 DP&L's Application and the \$7.88 customer charge recommended in the Staff Report.
15 By recommending a lower customer charge, the Stipulation may provide a greater
16 financial incentive for energy conservation. Additionally, this change incorporates
17 gradualism in ratemaking by having a minimal change to the rate structure. It further
18 moderates bill impacts for very low-usage residential customers.

19 **Q. Are there other commitments that will benefit customers in the region?**

20 A. Yes. In the Stipulation, DP&L has agreed to waive the Contract Capacity Charge
21 related to Redundant Service (which is also known as "alternate feed service") for

1 hospital customers until a final order is issued in DP&L's next base distribution rate
2 case, thereby allowing customers who serve the public interest to benefit from reduced
3 rates for redundant services. In addition, the Stipulation provides a process for
4 collaboration among DP&L, Staff, various environmental parties, and other interested
5 stakeholders regarding the deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and a
6 non-wires alternative pilot program. The Stipulation promotes the availability of its
7 distribution system to customer-generators by funding with shareholder dollars a
8 distribution interconnect feasibility study for a low-income community of Dayton.
9 Finally the Stipulation avoids the necessity of a fully-litigated proceeding, thus saving
10 time, energy, and resources of the Commission and its Staff, DP&L, and the
11 intervening parties.

12 **Q. Can you describe the rate impacts that the Stipulation will have on DP&L's**
13 **customers, as compared to DP&L's current rates?**

14 **A.** Yes. A rate and revenue summary is provided as Exhibit 5 to the Stipulation. In
15 addition, DP&L's typical rate impact analysis is attached as Exhibit A to my
16 testimony. That analysis shows that a typical residential customer in the DP&L
17 service territory, using 1,000 kWh on the Company's standard service offer, can
18 expect a monthly bill increase of \$2.64 per month, representing a 2.47% increase.
19 Even with this change, DP&L's residential customers will continue to pay the lowest
20 rates for electric distribution service in Ohio.

1 **Q. Does the Stipulation represent a compromise from DP&L's filed application that**
2 **benefits the public interest?**

3 **A. Yes. Various interests were addressed as part of the negotiations. In addition to the**
4 **many commitments described above, other DP&L compromises in this Stipulation**
5 **include:**

- 6 1. DP&L's as-filed Application supported a \$65.8 million increase in its
7 revenue requirement. DP&L agreed instead to a \$29.8 million increase
8 in its revenue requirement.
- 9 2. DP&L's as-filed Application supported a \$13.73 customer charge.
10 DP&L agreed instead to collect a customer charge of \$7.00.
- 11 2. DP&L initially objected to various aspects of the plant-in-service
12 findings and recommendations in the Staff Report. DP&L agreed to
13 accept those findings and recommendations in the Stipulation.
- 14 3. DP&L agreed to begin implementing the TCJA in this proceeding.
- 15 4. DP&L agreed to a framework for returning to customers excess ADIT
16 resulting from the TCJA and the full balance of the regulatory liability
17 ordered by the Commission effective January 1, 2018 in Case No. 18-
18 47-AU-COI, even though Case No. 18-47-AU-COI has not yet been
19 resolved by the Commission.
- 20 4. DP&L proposed a DIR without annual caps, without a penalty for
21 failing to meet reliability standards, and calculated at then-existing tax
22 rates, and agreed instead to annual caps for the DIR, a \$2.0 million
23 reduction in the annual cap for the DIR for failure to meet certain
24 reliability standards, and the use of tax rates enacted as part of the
25 TCJA to calculate it.
- 26 5. DP&L supported the annual recovery of \$11.2 million in vegetation
27 management expenses in addition to the recommended allowance for
28 those expenses in the Staff Report. DP&L agreed instead to a deferral
29 for future recovery of such expenses incremental to a baseline, subject
30 to a \$4.6 million annual cap. As set forth in the Supplemental Direct
31 Testimony of Barry J. Bentley, this is necessary to allow DP&L to
32 continue to provide safe and reliable service.

- 1 6. DP&L agreed to accept numerous disallowances recommended in the
2 Staff Report and the Stipulation, totaling an approximately \$35 million
3 reduction of the revenue requirement proposed in DP&L's Application.

4 **C. The Stipulation Does Not Violate Any Important**
5 **Regulatory Principle or Practice**

6 **Q. With respect to the third criterion or principle, does the Stipulation violate any**
7 **important regulatory principle or practice?**

8 A. No. The Stipulation does not violate any important regulatory principle or practice.
9 On the contrary, it encourages compromise as an alternative to litigation and allows
10 DP&L to recover just and reasonable rates as provided in Ohio Rev. Code § 4909.18.
11 The Stipulation promotes DP&L's financial condition and its ability to provide safe
12 and reliable service to its customers.

13 **Q. Does the Stipulation advance any other state policies?**

14 A. Yes. In addition to allowing DP&L to recover just and reasonable rates, the
15 Stipulation advances several policies described in Ohio Revised Code 4928.02,
16 including but not limited to:

17 "(A) Ensure the availability to consumers of adequate, reliable, safe, efficient,
18 nondiscriminatory, and reasonably priced retail electric service;

19 ...

20 (F) Ensure that an electric utility's transmission and distribution systems are
21 available to a customer-generator or owner of distributed generation, so that
22 the customer-generator or owner can market and deliver the electricity it
23 produces;

24 ...

1 (L) Protect at-risk populations, including, but not limited to, when considering
2 the implementation of any new advanced energy or renewable energy resource;
3 [and]

4 . . .

5 (N) Facilitate the state's effectiveness in the global economy."

6 For example, the Stipulation makes safe and reliable electric distribution service
7 available to customers by enabling DP&L to recover just and reasonable rates and to
8 make necessary incremental distribution capital investments and then recover those
9 investments through the DIR. It also allows for vegetation management to be
10 conducted in a timely and efficient manner by allowing DP&L to defer for future
11 recovery such expenses incremental to those incurred during the Test Year.

12 In addition, the Stipulation promotes the availability of its distribution system to
13 customer-generators by funding with shareholder dollars a distribution interconnect
14 feasibility study for the solar farm in the Edgemont community of Dayton.

15 The Stipulation further protects at-risk populations through a reduced customer
16 charge. It also waives the Contract Capacity Charge related to Redundant Service for
17 local hospitals in DP&L's service territory.

18 Finally, the Stipulation facilitates the state's effectiveness in the global economy by
19 recommending a Stipulated Revenue Requirement that (a) is significantly less than
20 what DP&L proposed in its initial Application, (b) promotes DP&L's financial
21 condition and, thus, its ability to provide safe and reliable service, and (c) begins to
22 implement the TCJA and the attendant reduction in both base distribution rates and the
23 DIR.

1 **IV. CONCLUSION**

2 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony in support of the Stipulation?**

3 **A. Yes, it does.**

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Typical Bill Comparison
Residential

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Work Paper Reference No(s): None

Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Demand (kW)	Level of Usage (kWh)	Current Bill (January 1, 2018)	Base Distribution Increase / (Decrease)	Decoupling Rider Increase / (Decrease)	Distribution Investment Rider	Current Total Bill Increase / (Decrease)	Proposed Total Bill	% Change	Current Bill at time of DRG Filing
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I) = Sum (F) to (H)	(J) = (E) + (I)	(K) = (I) / (E)	(L)
1	RNH	0.0	50	\$9.97	\$2.79	(\$0.12)	\$0.41	\$3.08	\$13.05	30.89%	\$13.29
2		0.0	100	\$15.18	\$2.82	(\$0.24)	\$0.47	\$3.05	\$18.23	20.09%	\$19.62
3		0.0	200	\$25.53	\$2.89	(\$0.47)	\$0.58	\$3.00	\$28.53	11.75%	\$32.27
4		0.0	400	\$46.29	\$3.04	(\$0.84)	\$0.82	\$2.92	\$49.21	6.31%	\$57.50
5		0.0	500	\$56.67	\$3.11	(\$1.18)	\$0.94	\$2.87	\$59.54	5.06%	\$70.17
6		0.0	750	\$82.59	\$3.29	(\$1.76)	\$1.23	\$2.76	\$85.35	3.34%	\$101.76
7		0.0	1,000	\$106.79	\$3.47	(\$2.35)	\$1.52	\$2.64	\$109.43	2.47%	\$129.98
8		0.0	1,200	\$126.15	\$3.61	(\$2.82)	\$1.75	\$2.54	\$128.69	2.01%	\$152.53
9		0.0	1,400	\$145.52	\$3.75	(\$3.29)	\$1.99	\$2.45	\$147.97	1.69%	\$175.10
10		0.0	1,500	\$155.21	\$3.82	(\$3.53)	\$2.10	\$2.39	\$157.60	1.54%	\$186.40
11		0.0	2,000	\$203.61	\$4.18	(\$4.70)	\$2.69	\$2.17	\$205.78	1.07%	\$242.82
12		0.0	2,500	\$251.77	\$4.54	(\$5.88)	\$3.27	\$1.93	\$253.70	0.77%	\$299.03
13		0.0	3,000	\$299.93	\$4.90	(\$7.05)	\$3.86	\$1.71	\$301.64	0.57%	\$355.23
14		0.0	4,000	\$396.27	\$5.61	(\$9.40)	\$5.03	\$1.24	\$397.51	0.31%	\$487.59
15		0.0	5,000	\$492.62	\$6.33	(\$11.76)	\$6.19	\$0.76	\$493.38	0.15%	\$580.02
16		0.0	7,500	\$733.50	\$8.12	(\$17.63)	\$9.12	(\$0.39)	\$733.11	-0.05%	\$881.03

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Typical Bill Comparison
Residential Heating (Winter)

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Work Paper Reference No(s): None

Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Demand (kW)	Level of Usage (kWh)	Current Bill (January 1, 2018) (E)	Base Distribution Increase / (Decrease) (F)	Decoupling Rider Increase / (Decrease) (G)	Distribution Investment Rider (H)	Current Total Bill Increase / (Decrease) (I) = Sum (F) to (H)	Proposed Total Bill (J) = (E) + (I)	% Change (K) = (I / (E))	Current Bill at time of DRC Filing (L)
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)
1	RH-W	0.0	50	\$9.97	\$2.79	(\$0.12)	\$0.41	\$3.08	\$13.05	30.89%	\$13.29
2		0.0	100	\$15.18	\$2.82	(\$0.24)	\$0.47	\$3.05	\$18.23	20.09%	\$19.62
3		0.0	200	\$25.53	\$2.89	(\$0.47)	\$0.58	\$3.00	\$28.53	11.75%	\$32.27
4		0.0	400	\$46.29	\$3.04	(\$0.94)	\$0.82	\$2.92	\$49.21	6.31%	\$57.50
5		0.0	500	\$66.67	\$3.11	(\$1.18)	\$0.94	\$2.87	\$69.54	5.06%	\$70.17
6		0.0	750	\$82.59	\$3.29	(\$1.76)	\$1.23	\$2.76	\$85.35	3.34%	\$101.76
7		0.0	1,000	\$103.07	\$3.47	(\$2.35)	\$1.52	\$2.64	\$105.71	2.56%	\$123.98
8		0.0	1,200	\$119.44	\$3.61	(\$2.82)	\$1.75	\$2.54	\$121.98	2.13%	\$141.73
9		0.0	1,400	\$135.84	\$3.75	(\$3.29)	\$1.99	\$2.45	\$138.29	1.80%	\$159.52
10		0.0	1,500	\$144.04	\$3.82	(\$3.53)	\$2.10	\$2.39	\$146.43	1.66%	\$168.41
11		0.0	2,000	\$184.98	\$4.18	(\$4.70)	\$2.69	\$2.17	\$187.15	1.17%	\$212.84
12		0.0	2,500	\$225.71	\$4.54	(\$5.88)	\$3.27	\$1.93	\$227.64	0.86%	\$257.04
13		0.0	3,000	\$266.41	\$4.90	(\$7.05)	\$3.86	\$1.71	\$268.12	0.64%	\$301.26
14		0.0	4,000	\$347.86	\$5.61	(\$9.40)	\$5.03	\$1.24	\$349.10	0.36%	\$389.64
15		0.0	5,000	\$429.31	\$6.33	(\$11.76)	\$6.19	\$0.76	\$430.07	0.18%	\$478.06
16		0.0	7,500	\$632.94	\$8.12	(\$17.63)	\$8.12	(\$0.39)	\$632.55	-0.06%	\$699.09

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Typical Bill Comparison
Residential Heating (Summer)

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Work Paper Reference No(s): None

Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Demand (kW)	Level of Usage (kWh)	Current Bill (January 1, 2018) (E)	Base Distribution Increase / (Decrease) (F)	Decoupling Rider Increase / (Decrease) (G)	Distribution Investment Rider (H)	Current Total Bill Increase / (Decrease) (I) = Sum (F) to (H)	Proposed Total Bill (J) = (E) + (I)	% Change (K) = (I / (E))	Current Bill at time of DRC Filing (L)
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)
1	RH-S	0.0	50	\$9.97	\$2.79	(\$0.12)	\$0.41	\$3.08	\$13.05	30.89%	\$13.29
2		0.0	100	\$15.16	\$2.82	(\$0.24)	\$0.47	\$3.05	\$18.23	20.09%	\$18.62
3		0.0	200	\$25.53	\$2.89	(\$0.47)	\$0.58	\$3.00	\$28.53	11.75%	\$28.27
4		0.0	400	\$46.29	\$3.04	(\$0.94)	\$0.82	\$2.92	\$49.21	6.31%	\$47.50
5		0.0	500	\$56.67	\$3.11	(\$1.18)	\$0.94	\$2.87	\$59.54	5.06%	\$57.17
6		0.0	750	\$82.59	\$3.29	(\$1.76)	\$1.23	\$2.76	\$85.35	3.34%	\$81.76
7		0.0	1,000	\$106.79	\$3.47	(\$2.35)	\$1.52	\$2.64	\$109.43	2.47%	\$109.98
8		0.0	1,200	\$126.15	\$3.61	(\$2.82)	\$1.75	\$2.54	\$128.89	2.01%	\$129.53
9		0.0	1,400	\$145.52	\$3.75	(\$3.29)	\$1.99	\$2.45	\$147.97	1.68%	\$149.10
10		0.0	1,500	\$155.21	\$3.82	(\$3.53)	\$2.10	\$2.39	\$157.60	1.54%	\$159.40
11		0.0	2,000	\$203.61	\$4.18	(\$4.70)	\$2.69	\$2.17	\$205.78	1.07%	\$207.82
12		0.0	2,500	\$251.77	\$4.54	(\$5.88)	\$3.27	\$1.93	\$253.70	0.77%	\$256.03
13		0.0	3,000	\$298.93	\$4.90	(\$7.05)	\$3.86	\$1.71	\$301.64	0.57%	\$304.23
14		0.0	4,000	\$396.27	\$5.61	(\$9.40)	\$5.03	\$1.24	\$397.51	0.31%	\$400.59
15		0.0	5,000	\$492.62	\$6.33	(\$11.76)	\$6.19	\$0.76	\$493.38	0.15%	\$496.02
16		0.0	7,500	\$733.50	\$8.12	(\$17.63)	\$9.12	(\$0.39)	\$733.11	-0.05%	\$736.03

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Typical Bill Comparison
Secondary Unmetered

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Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Demand (kW)	Level of Usage (kWh)	Current Bill (January 1, 2018)	Base Distribution Increase / (Decrease)	Decoupling Rider Increase / (Decrease)	Distribution Investment Rider	Current Total Bill Increase / (Decrease)	Proposed Total Bill	% Change	Current Bill at time of DRC Filing
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I) = Sum (F) to (H)	(J) = (I) + (I)	(K) = (I) / (E)	(L)
1	UM-SEC	5.0	50	\$13.90	\$25.15	(\$0.02)	\$0.71	\$25.84	\$39.74	185.90%	\$23.21
2		5.0	100	\$19.09	\$24.52	(\$0.03)	\$0.71	\$25.20	\$44.29	132.01%	\$29.36
3		5.0	150	\$24.29	\$23.90	(\$0.05)	\$0.71	\$24.56	\$48.85	101.11%	\$35.48
4		5.0	200	\$29.49	\$23.27	(\$0.06)	\$0.71	\$23.92	\$53.41	81.11%	\$41.64
5		5.0	300	\$39.89	\$22.03	(\$0.10)	\$0.71	\$22.64	\$62.53	56.76%	\$53.89
6		5.0	400	\$50.30	\$20.78	(\$0.13)	\$0.71	\$21.36	\$71.68	42.47%	\$66.16
7		5.0	500	\$60.69	\$18.53	(\$0.16)	\$0.71	\$20.08	\$80.77	33.09%	\$78.44
8		5.0	600	\$71.08	\$18.28	(\$0.19)	\$0.71	\$18.80	\$89.88	26.45%	\$90.69
9		5.0	800	\$91.88	\$15.79	(\$0.26)	\$0.71	\$16.24	\$108.12	17.68%	\$115.21
10		5.0	1,000	\$112.67	\$13.29	(\$0.32)	\$0.71	\$13.68	\$126.35	12.14%	\$139.75
11		5.0	1,200	\$133.48	\$10.79	(\$0.38)	\$0.71	\$11.12	\$144.60	8.33%	\$164.31
12		5.0	1,400	\$154.26	\$8.30	(\$0.45)	\$0.71	\$8.56	\$162.82	5.55%	\$188.82
13		5.0	1,600	\$170.26	\$7.05	(\$0.51)	\$0.71	\$7.25	\$177.51	4.26%	\$207.07
14		5.0	2,000	\$192.72	\$7.05	(\$0.64)	\$0.71	\$7.12	\$199.84	3.69%	\$230.84
15		5.0	2,200	\$203.85	\$7.05	(\$0.70)	\$0.71	\$7.06	\$210.91	3.46%	\$242.64
16		5.0	2,400	\$214.98	\$7.05	(\$0.77)	\$0.71	\$6.99	\$221.97	3.25%	\$254.43

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Typical Bill Comparison
Secondary Single Phase

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Work Paper Reference No(s): None

Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Demand (kW)	Level of Usage (kWh)	Current Bill (January 1, 2018) (E)	Base Distribution Increase / (Decrease) (F)	Decoupling Rider Increase / (Decrease) (G)	Distribution Investment Rider (H)	Current Total Bill Increase / (Decrease) (I) = Sum (F) to (H)	Proposed Total Bill (J) = (E) + (I)	% Change (K) = (I / (E))	Current Bill at time of DRC Filing (L)
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)
1	1PSEC	5	750	\$88.67	\$17.00	(\$0.24)	\$1.76	\$18.52	\$107.19	20.89%	\$111.09
2		5	1,500	\$166.66	\$7.64	(\$0.48)	\$1.76	\$8.92	\$175.58	5.35%	\$203.11
3		10	1,500	\$190.02	\$6.43	(\$0.48)	\$2.87	\$8.62	\$198.64	4.54%	\$272.77
4		25	5,000	\$478.56	\$2.82	(\$1.60)	\$5.42	\$6.84	\$485.20	1.39%	\$688.45
5		25	7,500	\$617.64	\$2.82	(\$2.39)	\$5.42	\$5.85	\$623.49	0.95%	\$835.96
6		25	10,000	\$756.72	\$2.82	(\$3.19)	\$5.42	\$5.05	\$761.77	0.67%	\$983.43
7		50	15,000	\$1,181.08	(\$3.21)	(\$4.79)	\$10.00	\$2.00	\$1,183.08	0.17%	\$1,626.72
8		50	25,000	\$1,731.81	(\$3.21)	(\$7.99)	\$10.00	(\$1.19)	\$1,730.62	-0.07%	\$2,211.08
9		200	50,000	\$3,985.85	(\$39.37)	(\$15.97)	\$37.50	(\$17.84)	\$3,968.01	-0.45%	\$5,781.85
10		200	100,000	\$8,739.46	(\$39.37)	(\$31.93)	\$37.50	(\$33.80)	\$8,705.68	-0.50%	\$9,683.62
11		300	125,000	\$8,701.08	(\$39.48)	(\$39.91)	\$55.83	(\$47.56)	\$8,653.52	-0.55%	\$11,537.76
12		500	200,000	\$13,745.31	(\$111.70)	(\$63.86)	\$92.48	(\$83.08)	\$13,662.23	-0.60%	\$18,321.12
13		1,000	300,000	\$21,835.50	(\$232.24)	(\$95.79)	\$184.13	(\$143.90)	\$21,691.60	-0.66%	\$30,616.51
14		1,000	500,000	\$32,167.78	(\$232.24)	(\$159.65)	\$184.13	(\$207.76)	\$31,960.02	-0.65%	\$41,274.81
15		2,500	750,000	\$53,855.29	(\$593.86)	(\$239.48)	\$459.06	(\$374.30)	\$53,480.98	-0.70%	\$75,496.48
16		2,500	1,000,000	\$86,770.63	(\$593.86)	(\$319.30)	\$459.06	(\$454.12)	\$86,316.51	-0.68%	\$88,531.63

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Typical Bill Comparison
Secondary Three Phase

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Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Demand (kW)	Level of Usage (kWh)	Current Bill (January 1, 2018) (E)	Base Distribution Increase / (Decrease) (F)	Decoupling Rider Increase / (Decrease) (G)	Distribution Investment Rider (H)	Current Total Bill Increase / (Decrease) (I) = Sum (F) to (H)	Proposed Total Bill (J) = (E) + (I)	% Change (K) = (J / (E))	Current Bill at time of DRC Filing (L)
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)
1	3PSEC	5	500	\$70.02	\$21.81	(\$0.16)	\$2.21	\$23.86	\$93.88	34.08%	\$87.77
2		5	1,500	\$174.00	\$9.33	(\$0.48)	\$2.21	\$11.06	\$185.06	6.36%	\$210.45
3		10	1,500	\$197.36	\$8.13	(\$0.48)	\$3.12	\$10.77	\$208.13	5.46%	\$280.11
4		25	5,000	\$485.90	\$4.51	(\$1.60)	\$5.87	\$8.78	\$494.68	1.81%	\$695.79
5		25	7,500	\$624.98	\$4.51	(\$2.39)	\$5.87	\$7.98	\$632.97	1.28%	\$843.30
6		25	10,000	\$764.06	\$4.51	(\$3.19)	\$5.87	\$7.19	\$771.25	0.94%	\$980.77
7		50	25,000	\$1,739.15	(\$1.52)	(\$7.98)	\$10.46	\$0.96	\$1,740.11	0.06%	\$2,218.42
8		200	50,000	\$3,993.19	(\$37.68)	(\$15.97)	\$37.95	(\$15.70)	\$3,977.49	-0.39%	\$5,769.19
9		200	125,000	\$8,123.62	(\$37.68)	(\$39.91)	\$37.95	(\$39.64)	\$8,083.98	-0.49%	\$10,151.85
10		500	200,000	\$13,752.65	(\$110.01)	(\$63.86)	\$92.94	(\$80.93)	\$13,671.72	-0.59%	\$18,328.46
11		1,000	300,000	\$21,842.84	(\$230.55)	(\$95.79)	\$184.58	(\$141.76)	\$21,701.08	-0.65%	\$30,623.85
12		1,000	500,000	\$32,175.12	(\$230.55)	(\$159.65)	\$184.58	(\$205.62)	\$31,969.50	-0.64%	\$41,282.15
13		2,500	750,000	\$53,862.63	(\$592.18)	(\$239.48)	\$459.51	(\$372.16)	\$53,490.48	-0.68%	\$75,503.82
14		2,500	1,000,000	\$66,777.97	(\$592.18)	(\$319.30)	\$459.51	(\$451.97)	\$66,326.00	-0.68%	\$88,538.97
15		5,000	1,500,000	\$107,228.91	(\$1,194.91)	(\$478.95)	\$917.73	(\$756.13)	\$106,472.78	-0.71%	\$149,154.59
16		5,000	2,000,000	\$133,059.61	(\$1,194.91)	(\$638.60)	\$917.73	(\$915.78)	\$132,143.83	-0.69%	\$174,938.94

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Primary Service

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Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Demand (kW)	Level of Usage (kWh)	Current Bill (January 1, 2018)	Base Distribution Increase / (Decrease)	Decoupling Rider Increase / (Decrease)	Distribution Investment Rider	Current Total Bill Increase / (Decrease)	Proposed Total Bill	% Change	Current Bill at time of QRC Filing
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I) = Sum (F) to (H)	(J) = (E) + (I)	(K) = (I) / (E)	(L)
1	PRI	5	1,000	\$179.22	\$149.76	(\$0.23)	\$12.73	\$162.26	\$341.48	90.54%	\$225.82
2		5	2,500	\$265.32	\$149.76	(\$0.57)	\$12.73	\$161.92	\$427.24	61.03%	\$307.73
3		10	5,000	\$432.88	\$152.39	(\$1.13)	\$13.32	\$164.58	\$597.26	36.04%	\$509.12
4		25	7,500	\$649.33	\$180.37	(\$1.70)	\$15.11	\$173.78	\$823.11	26.76%	\$841.87
5		25	10,000	\$792.07	\$180.37	(\$2.27)	\$15.11	\$173.21	\$965.28	21.87%	\$977.61
6		50	20,000	\$1,483.39	\$173.62	(\$4.53)	\$18.08	\$187.17	\$1,670.56	12.62%	\$1,846.07
7		50	30,000	\$2,048.73	\$173.62	(\$8.80)	\$18.08	\$184.90	\$2,233.63	9.03%	\$2,383.48
8		200	50,000	\$3,918.53	\$253.20	(\$11.34)	\$35.90	\$277.78	\$4,196.29	7.09%	\$5,427.90
9		200	75,000	\$5,331.88	\$253.20	(\$17.00)	\$35.90	\$272.10	\$5,603.98	5.10%	\$6,771.40
10		200	100,000	\$6,745.22	\$253.20	(\$22.67)	\$35.90	\$266.43	\$7,011.65	3.95%	\$8,114.89
11		500	250,000	\$16,703.54	\$412.30	(\$56.68)	\$71.56	\$427.17	\$17,130.71	2.56%	\$20,115.13
12		1,000	500,000	\$33,300.67	\$677.40	(\$113.35)	\$130.96	\$695.01	\$33,995.68	2.09%	\$40,115.42
13		2,500	1,000,000	\$68,958.63	\$1,472.86	(\$226.70)	\$309.19	\$1,555.35	\$70,513.98	2.26%	\$86,393.72
14		5,000	2,500,000	\$166,077.94	\$2,798.60	(\$566.75)	\$606.25	\$2,838.10	\$168,916.04	1.71%	\$197,246.26
15		10,000	5,000,000	\$332,049.54	\$5,450.08	(\$1,133.50)	\$1,200.36	\$5,516.94	\$337,566.48	1.66%	\$392,942.68
16		25,000	7,500,000	\$547,293.85	\$13,404.60	(\$1,700.25)	\$2,982.71	\$14,687.06	\$561,980.91	2.69%	\$719,945.01
17		25,000	10,000,000	\$688,829.10	\$13,404.60	(\$2,267.00)	\$2,982.71	\$14,120.31	\$702,749.41	2.05%	\$849,988.51
18		50,000	15,000,000	\$1,094,481.32	\$26,662.01	(\$3,400.50)	\$5,953.28	\$29,214.79	\$1,123,696.11	2.67%	\$1,438,340.18

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Primary Substation

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)
1	PRI-SUB	3,000	1,453	\$68,393.14	\$869.76	(\$200.60)	\$130.62	\$798.78	\$69,192.92	1.17%	\$89,251.78
2		5,000	2,422	\$132,547.75	\$1,253.94	(\$401.20)	\$202.21	\$1,054.95	\$133,602.70	0.80%	\$164,644.48
3		5,000	2,422	\$188,588.05	\$1,253.94	(\$501.80)	\$202.21	\$654.35	\$189,442.40	0.45%	\$215,568.68
4		10,000	4,843	\$284,914.14	\$2,214.42	(\$802.40)	\$381.19	\$1,793.21	\$286,707.35	0.68%	\$327,664.10
5		10,000	4,843	\$320,954.44	\$2,214.42	(\$1,003.00)	\$381.19	\$1,592.61	\$322,547.05	0.50%	\$378,588.30
6		15,000	7,265	\$387,280.54	\$3,174.89	(\$1,203.60)	\$560.18	\$2,531.47	\$389,812.01	0.64%	\$480,683.75
7		15,000	7,265	\$453,320.84	\$3,174.89	(\$1,404.20)	\$560.18	\$2,330.87	\$455,651.71	0.51%	\$541,607.95
8		15,000	7,265	\$509,361.14	\$3,174.89	(\$1,604.80)	\$560.18	\$2,130.27	\$511,491.41	0.42%	\$592,532.15
9		25,000	12,108	\$605,973.09	\$5,095.85	(\$1,805.40)	\$918.14	\$4,208.59	\$610,181.68	0.69%	\$785,798.85
10		25,000	12,108	\$662,013.39	\$5,095.85	(\$2,006.00)	\$918.14	\$4,007.99	\$666,021.38	0.61%	\$816,723.05
11		30,000	14,530	\$822,399.93	\$6,056.33	(\$2,507.50)	\$1,087.12	\$4,645.95	\$827,045.88	0.56%	\$1,005,204.78
12		30,000	14,530	\$962,500.68	\$6,056.33	(\$3,009.00)	\$1,087.12	\$4,144.45	\$966,645.13	0.43%	\$1,132,515.28
13		50,000	24,216	\$1,183,744.62	\$9,898.22	(\$3,510.50)	\$1,813.05	\$8,200.77	\$1,191,945.39	0.69%	\$1,504,510.75
14		50,000	24,216	\$1,323,845.37	\$9,898.22	(\$4,012.00)	\$1,813.05	\$7,699.27	\$1,331,544.64	0.58%	\$1,631,821.25
15		50,000	24,216	\$1,604,046.87	\$9,898.22	(\$5,015.00)	\$1,813.05	\$8,696.27	\$1,610,743.14	0.42%	\$1,886,442.25

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High Voltage Service

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I) = Sum (F) to (H)	(J) = (E) + (I)	(K) = (I / (E))	(L)
1	HV	1,000	500,000	\$31,663.17	\$854.11	(\$97.00)	\$56.34	\$813.45	\$32,476.62	2.57%	\$38,338.46
2		2,000	1,000,000	\$63,045.00	\$854.11	(\$194.00)	\$56.34	\$716.45	\$63,761.45	1.14%	\$76,098.47
3		3,000	1,500,000	\$94,426.87	\$854.11	(\$291.00)	\$56.34	\$618.45	\$95,046.32	0.66%	\$113,286.84
4		3,500	2,000,000	\$124,125.52	\$854.11	(\$388.00)	\$56.34	\$522.45	\$124,647.97	0.42%	\$144,392.15
5		5,000	2,500,000	\$157,190.51	\$854.11	(\$485.00)	\$56.34	\$425.45	\$157,615.96	0.27%	\$187,661.49
6		7,500	3,000,000	\$193,621.78	\$854.11	(\$582.00)	\$56.34	\$328.45	\$193,950.21	0.17%	\$243,094.79
7		7,500	4,000,000	\$249,652.86	\$854.11	(\$776.00)	\$56.34	\$134.45	\$249,787.31	0.06%	\$293,141.49
8		10,000	5,000,000	\$314,099.66	\$854.11	(\$970.00)	\$56.34	(\$59.55)	\$314,040.11	-0.02%	\$373,598.14
9		10,000	6,000,000	\$370,130.76	\$854.11	(\$1,164.00)	\$56.34	(\$253.55)	\$369,877.21	-0.07%	\$423,644.84
10		12,500	7,000,000	\$434,577.57	\$854.11	(\$1,358.00)	\$56.34	(\$447.55)	\$434,130.02	-0.10%	\$504,101.49
11		12,500	8,000,000	\$490,608.67	\$854.11	(\$1,552.00)	\$56.34	(\$641.55)	\$489,967.12	-0.13%	\$564,148.19
12		15,000	9,000,000	\$555,055.47	\$854.11	(\$1,746.00)	\$56.34	(\$835.55)	\$554,219.92	-0.15%	\$634,604.85
13		20,000	10,000,000	\$627,917.98	\$854.11	(\$1,940.00)	\$56.34	(\$1,029.55)	\$626,868.43	-0.16%	\$745,471.44
14		40,000	20,000,000	\$1,255,554.67	\$854.11	(\$3,880.00)	\$56.34	(\$2,969.55)	\$1,252,585.12	-0.24%	\$1,489,218.11
15		60,000	30,000,000	\$1,883,191.30	\$854.11	(\$5,820.00)	\$56.34	(\$4,909.55)	\$1,878,281.75	-0.26%	\$2,232,964.74

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Typical Bill Comparison
Private Outdoor Lighting

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1	POL	7000 Mercury	75	\$11.08	\$ 4.94	(\$0.07)	\$0.51	\$5.38	\$16.46	48.55%	\$10.91
3		21000 Mercury	154	\$22.55	\$ (0.57)	(\$0.15)	\$0.51	(\$0.21)	\$22.34	-0.93%	\$21.33
5		2500 Incandescent	64	\$9.50	\$ 5.71	(\$0.06)	\$0.51	\$6.16	\$15.66	64.80%	\$10.04
7		7000 Fluorescent	66	\$9.78	\$ 5.57	(\$0.06)	\$0.51	\$6.02	\$15.80	61.52%	\$11.07
9		4000 Mercury	43	\$6.45	\$ 7.17	(\$0.04)	\$0.51	\$7.64	\$14.09	118.46%	\$10.10
11		9500 High Pressure Sod.	39	\$8.67	\$ 4.64	(\$0.04)	\$0.51	\$5.11	\$13.78	58.99%	\$8.80
13		28000 High Pressure Sod.	96	\$13.22	\$ 4.37	(\$0.09)	\$0.51	\$4.79	\$18.01	36.26%	\$12.67

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Typical Bill Comparison
Street Lighting

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)
1	SL	0	50	\$7.70	\$6.73	(\$0.02)	\$0.47	\$7.18	\$14.88	93.25%	\$15.92
2		0	100	\$11.38	\$6.85	(\$0.03)	\$0.51	\$7.33	\$18.71	64.41%	\$19.44
3		0	200	\$18.74	\$7.11	(\$0.07)	\$0.58	\$7.62	\$26.36	40.66%	\$26.45
4		0	400	\$33.44	\$7.61	(\$0.13)	\$0.74	\$8.22	\$41.66	24.58%	\$40.47
5		0	500	\$40.81	\$7.86	(\$0.17)	\$0.81	\$8.50	\$49.31	20.83%	\$47.49
6		0	750	\$58.18	\$8.49	(\$0.25)	\$1.00	\$9.24	\$68.42	15.61%	\$65.02
7		0	1,000	\$77.57	\$9.13	(\$0.33)	\$1.19	\$9.98	\$87.56	12.88%	\$82.55
8		0	1,200	\$92.28	\$9.63	(\$0.40)	\$1.35	\$10.58	\$102.86	11.47%	\$96.56
9		0	1,400	\$106.98	\$10.14	(\$0.46)	\$1.50	\$11.18	\$118.16	10.45%	\$110.58
10		0	1,600	\$121.69	\$10.64	(\$0.53)	\$1.65	\$11.76	\$133.45	9.66%	\$124.61
11		0	2,000	\$161.10	\$11.65	(\$0.66)	\$1.96	\$12.95	\$164.05	8.57%	\$152.65
12		0	2,500	\$187.66	\$12.91	(\$0.83)	\$2.34	\$14.42	\$202.08	7.68%	\$187.50
13		0	3,000	\$224.19	\$14.18	(\$1.00)	\$2.72	\$15.90	\$240.09	7.09%	\$222.33
14		0	4,000	\$297.25	\$16.70	(\$1.33)	\$3.49	\$18.86	\$316.11	6.34%	\$291.95
15		0	5,000	\$370.33	\$19.23	(\$1.66)	\$4.25	\$21.82	\$392.15	5.89%	\$361.63

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SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF BARRY J. BENTLEY

- ☐ **MANAGEMENT POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND ORGANIZATION**
- ☐ **OPERATING INCOME**
- ☐ **RATE BASE**
- ☐ **ALLOCATIONS**
- ☐ **RATE OF RETURN**
- ☐ **RATES AND TARIFFS**
- ☐ **OTHER**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Barry J. Bentley. My business address is 1900 Dryden Road, Dayton, Ohio.

4 **Q. Did you previously file testimony in this case?**

5 A. Yes.

6 **Q. What is the purpose of this testimony?**

7 A. The purpose of this testimony is to support and explain The Dayton Power & Light
8 Company's objection to the Staff Report regarding the adjustment to the Maintenance of
9 Overhead lines expense and to address the material change in DP&L's tree trimming
10 costs that occurred after the test year. The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L"),
11 as well as utilities across the United States, has experienced a significant increase in tree
12 trimming costs, which has forced DP&L to reduce its planned tree trimming. The
13 reduction in trimming trees creates reliability risks for customers and safety risks for the
14 public and DP&L's employees. The Commission should thus allow DP&L to recover an
15 additional \$9,595,099 in operation and maintenance expense, compared to test year
16 expenses, and \$11,268,988 compared to Staff's recommended allowance to allow DP&L
17 to trim its trees on the five-year cycle that has been approved by the Commission.

18 **II. STAFF REPORT**

19 **Q. Did the PUCO Staff directly address DP&L's tree trimming costs?**

20 A. Yes. The Staff recommended a reduction to the expense for maintenance of overhead
21 lines in the amount of \$1,673,889. To reach this conclusion, Staff used a three-year

average of vegetation management expenses. Staff based its recommendation upon the belief that DP&L performs vegetation maintenance of overhead lines "in rural areas in some years, and urban environments in others."

Q. Do you agree with Staff's recommendation?

A. No. The explanation provided by Staff to support its recommendation is not consistent with the facts. DP&L performs tree trimming on metro, mixed, and rural circuits every year, including the test year, as part of its ongoing maintenance program. Staff's assertion to the contrary is simply not accurate. Employing a three-year average of vegetation management costs dilutes the test year amounts and is not consistent with the costs that DP&L faces as these costs have continued to rise over time. Contrary to Staff's assertion, as I describe below, DP&L's tree trimming cost have increased dramatically since the test year.

**III. DP&L'S TREE TRIMMING COSTS HAVE INCREASED
DRAMATICALLY SINCE THE TEST YEAR**

Q. Has there been a material change in DP&L's tree trimming costs since the test year in this case?

A. Yes. DP&L hires contractors to perform tree trimming, and DP&L's tree trimming costs for the test year were \$12,441,136. DP&L recently solicited bids for tree trimming work for the 2018 maintenance year and the sum of the lowest bids from contractors equaled over \$22 million. As shown in the table below, the bids received for the 2018 maintenance year are for a combination of metro (or urban), mixed, and rural circuits which had most recently been completed in 2013. As shown below, the cost for this

portion of DP&L's 5-year maintenance plan has risen by 80% since the time that the last bids were received, in 2013.

<u>Circuit Type</u>	<u>2013 Total Bid</u>	<u>2018 Total Bid</u>	<u>Increase (\$)</u>	<u>Increase (%)</u>
Metro	\$ 5,460,248.07	\$ 11,570,970.00	\$ 6,110,721.93	112%
Mixed	\$ 3,025,418.96	\$ 5,104,424.00	\$ 2,079,005.04	69%
Rural	<u>\$ 3,774,292.86</u>	<u>\$ 5,360,841.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,586,548.14</u>	<u>42%</u>
	\$ 12,259,959.89	\$ 22,036,235.00	\$ 9,776,275.11	80%

*Test Year total expense is \$12,441,136

Q. Do you know what is causing the significant increase in costs?

A. Yes. I understand that tree trimming contractors are having difficulty attracting and maintaining the labor necessary to perform the tree trimming. In order to attract and keep personnel who are capable of doing this work, the contractors have had to increase their wages significantly. In submitting their bids, all of the contractors have explained and justified their increase for this reason. There are various reasons that tree trimming contractors are having difficulty attracting and keeping labor, but one of the principal reasons is that the employees are taking higher paying jobs working in the fracking industry. (See attached letter from Dennis Brown, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Lewis Tree Service that we received in the ordinary course of business in response to the Company's request for a proposal). I am familiar with the labor market, and the factors identified by Mr. Brown are accurate.

Q. Is DP&L the only utility experiencing this problem?

A. No. Consistent with Mr. Brown's summary in his letter, I understand that utilities throughout the United States are experiencing similar issues.

Q. Can you describe DP&L's recent reliability performance?

1 A. Yes. While DP&L historically has met its reliability goals, DP&L's Rule 10 Report in
2 Case No. 18-0995-EL-ESS (page 2) reflects that DP&L was unable to achieve its
3 Customer Average Interruption Duration Index ("CAIDI") performance standard for
4 2017. This performance wasn't solely due to vegetation issues, but if DP&L is unable to
5 maintain its 5-year maintenance trimming cycle, then the Company will begin to see
6 upward pressure on DP&L's frequency of interruptions (SAIFI), which will also lead to
7 extended restoration periods when DP&L must respond to future outages. This increased
8 frequency of outage events and extended restoration will adversely affect customer
9 satisfaction and reliability of DP&L's service.

10 **Q. Can you describe DP&L's typical tree trimming schedule?**

11 A. Yes. As mentioned above, each year, including the test year, DP&L trims a combination
12 of metro, mixed, and rural circuits such that, absent the recent significant increase in
13 costs, all DP&L circuits would be trimmed over a five-year cycle. The Commission
14 approved that cycle in 2009 for implementation beginning in 2010.

15 **Q. Has the increase in tree trimming costs affected DP&L's ability to trim its trees on a**
16 **five-year cycle?**

17 A. Yes. As a result of the significant increase in costs and DP&L's financial condition,
18 starting in 2017, DP&L reduced its tree-trimming schedule. Specifically, DP&L delayed
19 maintenance trimming on rural and mixed vegetation density circuits and will continue to
20 delay the trimming of these types of circuits if it is not able to recover the increased tree
21 trimming costs. These circuits currently have less vegetation risk but will present higher
22 reliability risk with continued deferral of the work. Given the substantial cost increases

1 for tree trimming, additional reductions on tree trimming scope will be necessary if
2 DP&L is not able to recover those increased tree trimming costs.

3 **Q. Will those reductions in tree trimming affect DP&L's ability to provide reliable**
4 **service to its customers?**

5 A. Yes. A leading cause of customer outages is vegetation, including vegetation that causes
6 downed power lines during storms. From 2002-2009 on average, DPL experienced 457
7 storm related outages (with the exception of Major Event Days ("MEDs")) which
8 interrupted service to 14,261 customers per year and caused 18,384,478 Customer
9 Minutes of Interruption (CMI). Subsequent to our 5-year cycle implementation, storm
10 outages were reduced by 67%, Customer Interruptions (CI) were reduced by 49% and
11 CMIs were reduced by 54% on average. Thus, it is important for customer reliability to
12 trim trees on a five-year cycle.

13 Further, as mentioned above, DP&L was not able to achieve its CAIDI goal for 2017.
14 The reduction in tree trimming will make it difficult for DP&L to achieve its reliability
15 targets in the future.

16 **Q. Will the reductions in tree trimming affect DP&L's ability to provide safe and**
17 **reliable service?**

18 A. Yes. Downed power lines and impacted facilities caused by vegetation can create a
19 safety risk to both the public and to the persons who work to repair those lines and
20 facilities. If DP&L is not able to perform needed vegetation management, then more
21 power lines and electrical distribution facilities will be impacted by trees, which will
22 cause an increase in downed power lines and corresponding power outages. That

1 increase in downed power lines will increase safety risks for those around and working
2 on the power lines and the corresponding power outages will lead to extended restoration
3 periods. The successful execution of DP&L's 5-year maintenance trimming cycle is
4 necessary to enable DP&L to provide safe and efficient service.

5 **Q. Could delay in recovery of escalating tree trimming costs cause an increase in**
6 **DP&L's long-term costs?**

7 A. Yes. Those delays will cause DP&L to spend more money on repairs. Storm restoration
8 costs are some of the highest costs that DP&L incurs. In cases of severe storm damage,
9 DP&L must mobilize off property or mutual aid crews, which can become extremely
10 expensive and difficult to mobilize in a timely manner. Thus, increased vegetation
11 management efforts reduce the risk of downed power lines and limit the amount of
12 resultant storm damage costs.

13 **Q. What is your recommendation in this case?**

14 A. I recommend that the PUCO reject the Staff recommended disallowance of \$1,673,889 in
15 overhead line maintenance. I further recommend that the Commission allow DP&L to
16 recover an additional \$9,595,099 in operation and maintenance expenses, compared to
17 the test year, associated with increased tree trimming expense so that DP&L can continue
18 to provide safe and reliable service.

19 **IV. CONCLUSION**

20 **Q. Does that conclude your supplemental direct testimony?**

21 A. Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Supplemental Direct Testimony of Barry J.

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TREE SERVICE

December 26, 2017

Mr. Mark Vest
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Mark,

Thank you for the conversation earlier this month and the opportunity to share my observations regarding the challenging labor market in the utility vegetation management industry. As Chief Operations Officer for Lewis Tree Service Inc., I have visibility to the markets in the East, South East, South Central and Midwest and wanted to start by saying that the challenges we discussed are not limited to the Mid-West or Central United States. I will do my best to capture what I believe some of the conditions are.

Let me start by defining the issue; currently there is not enough qualified labor in the utility vegetation management industry to effectively meet the increasing needs of electricity providers, resulting in rising costs to utilities as well as schedule completion shortfalls.

Below are some of the contributing factors to the resource struggle.

- As the economy improves, the labor that our industry used to attract can command similar or better earnings in far less demanding markets like, construction, manufacturing, hospitality, commodities transport, and agriculture.
- Tighter restrictions and scrutiny on immigration and the migrant workforce.
- Wages in the industry have been flat for years due to the economy and cost control pressures from customers.
- The potential employee base for the Utility Vegetation Management Industry is difficult to market to, making attraction challenging.
- The Utility Vegetation Management Industry has traditionally not provided geographic stability to employees. The existing competitive bid process and strategies that utilities use to go to market make it difficult for individuals to remain with their preferred employers.
- The industry safety and productivity expectations have reduced the number of employees in the industry. While unfavorable, neither contractor nor customer can compromise their positions in this area.
- During contract changes or major storm events, employees are enticed away from existing utilities and employers to pursue increased short term compensation. Another



- factor is the labor's understanding of their power in the "supply and demand" quotient. (little or no repercussions for abandoning current job)
- Failure of majority of customers to realize the value of the utility vegetation management worker and lack of willingness to elevate the craft workers stature.

I believe we are experiencing a market adjustment in relation to labor costs due to the supply and demand issues. The recent undocumented workforce penalties incurred by an industry provider has also created a gap in available labor. I believe that there are two strategies on the path to normalization. One is the short term strategy of increasing wages and providing competitive benefits, resulting in the retention of and attraction of labor. The next is the long term strategy of attracting, retaining and creating new labor feeder pools. This will require a combined effort between vegetation management providers, industry associations like the Utility Arborists Association and the Utilities that require the service. This labor needs to be recognized and treated as a group of professionals and not a commodity. Lewis Tree service is actively working on the long term strategy, through marketing, outreach, working with industry partners as well as listening to and understanding the employee voice so we can solve this challenge. We are always open to any suggestions or any partnering opportunities that present themselves.

Best Regards,
Dennis Brown

SVP/COO Lewis Tree Service Inc.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Riel

Richard Riel, 85, of West Liberty, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, in Mary Rutan Hospital.



He was born in Youngstown on June 8, 1930, the son of late Paul R. and Bertha Schmidt. On Dec. 11, 1933, he married the former Betty Mae Graetz in Youngstown and she preceded him in death June 2, 2007.

He is survived by his four children, Rick D. Riel, Mark T. Riel, Christy L. Slauhaug and Paul E. Riel; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He had worked as a sales representative and was a long-time member of Grace Chapel in West Liberty.

Pastors Jeff Mison and Russ Hamilton officiate a funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Grace Chapel, 500 Linden St., West Liberty, where visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 22, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday. Burial is in Fairview Cemetery, West Liberty, with military honors by the Logan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Chapel and to WEEC Christian Radio.

Arrangements were handled by Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, West Liberty, where condolences may be made at www.edfh.com.

Danny Allen Zimmer

Danny Allen Zimmer, 42, of Sidney, formerly of Lakewood, passed away Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, at his home.

He was born April 28, 1973, in Shelby, a son of William Michael Zimmer of Muhlenberg, Ohio, and Rita (Mitzi) Craft Catterton of Lakewood.

On Aug. 1, 2007, he married the former Azet Dress in Lakewood, and she survives, along with two children, Daniel Allen and Caleb Michael.

Wade Zimmer, a sister, Michelle (Jini) Humphrey of Lakewood; two brothers, David Wayne (Judy) Craft of Vanceburg, Ky., and Charles Edwin Newman Jr. of Lima; three nieces, Billie and Rita Boop and Brandi Overmyer; a nephew, Zachary Conterman; and Bud and Ivy Craft.

He was preceded in death by his aunt and second mother, Barbara Sue Craft; a brother, William Michael Zimmer; grandmother, Geneva Craft; and a niece, Tabby Zimmer.

Danny was a tattoo artist by trade and backyard mechanic by choice with his brother. He enjoyed both, but his great joy was his children and family.

Visitation is two hours prior to a funeral at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Shofstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St., Lakewood.

Memorial contributions may be given to his family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at shofstallfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

ELLIOTT, Dan A., 78, passed away Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus; arrangements pending. Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, Bellefontaine.

PALLBEARERS

Pallbearers for the funeral of Vivian Schrader were Shawn Schrader, Gary Schrader, Ty Schrader, Michael Hoffman, Brian Mitchell and Rob Price.

Funding

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A Planned Parenthood leader in Ohio has emphasized the organization's doors would remain open, but its community health programs would be cut. The group says programs targeted in the bill helped Planned Parenthood in the last year to provide more than 47,000 STD tests and 3,600 HIV tests to Ohioans, serve nearly 2,800 new or expectant mothers, and inform young people and women about healthy relationships.

Software

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Instead, the only person who knew the unlocking passcode for the phone is the dead gunman, Syed Farook, who worked as an inspector in the county's public health department.

The iPhone assigned to Farook also lacked a Touch ID feature, meaning the FBI cannot use the dead gunman's thumbprint to unlock it now.

The FBI found the phone in a car after the shooting.

A U.S. magistrate last week ordered Apple to provide the FBI with highly specialized software that could be loaded onto the work-issued iPhone 5C used by Farook. He died with his wife in a gun battle with police after killing 14 people in December.

The software would help the FBI hack into the phone by bypassing a security time delay and feature that erases all data after 10 consecutive, unsuccessful attempts to guess the unlocking passcode. This would allow the FBI to use technology to rapidly and repeatedly test numbers in what's known as a brute force attack.

FUNERALS

HOUGHINS, P. Frances -- Visitation, two hours prior to funeral, 2 p.m. today, Feb. 22, Shofstall Funeral Home North Chapel, 115 N. Main St., Lakewood.

Kasich's actions betray thousands of Ohioans who rely on the agency's work, said Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Amelia Haynes.

"Gov. Kasich should be ashamed for claiming he is invested in the fight against infant mortality while simultaneously defunding one of the best programs in the state for young mothers and their children," she said.

Ohio Democratic Party chairwoman David Pepper said Kasich has aligned himself with Tea

Party conservatives over the wishes of most state residents. Joe Schiavoni, the state Senate's top-ranking Democrat, said cuts will devastate Ohio's ability to help some of its most underserved residents.

Lawmakers approved the legislation Feb. 10, but Kasich's office did not receive it until Thursday.

The measure follows an outcry among abortion opponents around the country after the release of secretly recorded videos by activists alleging that

Planned Parenthood sold fetal tissues to researchers for a profit in violation of federal law.

Planned Parenthood has called the videos misleading and denied any wrongdoing, saying a handful of its clinics provided fetal tissue for research while receiving only permissible reimbursement for costs.

Planned Parenthood's 28 locations in Ohio provide abortions. The organization has said it has no fetal tissue donation program in Ohio, where such donations are illegal.

The FBI said it wants to determine whether Farook had used his phone to communicate with others about the attack.

FBI Director James Comey said the agency owes it to the victims of the San Bernardino terror attacks to try to gain access to a cellphone used by one of the gunmen.

In a message posted Sunday night on the Lawfare blog, Comey said the FBI "can't look the survivors in the eye, or ourselves in the mirror, if we don't follow this lead."

Apple has said it will protest the ruling and has until Friday to intervene in court.

San Bernardino had an existing contract with a technology provider, MobileIron Inc., but did not install it on any inspectors' iPhones, county

spokesman David Wert said. There is no countywide policy on the matter and departments make their own decisions, he said.

MobileIron has confirmed that if the software were installed on the iPhone, it would unlock it.

Wert disputed the value of the remote management tech-

nology because he said Farook — or any other county employee — could have removed it manually. That would have alerted county technology employees and led them to intervene.

In many offices and classrooms, officials issued smartphones instead of the installed management software. It can unlock the phone, delete all information in case of loss or theft, track the device's physical location, determine which apps are installed, check battery life and push software updates. The technology is intended to make such products more suitable in corporate environments, where tighter controls are important to protect company secrets.

"This is the business case" for mobile device management, said John Dickson, a principal at Denjin Group Ltd., a security consultancy. "The organization simply has no control or influence or anything over the device unless they have some MDM authority. The ability to do remote air updates, the ability to do remote wipe, the ability to control certain settings. Those

are the standard kinds of things you do in mobile device management."

Dickson said "the big question now going forward, it builds the case for, is why this guy would have an essentially uncontrolled device."

This is the first time since the county issued its first BlackBerry device in 2003 that law enforcement has needed access to a locked county-owned phone, Wert said. Prosecutors said in court filings that the county gave its consent to search the device. County policy said digital devices can be searched at any time and Farook signed such an agreement.

Apple executives said Friday that the company had worked hard to help federal investigators get information off the locked iPhone, suggesting they use an iCloud workaround while the phone was connected to a familiar wireless network so that it would be automatically backing up and provide access to data. The executives spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing legal process.

Apple

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Cook's message to employees had "Thank you for your support," in the subject line. He told employees that the company believes abiding by the judge's order would set a dangerous precedent that would essentially create a backdoor to the encrypted iPhone.

An accompanying question-and-answer posting for customers acknowledges that while it is technically possible for Apple to do what the judge ordered, that it's "something we believe is too dangerous to do." Apple also points to the difficulty of keeping such a "master key" safe once it has been created. The government has said that Apple could keep the specialized technology it would create to help officials hack the phone — bypassing a security time delay and feature that erases all data after 10 consecutive unsuccessful attempts to guess the unlocking passcode. This would allow the FBI to use technology to rapidly and repeatedly test numbers.

Cook said that if the company's engineers were to do as ordered, Apple would do its best to protect the technology, but that the company "would be relentlessly attacked by hackers

and cybercriminals." The only way to guarantee such a powerful tool isn't abused and doesn't fall into the wrong hands is to never create it," Apple said. The company has until Friday to formally protest the ruling in court. The case would not have existed if the county government that owned the iPhone had installed a feature on it that would have allowed the FBI to easily and immediately unlock

the phone. San Bernardino County had bought the technology, known as mobile device management from MobileIron Inc., but never installed it on any of the inspectors' phones, including Farook's, said county spokesman David Wert said.

There is no countywide policy on the matter and departments make their own decisions, he said. The service costs \$4 per month per phone.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO CHANGE AND INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION RATES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code § 4909.19, The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L") gives notice that on November 30, 2015, the company filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") an Application to change and increase its base rates for electric distribution service to be effective with the first billing cycle in January 2017. The Application has been assigned Case Number 15-1830-EL-AIR by the Commission. DP&L is also seeking to amend its tariffs and obtain accounting approval in connection with the proposed rate increase, which have been assigned Case Numbers 15-1831-EL-AA and 15-1832-EL-AA. The Application directly affects DP&L's utility service territory, which includes all or parts of Audubon, Butler, Champaglin, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Fayette, Geauga, Highland, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, and Warren Counties.

For nearly a quarter century, DP&L has not changed or increased its base rates for electric distribution service, a rate that is partially responsible for the recovering costs associated with maintaining the poles and wires and other distribution infrastructure that bring electric service into customers' homes and businesses. During those years, DP&L's cost of providing electric service has increased, and DP&L has invested approximately \$1.1 billion in its distribution system that includes 12,000 miles of overhead wire, 3,600 miles of underground cable, and more than 300,000 poles. The proposed rates reflect those investments and ensures that the company will be able to continue to finance and support the infrastructure necessary to continue providing safe and reliable distribution service to its customers. In reviewing the Application, the Commission will consider DP&L's cost to provide electric distribution service from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 and the value of DP&L's poles, wires and other equipment used to deliver distribution service as of September 30, 2015.

The Application requests the following percentage increases in distribution service operating revenue on a rate schedule basis. Those percentages do not reflect the total bill increase, which will be approximately 3% for the typical 1,000 kWh residential user.

Residential	- 10.62%
Secondary	- 12.60%
Primary	- 12.14%
Primary Substation	- 3.78%
High Voltage	- 1.18%
Street Lighting	- 19.10%
Private Outdoor Lighting	- 12.05%

The rates proposed in the Application are based on Straight-Fixed Variable ("SFV") rate-design principles. Use of those principles means that a greater portion of the proposed base rates will be recovered through a fixed customer charge, while the remaining costs will be recovered through a variable energy or demand charge. In relying on those principles, DP&L intends to treat similarly situated customers alike and help keep rates for electric distribution service more steady throughout the year.

DP&L also proposes a Storm Cost Recovery Rider designed to collect costs associated with major storm events, a Regulatory Compliance Rider designed to collect costs associated with deferred regulatory assets, and an Uncollectible Rider that will provide for collection of bad debt resulting from unpaid bills.

The proposals in the Application are subject to changes, including changes as to amounts and form, by the Commission. Recommendations that differ from the filed Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties, and may be adopted by the Commission.

Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 4909.19, an objection to DP&L's Application, which may allege that such Application contains proposals that are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

A copy of the Application and supporting documents may be inspected by any interested party at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; or at the following business office of DP&L: 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45412-1423. A copy of the Application and supporting documents may also be viewed at the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, by selecting DIS, September 15-1830 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed.

EXAMINING OUR FILES

A look back into the headlines...

75 Years Ago
Saturday, Feb. 22, 1941
The San Bernardino high school Chieftains closed their home season Friday night with a 28 to 12 victory over Dayton Vidmar. The team's triumph and the death of the season.

The Saturday night "500" club with DePaul members will enjoy dinner at the Hamilton Hotel tonight. It is the club's 10th anniversary. The last event will be spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dierks near Lakewood.

Students of the University of Cincinnati will spend the weekend at an American girls' convention. The girls' convention is an annual event at Bellefontaine. The girls' convention is an annual event at Bellefontaine. The girls' convention is an annual event at Bellefontaine.

50 Years Ago
Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1966
Assignments to design two proposed new county buildings were handed to architect Monday by the Logan County Board of Commissioners. Walter H. Lautenschlager, Zanesville, will design the new Sheriff's Workshop for the 11-Point Day School and William Howard Shreve Associates, Bellefontaine, was given the task of designing a new Division of Welfare building.

Work was to be started today on changing the route of the six-hole water line which enters the Air Base at Highland Point. The project consists of moving approximately 1,100 feet of line approximately 100 feet south to make way for the new interlocking for U.S. Route 33 and State Route 541 just west of the base.

Miss Virginia Cochran and her three small children escaped injury this morning after a fire started at their 432 Colton Avenue residence. Damage to the home was heavy.

LOGAN COUNTY BEAT SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Man in critical condition after being pulled from Indian Lake

A Piqua area man reportedly is in critical condition at Grant Medical Center in Columbus after he was pulled from Indian Lake on Sunday.

Dave L. Shellenberg, 73, was first transported to Mary Rutan Hospital and then to the Columbus area hospital after the incident at the River Run Harbor, 7630 State Route 368, Hummelville.

Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office responded to that location about 10:55 a.m. on a report of a man who was found in the water. A passerby happened to find Mr. Shellenberg in the water and called the sheriff's office.

When deputies arrived the passerby was hanging onto the sea wall and was attempting to help Mr. Shellenberg.

Deputies continue to investigate this incident, but report that the victim might have gone into the water after his dog. A retractable leash was found near the water. Mr. Shellenberg also had fishing equipment in his vehicle.

Pair charged after domestic incident

Walter D. Roche, 48, and Lori D. Roche, 53, both of Swanton, each was charged with domestic violence after an incident Sunday

afternoon at the A&E Campground, 3299 State Route 540, Bellefontaine.

Deputies responded to Lot 29 on a report of a domestic dispute. The couple reportedly had started to argue in a vehicle on the way to the campground.

Deputies observed that both subjects had blood on their faces and Mr. Roche had dried blood on his clothing. Mrs. Roche said her husband had struck her in the face and her nose had started bleeding.

Mr. Roche also said that his wife struck him. Both parties denied striking the other person. They were arrested and transported to the Logan County Jail.

Overdose incident reported in Lakewood

A 47-year-old East Liberty woman is being treated for a potential drug overdose after she reportedly collapsed Sunday afternoon at a Harrison Street residence in Lakewood.

Indian Lake squad members responded about 2:45 p.m. and transported the woman to Mary Rutan Hospital, and she currently is being treated at the OSU Wexner Medical Center.

Charges against the woman are pending the results of deputies' investigation.

Battle rages over Florida law limiting doctors' gun speech

BY CURT ANDERSON
AP LEGAL AFFAIRS WRITER

MIAMI — As a pediatrician, Dr. Judith Schachter can ask parents of her patients all sorts of questions regarding their safety and well-being: what the child eats, whether there's a backyard pool and whether the child gets enough sleep.

Yet the question of whether there is a gun in the home is generally off limits. A Florida law bans routine gun questions even though eight children or teenagers are killed every day in the U.S. with guns, according

to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Doctors such as Schachter believe a discussion about guns is essential to child safety.

"A doctor has to be able to ask," said Schachter, who is chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. "We do this for so many issues. This is but one. Yet it is an extremely important one, for when we don't discuss prevention, the results can be lethal."

Schachter is among thousands of physicians, medical

organizations and other groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union that challenged the law, formally called the Firearm Owners Privacy Act, in a lawsuit known popularly as "Docs vs. Glocks." The law, passed in 2011 amid strong support from the National Rifle Association, is the only one of its kind in the nation, although similar laws have been considered in 12 other states, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The legal battle, which has raged since the law's inception, is a clash between the First

Amendment's guarantee of free speech and the Second Amendment's right to keep and bear arms, amid a national discussion about the role and availability of weapons across the U.S.

The lawsuit is now pending before the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals following conflicting earlier rulings on its constitutionality — and the case could wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Supporters in the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature and the NRA say the law became necessary when, in their view, doctors began overstepping their bounds in the examination room by pushing an anti-Second Amendment, anti-gun political agenda. The NRA cites several examples of doctors telling patients they'd have to find a new physician if they refused to answer questions about gun ownership or telling parents they should get rid of any guns in the home.

The law, supporters point out, permits doctors under a "good faith" provision to ask about firearms if the questions are deemed "relevant to the patient's medical care or safety" or the safety of other people.

"These provisions target discrimination and harassment, not speech, and they do nothing to impair doctor-patient discussions of firearm safety," NRA attorney Charles Cooper said in court papers. "Even if viewed as a speech regulation, the law is a reasonable regulation of speech incidental to the practice of medicine."

The law also says some teeth: doctors who violate the law could face professional discipline, such as a fine, or even lose their medical licenses. The state Department of Health would investigate any complaints, although the law has never been enforced because it was blocked in 2012 by a Miami judge's decision that found it an unconstitutional violation of free speech rights.

Since that decision by U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke, the law has been entangled in an unusual web of appeals brought by Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, a Republican.

The same panel of three 11th Circuit appeals judges has overruled Cooke on identical 2-1 votes — but in three separate opinions, each replacing the one before.



Good Shield Aguilar plays the White Buffalo song Thursday afternoon during a rally by the Buffalo Field Campaign in the rotunda of the Capitol in Helena, Mont.

Grand Canyon weighs killing, capturing bison to cut numbers

BY FELICIA FONSECA
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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The National Park Service is looking at using sharpshooters, capture and other methods to reduce the number of bison that are roaming the far northern reaches of the Grand Canyon and damaging resources, officials said.

The massive animals can weigh up to 2,000 pounds, and park officials say they are destroying water sources, vegetation, soil and archaeological sites. Hunting is prohibited within park boundaries, but the agency has the authority to kill animals that harm resources, using park staff or volunteer hunters.

The Park Service announced in 2014 that it would work on a long-term plan to manage bison and do a more in-depth and lengthy environmental review. But the Grand Canyon said this week that it changed course because immediate action is needed to control the growing bison population.

Park officials are asking the public for comment. Reduction of the animals could start this winter if everything goes as planned. Between 60 and 200 bison are sustainable, not the 400 to 600 now living on about 310 square miles, officials said.

"We're considering a suite of tools," Sue Consolo-Murphy, acting chief of science and resource management, said Friday. "Until we get into this, we don't know what's going to work."

Identical bills in the U.S. House and Senate would let state-licensed hunters kill the bison and keep the meat. Arizona Sen. John McCain and Rep. Paul

Gosar touted them as a cost-saving measure and criticized the Park Service for what they see as delayed action.

"We can't afford to allow more devastation to be caused to the park while the Park Service twiddles their thumbs trying to come up with an expensive plan," Gosar said in a statement this week. "We have a plan, and it puts Arizona hunters to work doing what they love, accomplishing this important task for free."

Consolo-Murphy said using volunteers is not out of the question, and the park is looking at models in other places for shrinking wildlife populations. Typically, the animal meat is turned over to wildlife agencies, tribes or charities to distribute.

Anything passed by Congress would have to be integrated into the park's plan. Bison were introduced to the area in the early 1900s as part of a ranching operation to crossbreed them with cattle, creating hybrids known as "beefalo" or "cattalo." The animals no longer look like cattle but have a small percentage, if any, cattle in their genes.

Opportunities for hunters to kill them on nearby U.S. Forest Service land have diminished because the bison spend more time in the boundaries of Grand Canyon National Park. Hunting permits for bison are the most sought-after of the state's hunted big-game species.

Birth control and relocating bison have not been effective in keeping them out of the park, officials have said.

The Sierra Club didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO CHANGE AND INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION RATES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code § 4909.19, The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L") gives notice that on November 30, 2015, the company filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") an Application to change and increase its base rates for electric distribution service to be effective with the first billing cycle in January 2017. The Application has been assigned Case Number 15-1830-EL-AJR by the Commission. DP&L is also seeking to amend its tariffs and obtain accounting approval in connection with the proposed rate increases, which have been assigned Case Numbers 15-1831-EL-AAJM and 15-1832-EL-ATA. The Application directly affects DP&L's entire service territory, which includes all or parts of Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, and Warren Counties.

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The rates proposed in the Application are based on Straight-Fixed Variable ("SFV") rate-design principles. Use of those principles means that a greater portion of the proposed base rates will be recovered through a fixed customer charge, while the remaining costs will be recovered through a variable energy or demand charge. In relying on those principles, DP&L intends to treat similarly situated customers alike and help keep rates for electric distribution services more steady throughout the year.

DP&L also proposes a Storm Cost Recovery Rider designed to collect costs associated with major storm events, a Regulatory Compliance Rider designed to collect costs associated with deferred regulatory costs, and an Unavoidable Rider that will provide for collection of bad debt resulting from unpaid bills.

The proposals in the Application are subject to change, including changes as to amount and form, by the Commission. Recommendations that differ from the filed Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties, and may be adopted by the Commission.

Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 4909.19, an objection to DP&L's Application, which may allege that such Application contains proposals that are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

A copy of the Application and supporting documents may be inspected by any interested party at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; or at the following business offices of DP&L: 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45432-1423. A copy of the Application and supporting documents may also be viewed at the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, by selecting DIS, inputting 15-1830 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed.

Philadelphia bar offers Leap Day marriage proposal prizes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A historic Philadelphia tavern is offering some Leap Day incentives to women looking to settle down.

KYW-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1Rfakv>) McGillin's Olde Ale House is trotting out a Leap Day tradition encouraging women to propose

to men. According to Irish folklore, February 29 was the one day of the year when women could propose the question to men. Legend has it that St. Brigid had complained to St. Patrick about how unfair it was for women to wait for men to propose, and they brokered the Leap Day deal.

McGillin's is offering \$100 gift cards to the first five women who propose to their man at the bar on Monday.

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SUMMARY OF BELLEFONTAINE CITY RESOLUTION

Resolution No. R16-47 Passed February 23, 2016. A Resolution approving the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan (update 2016) of the Logan County Solid Waste Management District. I, Bonnie Pattison, Bellefontaine City Clerk of Council, do hereby certify that this summary of the Resolution is true as passed by the City Council of Bellefontaine during regular and special meetings of the City of Bellefontaine on February 23, 2016. Original Resolutions and Resolutions in full form may be read or a copy secured thereof (for 25¢ per page) at the Clerk of Council's Office.

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P.O. Box 216-1

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO JUVENILE DIVISION JOSHUA PECKHAM Plaintiff

AMANDA PECKHAM Defendant
JAMES CLEVELINGER Defendant
CASE NO. 15-CU-0011

LEGAL NOTICE

Amanda Peckham, whose current address is unknown, shall take notice that a Complaint for Legal Custody has been filed in the Common Pleas Court of Logan County, Ohio, Juvenile Division, to grant legal custody of the minor child, namely: Alex Riley Andrus, age 10, born 03/25/05, to him. Said defendant will take notice that you are required to file your answer to the Complaint with the Court within twenty-eight (28) days of the last posting of this notice, which will be

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posted for seven (7) consecutive days, and the last day of posting will be the 3rd day of March, 2016. The Court will distribute your answer and pleadings to plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel.

Defendant shall take notice that an Ex Parte Motion, filed by Plaintiff Joshua Peckham seeking custody of minor child, and a writ of habeas corpus, has been filed. Hearing on the Ex Parte Motion has been set for March 16, 2016 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Final Hearing on the Complaint for legal custody has been scheduled for April 21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Failure to show for said hearing may result in the Court granting some or all of the demands contained in the Complaint and related pleadings and motions filed herewith. Witness my signature and seal of said Court, this 23rd day of February, 2016. Benjamin Forsythe, Chief Deputy Clerk Feb. 23, 2016 at noon.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO

Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Indenture Trustee for the CSMC 2014-RPL2 Trust, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2014-RPL2 Plaintiff, vs. Lloyd A. Reed, AKA Lloyd Reed, et al. Defendants.

Case No. CV15-10-0306 Judge Mark S. O'Connor

LEGAL NOTICE

Lloyd A. Reed, AKA Lloyd Reed, whose last known address is 6914 County Road 26, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43111, will take notice that on October 30, 2015, Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Indenture Trustee, for the CSMC 2014-RPL2 Trust, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2014-RPL2 filed its Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas, Logan County, Ohio, Case No. CV15-10-0306. The object of, and demand for relief in, the Complaint is to foreclose the lien of Plaintiff's mortgage recorded upon the real estate described below and in

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which Plaintiff alleges that the foregoing defendant has or claims to have an interest:

Parcel number(s): 40-067-07-01-007-002. Property address: 6914 County Road 26, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43111.

The defendant named above is required to answer the Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication of this legal notice. This legal notice will be published once a week for three consecutive weeks. Last day of publication is March 7, 2016.

Matthew P. Curry P.O. Box 165028 Columbus, Ohio 43216
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Bringing legendary Olympian to life in 'Race'

LINDSEY BARR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stephan James is the first to acknowledge that he didn't know much about track and field legend Jesse Owens.

The 22-year-old had to, he says, scratch his head to remember when he first heard someone was planning to make a biopic about Owens.

Not that a young Canadian actor should necessarily know details about Owens at the drop of a hat. It's been 34 years since his death and 80 years since Owens ventured to the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin amid calls for a boycott and became a gold medalist in the wheel of Hitler's claims to Aryan supremacy. There, as the Nazis introduced themselves on the world stage, Owens made history by winning four gold medals in track and field—a record that would stand for 48 years.

It's a wonder that it's taken this long for Owens' story to get the narrative feature treatment.

James actually found out he got the role while he was playing another pivotal figure from American history—the civil rights leader and eventual congressman John Lewis in Ava DuVernay's "Selma."

"He brought such sensitivity to the scenes," recalled producer Kate Garwood, who looked at hundreds of candidates around the world to find their perfect Jesse Owens.

Knowing he'd soon have to trade his 1960s styles for some leather cleats and a dirt track, James got to work quickly, using every free day he had to go to Georgia Tech and start the process of transforming into the "fastest man alive."

"I grew up on basketball. I was athletic but never track and field. Sprinting was a whole other beast," James said. "Not only did I have to learn how

to run fast, but I had to learn to run like Jesse. His style was so particular... his start, his mechanics, his stride, how his face looked. There are people the world over who are Jesse enthusiasts. You can't fake that."

By the end of training, James said he was able to run the 100-meter in just over 12 seconds. Owens broke the world record when he ran it in 10.2 seconds in 1936.

The story in "Race," out Friday, stays uncommonly focused for a biopic, concentrating on a two-year stretch beginning with Owens' start at Ohio State University and ending with the 1936 Olympics.

Within this milieu, director Stephen Hopkins is able to explore a variety of facets lead-up to the event, including the microcosm of Owens' training alongside Coach Larry Snyder (played here by Jason Sudeikis) and ascent to prominence in the United States, the racism he experienced daily, the brewing international tensions, the plight of the Jewish athletes on the American team, and the struggles of professional women as embodied by Leni Riefenstahl (Carice van Houten).

But Owens is the center. James had the added benefit of having the support of Owens' daughters to rely on for any questions he had about their father at the time.

One of the biggest trials Owens faced during this time revolved around the question of whether he should go to Berlin at all, or stay at home in protest of the intolerant regime. In one scene in the film, NAACP leadership visits Owens and asks him to stay.

"It's hard to relate to what Jesse could have been feeling in that moment. It blows my mind to see that his own people were pressuring him in that way not to go," said James.

It's no secret that he went, but his daughters told James that the conflict

weighed on him.

The timing of "Race" and its not-so-oblique double entendre title and themes, seem to parallel this particular moment in the entertainment industry and the calls for more racially diverse representation and suggestions of an Oscars boycott.

But James doesn't like to get caught up "in all of that."

"To me it's so much bigger than a black and a white issue, and it's so much bigger than any one person's opinion. We should try to find the things that unite us rather than separate us. Jesse Owens went to Berlin in 1936 and became best friends with a German long jumper. Two guys who look very different and were from very different walks of life but ended up being friends until the day Lutz Long died," James said. "I don't feel like this film is any more or less important because it's coming out at this time. A Jesse Owens film is always timely."



THEATLET GRABHER/FOLIO FEATURES VIA AP
Stephan James stars as Jesse Owens in "Race."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Public library receives workplace award

CHILLICOTHE - In recognition of its efforts to create a healthy, high-performing work environment, Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library received the American Psychological Association's (APA) 2016 Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 27. One of six employers from across North America to receive the award this year, the library won in the government/military/educational institution category. The library is a previous winner of the Ohio Psychological Association's state-level Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award, qualifying it to be nominated for the APA award.

The library excelled in its efforts to foster employee involvement, health and safety, employee growth and development, work-life balance and employee recognition. The organization's flexible schedules, height-adjustable desks

and mobile work environment, "Well Wishes" peer-to-peer recognition and an annual health and wellness are several examples of the workplace practices that helped it earn a 2016 award.

The library's psychologically healthy workplace practices have reaped rewards for both the organization and its employees. Of those who participated in the Live Healthy, Live Well Challenge, 80 percent have reduced their risk of chronic disease and 96 percent have either lost or maintained their weight.

Staff meetings, both departmental and all-staff, have a roundtable component, encouraging employees to bring up new ideas, share experiences and brainstorm better ways to operate.

The library offers full benefits, vacation and sick leave package to those who work 30 or more hours a week.

APA's Psychologically Healthy Workplace Awards are designed to showcase the very best

from among the award winners recognized by APA's affiliated state, provincial and territorial psychological associations. Nominees are evaluated on their workplace practices in the areas of employee involvement, health and safety, employee growth and development, work-life balance and employee recognition. Awards are given to for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, as well as government, military and educational institutions.

More information about APA's Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award winners is available at www.apaxcellence.org/media. Organizations interested in learning more about creating a psychologically healthy workplace or applying for an award in their state, province or territory can visit www.apaxcellence.org. The Psychologically Healthy Workplace Program is a public education initiative from APA's Center for Organizational Excellence.

Majestic Theatre receives grants for improvements

CHILLICOTHE - Majestic Theatre, Inc. recently announced the completion of the boiler system project that was part of phase I of the restoration plan put together by the non-profit's board of directors. The outdated and non-functioning boiler used to heat the theatre was removed and replaced with a new high efficiency, eight-stage system. The removal of the old boiler and installation of the new system was completed by ProFab Mechanical, LLC. The project also included inspection and maintenance of radiators with new heaters placed in the lobby.

This project was completed through grant funding from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) as part of the Capital Bill and the Columbus Foundation. Funding from the Columbus Foundation provided the initial funds required to complete the

project while the grant from the OFCC would reimburse the Majestic Theatre with an award of up to \$36,000 of the project's total cost. With all the paperwork submitted, the Majestic Theatre received the reimbursement from OFCC on

February 16, which allowed the board of directors to be able to announce the completion of phase I of their plan. The total project for the new boiler system totaled \$33,687.

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Rosa Parks archive digitized

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WASHINGTON - Rosa Parks' archive of letters, writings, personal notes and photographs has been fully digitized by the Library of Congress and is now available online.

The library announced Wednesday that the collection of 10,000 items belonging to Parks is available to the public.

Her collection was kept from the public for years because of a legal battle between her heirs and friends. But in 2014, philanthropist Howard Buffett bought the collection and placed it on long-term loan at the national library.



Rosa Parks

The collection presents a more complete portrait of Parks, who is remembered for a single, iconic act of civil disobedience. She refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955, sparking a yearlong bus boycott that helped dismantle segregation.

Parks, who died in 2005 at 92, wrote of feeling lonely and lost as she lived through the struggle with segregation. After her arrest, Parks lost her job as a tailor at Montgomery's largest department store

because of her activism. Her husband, Raymond, lost his job, too, and the couple sank into deep poverty. They moved to Detroit but continued to struggle.

She traveled with the NAACP, pressing for civil rights, and eventually landed a job at the Hampton Institute in Virginia earning \$3,700 a year. Not until 1965, when Parks was hired for the district office of Michigan Rep. John Conyers, did she finally earn a steady, living wage, archivists say. Parks used her symbolic status to support Malcolm X, Black Panther gatherings and the Wilmington 10 in North Carolina.

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March 3, 2016**


The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant EM Site Specific Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

The meeting will be held at the OSU Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road in Piketon, at 6:00 p.m. Room # 160.

The agenda for the meeting includes DOE progress at the Portsmouth Site, Subcommittee updates, and public comment.

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100 Days!



Kindergartners (from left) Aliana Rooney, Kamele Megagi-Ali and Andrew Dilley hold out on 90 as they count their way to 100.

BY NANCY RADCLIFF

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sancity of it wholeheartedly," she said.

Retired United Church of Christ pastor and Citizens For Equality member Diane Berger agreed that the bill is superfluous.

"Why is it even needed?" she said. "The First Amendment prohibits imposing the free exercise of religion. If a gay couple wants to get married, all they have to do is go to a pastor who says, 'OK, I'll do that.' The Supreme Court didn't say that clergy has to perform same-gender services."

Father Dave Getreu of St. Philip's Episcopal Church on West Mound St., who considers his church to be socially moderate, said the diocese allows individual priests to decide for themselves whether they want to marry same-sex couples. He said

he makes his decisions on a case-by-case basis.

"I need to get to know them and to have them be part of the church community," he said. "I have the same expectations of any couple, whether heterosexual or homosexual."

Still, there are many conservative clergy members who say their religious beliefs prevent them from performing the services. In a statement on his web site, Representative Vande referred to them as conscientious objectors.

"This measure just clarifies that these individuals need not be concerned about being sued if they are acting as they believe is right," it said.

While clergy on both sides of the issue debate legal protection, gay couples were officially granted "equal dignity in the eyes of the law," in the words of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the historic majority opinion last summer.

The Circleville woman who recently wed her partner said that local officials honored the Supreme Court's ruling when she applied for a marriage license.

"This was during the height of the Kim Davis fiasco in Kentucky and we were very nervous the morning we went in," she said. "Thankfully, the Clerk of Courts was very respectful and by the book. We had no issues."

She added that the local community has been very accepting of her relationship and children from a previous marriage.

"We don't hide who we are...most people we know, know about us and don't seem to have an issue. I have been very surprised and blessed by how nice people have been to me and my children since we moved to Circleville," she said.

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HEISEL, ROBYN

Pictured are (row one, from left) Gargiulo, Reed, (row two) Dale, Resner and Bowe.

McDowell announces state and regional art winners

McDowell Exchange School is proud to announce state and regional art winners.

Seventh grader Lauren Resner, daughter of James and Katie Richardson of Circleville, had her zentangle collage accepted in the Ohio Art Education Association's (OAEA) Young People's Art Exhibition, which is being held at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus.

Carlee Reed, a seventh grader and daughter of Chad and Christine Reed of Circleville, had her

zentangle collage accepted in the OAEA state Youth Art Month Show held at the State Teachers Retirement Systems (STRS) building in Columbus.

Carly Bowe, Erica Dale and Caden Gargiulo had artwork accepted in the OAEA Central Region art exhibition being held at Rhodes Office Tower in Columbus.

Bowe, a seventh grader, is the daughter of Joey and Angelique Bowe of Laurelville. Her zentangle collage is a part of the regional show. Dale, an eighth grader, is

the daughter of Chris and Angela Dale of Circleville. Her graphite still life drawing is a part of the regional show.

Gargiulo, a seventh grader, is the son of Joe and Carolyn Yates Gargiulo of Circleville. His watercolor sunflowers painting is a part of the regional show.

The art students will be honored at receptions being held on March 5 at the Rhodes office tower STRS in Columbus.

Their art teacher is Robyn Heisel.

Clark presents details of poster contest to McDowell students



Ashley Clark, conservation education specialist from the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District visited the eighth grade Enrichment Art class at McDowell Exchange School to present details on the 2016 Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest.

The contest is open to all Pickaway County students in grades four through nine.

The purpose of the contest is to provide students with an opportunity to share their thoughts about soil, water and related natural resource issues and to have their message into Pickaway County. The 2016 theme is "We All Need Trees" and was selected by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Posters will be judged in two grade level categories: grades four through six or grades seven through nine. First, second and honorable mention posters will be displayed in the Pickaway County Library during Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 24 through May 1. First place posters advance to the state contest with a chance to advance to the national contest.

If you have questions, contact ashley-clark@pickawayswcd.org or call 740-477-1693.

Pictured is Clark with the Enrichment Art class at McDowell.

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Appeals court allows trial over Ohio police stun gun death

CLEVELAND (AP) — The mother of a man who died after being hit with a stun by Cleveland police can have a trial on most of her claims against the officers and the city under a federal appeals court ruling.

Forty-year-old Rodney Brown died on New Year's Eve in 2010 after being pulled over for allegedly not having his headlights on. Brown was struck in the chest with a police stun gun and died before paramedics arrived. A police radio captured an officer replying with a "vulgarity" when Brown told him he couldn't breathe.

Appeals were filed with the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals last year after a U.S. District Court judge issued rulings for both sides. The 6th Circuit issued its rulings Friday.

A Cleveland spokesman declined to comment Friday.

Ohio village's most recent water samples meet lead standard

SEBRING, Ohio (AP) — The state Environmental Protection Agency says all the most recent tap water samples from a northeast Ohio village are below the federal standard for lead.

The agency says all 28 samples for Sebring homeowners tested below the threshold in the latest round.

Officials say 979 samples have been tested in recent weeks, and a total of 44 homes have shown lead levels above the federal standard since mid-January.

Sebring has come under scrutiny since state environmental officials said the operator of the village water plant waited months to notify people about high levels of lead coming from their pipes.

Two EPA employees were fired and one demoted over how the situation was handled. It says running the tap for a few minutes eliminates any detectable lead.

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Pickaway SWCD fish fingerling sale underway

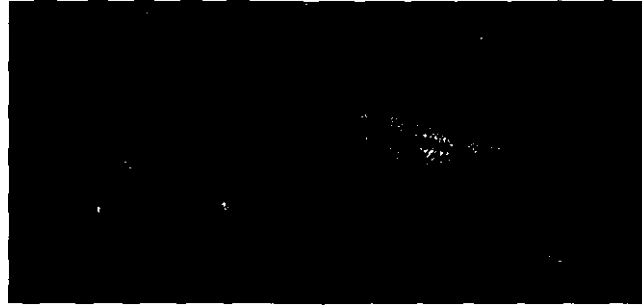
BY ASHLEY CLARK
CONSERVATION EDUCATION
COORDINATOR

The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) is conducting a fish fingerling sale. Order forms are available at the PSWCD office at 110 Island Road, Suite D, or by calling 477-1693 or visiting the PSWCD website at pickawayswcd.org. Orders are due in the PSWCD office March 28 and the pick-up date is March 31 at 11 a.m. at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds.

The sale offers Fathead Minnows, 100 for \$7.00 each; Bluegill for \$0.75 each; Channel Catfish for \$0.75 each; Yellow Perch for \$0.80; Largemouth Bass and Redear Sunfish for \$0.85 each; and White Amur for \$14.00 each. This year we have added a new species to the sale — the Black Crappie for \$0.85.

Fathead Minnow are one of Ohio's important bait and forage fishes. It is selective in its habitat requirements. Muddy water does not restrict its habitat. It is tolerant of acid or alkaline waters that will support few other fishes. The minnow spawns over a long period, beginning in late spring and continuing well into the summer. The recommended stocking rate for fathead minnow is 1,000 per pond surface acre.

Black Crappie closely resemble white crappie but have deeper bodies. Furthermore, their head, back, and sides are mottled with dark or black blotches. These blotches do not form vertical bars as they do on white crappie. The most distinct differentiating characteristic, however, is that black crappie have seven or eight



Yellow perch

dorsal spines compared to the five or six of a white crappie. The dorsal fin is also set further forward on the body of a black crappie than it is on a white crappie. The black crappie belongs in the family with other sunfishes. If you have ever heard someone talk about a speck, paper mouth, and strawberry bass, they are referring to a black crappie. Adults are typically 8-12 inches and about one pound, but can reach up to 18 inches and upwards of three pounds.

Bluegill thrive in most of Ohio's inland lakes, ponds, and reservoirs, especially those with extensive areas of vegetation. Nesting for spawning occurs during May and June, and sometimes continues into July. These fish bite freely on worms, crickets, and a wide variety of larval forms of insects. Adult size bluegills are normally six to ten inches. The recommended stocking rate for bluegill is 200 per pond surface acre.



Black crappie

Redear Sunfish are not native to Ohio but they are found primarily in clear, warm waters with vegetation. Spawning is usually mid-May through June. They eat mollusks, crayfish, insects, insect larvae, and small fish. Redear sunfish are most often caught with live bait. They grow to between nine and eleven inches. The recommended stocking rate for redear sunfish is 100 per

pond surface acre. Ohio Largemouth Bass are known to go over 13 pounds, but the average is from one to three pounds. Spawning is usually May through mid-June. Nests are prepared in quiet waters from one to six feet in depth. These fish are caught with a wide variety of natural baits such as minnows, crayfish and night crawlers. The recommended stocking rate for largemouth

bass is 100 per pond surface acre.

Channel Catfish are popular food and game fish. This fish likes deep water having a gravel or sand bottom and prefers a low to moderate current. Spawning begins when water temperatures reach the mid-70s. They feed on or near the bottom and they are not too choosy about what they eat. Nightcrawlers, minnows, crayfish and bits of animal matter are all effective fishing bait. A good time to catch channel catfish is just after a rain, when the water is on the rise and is slightly cloudy. Channel catfish can reach ten pounds or more, especially in large river systems and productive lakes.

The recommended stocking rate for channel catfish is 50-100 per pond surface acre.

White Amur are commonly known as grass carp. They are good for weed control. Juvenile grass carp rely on plankton — one coiled plants — for food. Larger grass carp feed on

a variety of aquatic plants, but they prefer submerged vegetation. This species will not eat algae. If your pond is 20-40 percent covered with aquatic plants, the recommended stocking rate is 5 fish per pond surface acre. If your pond is 40-60 percent covered, the stocking rate is 10 fish per pond surface acre. It is possible for amur to eat their weight in aquatic plants each day reaching 50 pounds or more in a few years.

Yellow Perch are golden yellow to brassy green with six to eight dark vertical bars and a white to yellow belly. Yellow perch do not have large canine teeth like the closely related walleye or sauger. Their pelvic and anal fins usually have some orange coloration and the first dorsal fin has a dark blotch near the rear of the fin. All other fins are relatively clear with no distinct markings. Also referred to as the lake perch or ringed perch, the yellow perch is in the Percidae (perches and darters) family. It is a sport fish that usually measures 5-12 inches in length, but can reach 16 inches. It typically weighs 2.5-1 pound, but has been known to reach just over 2 pounds.

Information about each fish was taken from Ohio Fish Identification Guide and Fishes, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife Publications (#65 R778 & #334 R597).

If you have questions or want to place an order, call Pickaway SWCD @ 477-1693, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit <http://www.pickaway-swcd.org> to print an order form. You can also contact our supplier, Fender's Fish Hatchery @ 740-622-0681.

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Gunman in Kalamazoo shooting that left 6 dead worked as Uber driver

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As authorities look for the reasons why a Michigan man allegedly embarked on a mass shooting spree over the weekend, the ride-hailing service Uber is addressing his record as a driver with the company.

Critics say the episode could bring more attention to concerns about the fast-growing service, which has been dogged by controversy on the road to becoming one of the most valuable privately funded companies in the world.

Jason Dalton, the man arrested in connection with the Kalamazoo rampage that left six people dead, is a former insurance adjuster who had been working as a driver for Uber's ride-hailing service. Authorities were investigating unconfirmed reports he may have picked up passengers in the hours before and after the rampage on Saturday.

San Francisco-based Uber has been one of the most successful tech industry startups in recent years, as millions of customers have flocked to use its smartphone app for hailing rides in 380 cities around the globe. The company says its drivers are independent contractors

who use the app to help find customers and schedule trips.

Private backers have poured more than \$4.6 billion into the company, under terms that value the business at more than \$50 billion — making it the biggest in a recent wave of tech firms that have grown to enormous size without taking the traditional step of selling stock to the public.

But since its launch in 2009, Uber has faced criticism for a pricing formula that can send rates skyrocketing at times of high demand and for side-stepping regulators and licensing requirements in some cities where it's opened for business. And after several reports of assaults by drivers, critics have also complained the company should do more to screen drivers and guard passengers' safety.

Some of that criticism has been voiced by competitors and regulators who argue that Uber's success has come at the expense of avoiding the strict licensing and permit requirements that traditional taxicab companies face.

"I do think this is an outrageous incident that's going to draw more attention to this issue," said Dave Sutton,

spokesman for "Who's Driving You," an organization backed by Uber's competitors in the taxi and limousine industry, which has fought the company's expansion.

Authorities identified Dalton as a 45-year-old from Kalamazoo Township who police said had no criminal record. They said victims of the shootings in and around the city of Kalamazoo had no apparent connection to him or to each other.

Uber spokeswoman Naeli Hourdajian confirmed Dalton had driven for Uber. Hourdajian wouldn't say whether he was picking up fares for the ride-sharing service Saturday night.

Authorities, however, were investigating a Facebook post which indicated the suspect was driving erratically around the time of the shootings and may have picked up at least one Uber fare while authorities were looking for him, according to Kalamazoo County Prosecutor Jeff Gettler.

Uber said Sunday that it has offered to assist authorities in their investigation. In statement, Uber chief security officer Joe Sullivan said the company is "horrified and heartbroken by the senseless violence."

While Uber says it screens drivers and conducts background checks, critics say the ride-hailing company uses private screening services that don't have access to as much information as local police can obtain when they check fingerprint records.

The company said earlier this month that it will pay \$28.5 million to settle two lawsuits that alleged Uber misled customers about safety procedures and fees. It's also facing a separate lawsuit by district attorneys in San Francisco and Los Angeles, who alleged that Uber's checks failed to prevent the company from hiring several felons.

If Dalton had no criminal record, it's not clear that Uber would have had any reason to keep him from driving. Uber, meanwhile, instituted a policy last year that prohibits drivers and passengers from possessing firearms. Anyone found to be in violation of the policy may be prohibited from using or driving for the service.

While in several cases Uber drivers have been charged with assaulting passengers, there have also been incidents in which the company's drivers have been attacked by passengers.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 23



Wet Weather in The South And Southeast

A storm system will produce a chance of showers and thunderstorms for the southern Plains and Southeast. Parts of the Northwest and northern Rockies will have a chance of rain and mountain snow.

Lower temps in the forecast

After a spring-like weekend, temperatures return to normal today and will become colder later this week. Today will be partly cloudy with a high of 40. Local weatherman Dennis Howick said. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a low of 25. Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a high of 42.

HOWICK'S REPORT	
Saturday's high	87
Saturday's low	30
Extended forecast: Wednesday, mostly cloudy with rain and snow, 33-40; Thursday, mostly cloudy with light snow, 30-35; Friday, mostly cloudy with flurries, 22-32; and Saturday-Sunday, partly cloudy with scattered flurries, 20-35 and 18-28, respectively.	

New U.S.-Russia plan sets Syria ceasefire

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Russia agreed today on a new cease-fire for Syria that will take effect on Saturday, U.S. officials said.

They said the former Cold War foes, which are backing opposing sides in Syria's civil war, agreed on all the terms and conditions for the "cessation of hostilities" between Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and armed opposition groups. Those sides still need to accept the deal.

The truce will not cover the Islamic State, the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front and any other militaries designated as terrorist organizations by the U.N. Security Council. Both the U.S. and Russia are still targeting those groups with airstrikes.

An announcement is expected after President Barack Obama and Vladimir Putin speak on the matter by telephone today, according to the officials, who weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter ahead of time and demanded anonymity.

The timing of the cease-fire is only days ahead of Moscow's proposal earlier this month for it to start on March 1.

Can scientists prove Zika virus is causing birth defects?

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists suspect an outbreak of the Zika virus is behind a surge in a rare birth defect in babies. But how are they going to prove it?

Authorities in the South American country were quick to make the link last fall. The health minister last week said he was "absolutely sure" that the mosquito-borne virus is a cause.

But others aren't so certain. While the evidence has been mounting, so far it is circumstantial.

"The simple presence of the virus doesn't mean it caused the birth defect. It means there's a probability," said Dr. Arnold Monto, a University of Michigan epidemiologist.

The investigation is still in its early stages. It began after Brazilian doctors noticed an increase last fall in babies with a birth defect called microcephaly, which has a number of causes. The cases closely followed the country's first outbreak of the tropical virus Zika, which was thought to cause no more than a mild illness that clears up in a week.

Microcephaly hadn't been seen in past Zika outbreaks. Babies with the condition have a smaller than normal head and often have a smaller brain that hasn't developed properly. Lab tests have detected the virus in the brain tissue of a few babies with microcephaly.

Proving the cause is a bit like

prosecuting a murder investigation, with Zika as the apparent killer but a lot of unanswered questions, said Dr. Ernesto Marques, a University of Pittsburgh microbiologist who is collaborating with Brazilian researchers.

"What you have so far, the victim is there, and you find a person right there that has a smoking gun in his hand," Marques said. "But you still need to close the deal."

The investigation poses special challenges. There's currently no good animal substitute for humans to study the virus. And it's not considered ethical to infect people, especially pregnant women, in an experiment to see what happens — not when there seems to be a real chance that

a volunteer could be seriously harmed.

So researchers are turning to other kinds of studies to try to establish whether Zika or some other factor is causing the birth defect or, also, a paralyzing condition called Guillain-Barre. Five Latin American countries with Zika outbreaks are reporting an uptick in that condition in adults.

One method is quick-and-dirty research called a case-control study, which looks back in time after an illness or condition has occurred. For the birth defect research, that means recruiting a group of women with babies born with microcephaly and trying to sort out what may have happened during their pregnancy to spark the condition. For comparison, they will query women whose infants don't have the birth defect.

Battle

(Continued from front page)

launched his own re-election campaign.

Outnumbered Democrats were solidly behind Obama but seemed to face an uphill climb. They were strategizing over how to maximize pressure on Republican senators, including Ayotte and four others seeking re-election in states Obama won in both 2008 and 2012: Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

No. 3 Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York predicted Friday that voter pressure will force the GOP to consider the nomination because failure to act "will hurt badly the Republican brand, which is trying to get away from

obstructionism."

In an interview, he said the issue was already helping his party politically because, "I think now, the Democratic side in the election will be as motivated as the Republican side because they know what's at stake."

Recent elections have seen other pitched battles over Supreme Court selections, including Robert Bork's 1987 rejection and Samuel Alito's confirmation in 2005. Yet it's unusual for the Senate to wage a litigious struggle over the selections or take no action at all.

Since 1789, presidents have sent 160 Supreme Court nominations to the Senate, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. Of those, 124

were confirmed.

Underlining the usual lack of controversy, 73 of them won confirmation by voice vote — a method that often indicates that a matter lacks major dissent.

And of the 51 approved on roll call votes, only 28 times did 10 or more senators vote against the nominee. Since 1967, the Senate has always taken roll calls on Supreme Court nominations.

Of the 36 who failed to win confirmation, the Senate rejected 11 — most recently Bork, in a bitter partisan battle after he'd been nominated by President Ronald Reagan. Thirteen others saw action on the Senate floor that stopped short of a final roll call.

Russia

(Continued from front page)

digital sensors to confirm that they are compliant with treaty requirements. The officials said all signatories to the treaty agree that "transition from film cameras to digital sensors is required for the long-term viability of the treaty."

In December, Rose Gottemoeller, undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, sought to temper concerns about Russian overflights, saying that what Moscow gains from the observation flights is "incremental" to what they collect through other means.

"One of the advantages of the Open Skies Treaty is that information — imagery — that is taken is shared openly among all the treaty parties," she said at a joint hearing of the House Foreign Affairs and Armed Services committees in December.

"So one of the advantages with the Open Skies Treaty is that we know exactly what the Russians are imaging, because they must share the imagery with us."

Still, military and intelligence officials have expressed serious concern.

"The open skies construct was designed for a different era," Lt. Gen. Vincent Stewart, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told lawmakers when asked about the Russian overflights during a congressional hearing. "I'm very concerned about how it's applied today."

Steve Rademaker, former assistant secretary of state for the bureau of arms control and the bureau of international security and nonproliferation, told Congress at a hearing on security cooperation in Europe in October that Russia complies with the Open Skies Treaty but has "adopted a number of measures that are inconsistent with the spirit" of the accord.

The treaty, for instance, obligates each member to make all of its territory available for aerial observation, yet Russia has imposed restrictions on surveillance over Moscow and Chechnya and over Abkhazia and South Ossetia, he said. Russian restrictions also make it hard to conduct observation in the Kaliningrad enclave, said Rademaker, who believes Russia is "selectively implementing" the treaty "in a way that nulls its intent."

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Johnson joins elite company in latest victory

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson reached another milestone in his brilliant NASCAR career. This one was really special.

Win No. 76.
Right up there with the Intimidator, Johnson's victory at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday pushed him into a tie for seventh place on the career list with the late Dale Earnhardt, who was killed in a first-lap crash at the 2001 Daytona 500 just a few months before Johnson joined the Cup series.

"I didn't have a chance to race against him," Johnson said. "There's been a big void in my mind ... so to tie him, for me personally, it gives me a little bit of attachment to the great Dale Earnhardt."

After a chaotic finish, the significance of the triumph didn't occur to Johnson at first. Then it hit him, so he took another spin in front of the grandstand, sticking his hand out of the car to hold up three fingers.

No. 3 was Earnhardt's number, of course, and in an appropriate twist, Johnson teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. crossed the line next, edging out Kyle Busch for the runner-up spot by mere inches.

"I think Dad would've liked Jimmie as a person," Junior said, "but he certainly wouldn't have enjoyed competing against him."

Next on Johnson's bucket list: another series championship. By winning the second race of the season, he essentially wrapped up his spot in the season-

ending Chase, where he'll be attempting to join Earnhardt and Richard Petty as the only drivers to capture seven Cup titles.

"The six that I have, I know how special and meaningful they are," Johnson said. "If I have a chance to win a seventh and tie Petty and Earnhardt, that would be just monumental."

Polished and well-liked throughout the garage, Johnson would appear to have little in common with the Intimidator, a rough-and-tumble driver who didn't mind making others mad and doing whatever it took to win the race — even if it meant knocking someone out of the way.

"He didn't get that Intimidator title by being nice to everybody," quipped Rick Hendrick, the owner of Johnson's No. 48 car.

But Earnhardt Jr. thinks his father, if he had lived, would have become fast friends with Johnson.

Certainly, he would've respected Johnson's skills behind the wheel. Johnson, however, on full display as he struggled to maintain control of his car on fading tires, having made his final green-flag pit stop ahead of everyone else in a strategic bid to snatch the lead away from Kevin Harvick.

"Knowing Dad and knowing Jimmie's character, they would've gotten along tremendously and Dad would've thought the world of him," Earnhardt Jr. said. "How can you not like Jimmie? He's just a good guy who never stepped over the line with anything he's ever

said or anything he's ever done."

All he does is win, with staggering consistency.

The 40-year-old has now earned a victory in every full-time Cup season, extending the streak to 15 years in a row. As fit as any driver in the series, he could likely remain at the top of the game for another decade or more. While Petty's record of 200 career victories is unlikely to ever be duplicated — he competed largely in a different era with far more races each year — Johnson certainly has the potential to reach the second spot on the list.

David Pearson won 105 times. Johnson has averaged a bit more than five victories a year, a pace that would push him past the Silver Fox in another six seasons.

Shorter term, Johnson can set his sights on Cale Yarborough (83 victories), Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip (84 apiece), and longtime teammate Jeff Gordon, who retired after last season with 93 wins.

"You've got to say that he's one of the best that's ever been in the sport," Hendrick said of Johnson. "It's going to be interesting to see how many races and championships Jimmie and Chad (Knaus, his crew chief) can win."

It was Knaus who made the call that essentially gave Johnson a shot at his latest victory. Knowing it would be tough to get around Harvick, who led more laps than anyone, the crew chief brought in the No. 48 for its last scheduled pit stop nine laps before Harvick, gambling that



Associated Press

Jimmie Johnson, second from left, takes a selfie with his crew after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday in Hampton, Ga.

Johnson could make his tires last longer on the bruising Atlanta track.

The move worked, giving Johnson a big lead, though a late yellow flag forced overtime. Everyone came back into the pits for new tires, Johnson returned to the track still out front, and a four-car crash on the backstretch shortly after

the restart sealed the win.

Johnson gave much of the credit to his crew chief.

Knaus gave it right back. "Jimmie is pretty amazing, isn't he?" the crew chief said, breaking into a big smile. "Let's be honest. He's just a heck of a race-car driver."

MLB sends reminder: No dipping at Fenway Park, Dodger Stadium, SF

By the Associated Press

Dusty Baker was a big dipper. He's cut back his chaw over the years but still might pop in a pinch when games get tight.

The Washington Nationals manager won't get that choice at some ballparks this season.

Big leaguers are now getting a reminder that smokeless tobacco is banned at stadiums in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Boston.

One-page letters are being put in clubhouse lockers throughout spring training. The notices come jointly from Major League Baseball and the players' union.

"It's a bad influence for the kids. Big time, I'll say that. But also they're adults, too, at the same time," Baker said.

"We'll see," he said. "My

daughter used to put water in my can and put it back in my truck. Or my son, he has lip chaw — 'Get it out, Dad!'"

Local laws will prohibit the use of all tobacco products at Fenway Park, Dodger Stadium and AT&T Park this year, meaning players, team personnel, umpires and fans. The letter advises the same ban will take effect at every California ballpark in December.

"I support it," new Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "I think that the intentions are there, and there's obviously going to be some resistance with players."

"Like it or not, players are role models, and we have a platform as coaches and players. So if that's the law, then we definitely support it," he said.

Similar legislation has been proposed in New York City, and both the Mets and Yankees say they back such a ban at their parks.

"Preventing children from being exposed to smokeless tobacco is an important initiative and we are glad to play our part," the Mets said in a statement.

"Major League Baseball has long supported a ban of smokeless tobacco at the major league level and the New York Yankees fully support the proposed local law," they said.

The letter being distributed to players on 40-man rosters and teams this spring says: "Please note that these are city ordinances and not rules established by Major League Baseball. However, the commissioner's office

will be monitoring players and club personnel for compliance with the regulations."

Smokeless tobacco isn't permitted throughout the minor leagues. There is no ban on dipping in the majors, and the issue is certain to be discussed in upcoming labor talks between MLB and the union on the contract that expires Dec. 1.

Going back more than a century, when even Bud Durham, a tobacco sign was plastered all over outfield walls, baseball was filled with pictures of players with a chaw in their cheek.

Over the years, in collective bargaining, MLB and the union

have tried to lower that profile. Players, managers and coaches now can't stick tobacco tins,

cans or pouches in their pockets when they're on the field or in plain sight of fans. No wads stuck in the mouth during TV interviews, either.

In their letter, MLB and the union said it would provide "nicotine replacement therapy products to those players who wish to use them as substitutes. A shipment of various products including lozenges, gum, and patches will be sent to each club free of charge in spring training and throughout the 2016 season."

The letter included a reminder that Dr. Michael Steinberg, director of the Rutgers University tobacco dependence program, had previously been hired as a consultant to help players develop a treatment plan, if they

wanted.

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons applauded the effort to cut down on chaw. He quit a couple years ago after Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn — a career-long dipper — died at 54 of salivary gland cancer.

"I was a tobacco user for a lot of years. I'm not proud of that. I finally was able to quit. It's a dirty, filthy habit," he said.

"I wouldn't want my kids doing it. You hope in some way, they can eliminate it and wipe it out. I'm sure there will be some fights over that, especially in this election year. I'm sure that'll be brought up. But, hey, if you can get rid of it, I'm all for that," he said.

Xavier upset by Seton Hall

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Xavier coach Chris Mack was a little worried about a takedown for his fifth-ranked Musketeers against Seton Hall on Sunday, just four days after they had beat No. 1 Villanova.

"Sure, there was concern," Mack said after his team was soundly defeated 90-81 by the Pirates in a game that was really not as close as the final score might indicate. "Our energy level was good in practice on Friday and Saturday. You think you're ready to play and then we get this."

Seton Hall, playing with its collective eyes on its first NCAA Tournament berth since 2006, jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first 2 minutes of the game and really never looked back.

"They were amped up and played really hard," said Mack, whose team entered Sunday having won four straight and nine of 10. "They had a sense of desperation you could feel."

While the Pirates led from the start, Mack said it was a 4-minute stretch late in the first half that led to the undoing of the Musketeers (23-4, 13-4 Big East).

"From the 8-minute mark to the 4-minute mark we really went south," Mack said. "They have a lot of really good athletic players. They got a lot of deflections and those led to easy baskets. They've a top 20 defensive team and we knew that coming in. We left so many points out there, with post-ups we missed and layups we missed. We counted out that we missed 17 layups. You miss those shots, it's deflating and you start to feel sorry for yourself. That's what happened."

The Musketeers shot a dismal 33 percent (30 of 77) from the field and 37 percent from 3-point range (10 of 27).

Trevon Blittell and James Farr both scored 17 points to lead Xavier, while Myles Davis added 15, most of which came in second-half desperation time.

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IN BRIEF

NEW JERSEY
Bill reaches \$10M
for bridge case fees

New Jersey taxpayers are paying more than \$10 million for legal services for Gov. Chris Christie's administration in the George Washington Bridge toll case, still pending against the former Christie ally. The updated total became known late Friday after the state released the details for the first time on the more than \$2 million paid over the past two years for the toll case. The money by the Republican governor's 2013 re-election campaign. Invoices released by the state show the governor's office show the governor's office spent \$2.3 million on digital forensics firm to investigate the connection to the previously disclosed \$8 million Christie's administration spent through December for the toll case, according to state records, David S. Krutner writes.

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IN BRIEF

AFGHANISTAN

Suicide attacks kill more than 20

Suicide bombers targeted an anti-Taliban tribal leader in eastern Afghanistan and the Defense Ministry compound in the capital, Kabul, killing at least 23 people Saturday and wounding dozens more, officials said. A suicide bomber on a motorcycle attacked tribal leader Khan Jan in eastern Kunar province, killing him and 10 other civilians, said Gen. Abdul Habib Sayedkhail, the provincial police chief. No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but provincial officials said they suspected the Taliban.

NEW YORK

Rep: Yoko Ono on the mend

Yoko Ono was hospitalized in New York City for flu-like symptoms, but is on the mend and the 83-year-old artist-singer should be released this weekend, her representative said. Ono went to the hospital on the advice of her doctor, and media reports that she had a stroke were not true, Elliott Mintz said Friday. Ono is the widow of John Lennon of the Beatles. The couple's son, Sean Ono Lennon, said on Twitter that his mother was dehydrated and tired.

SOUTH KOREA

Fillbuster against bill in fifth day

South Korea's opposition lawmakers on Saturday continued their non-stop speeches for a fifth straight day in parliament to block a vote on a government-backed anti-terrorism bill that they say would threaten personal freedoms and privacy if passed into law.

HAWAII

Native group OKs constitution

A constitutional convention of native Hawaiians has adopted a document that will go out to a vote for ratification, the organization behind the gathering announced. The proposed constitution, approved Friday by an 88 to 30 vote with one abstention, allows room for recognition by the U.S. government while holding out for the possibility of independence, said Na'Aupuni, an organization that says on its website it's dedicated to "establish a path for Hawaiian self-determination." The U.S. Interior Department is giving native Hawaiians an option to have a government-to-government relationship with the U.S.

SOMALIA

Heavy security after twin blasts

Hundreds of Soma-

li soldiers erected new security checkpoints across the capital, a day after attacks by Islamic extremists killed at least nine civilians and wounded several others. Government security forces patrolled the streets of Mogadishu on Saturday after the attacks Friday on a hotel and a nearby public garden. Police said at least five militants from the group al-Shabab were also killed in the attacks on SYL Hotel and the Peace Garden, which each involved suicide car bombers. The first blast, at the hotel, sent a loud boom across the city, shattering windows and ripping the roofs off many nearby buildings. The truck packed with 440 pounds of explosives may have been the most powerful bomb used by al-Shabab in recent years.

INDONESIA

8 accused of abusing fishermen

Indonesian prosecutors are seeking prison sentences of up to 415 years for five Thais and three Indonesians accused of human trafficking in connection with slavery in the seafood industry. The suspects were arrested in the island village of Benjina last May after the slavery was revealed. The victims told the court that they had been tortured, forced to work up to 24 hours a day and were not paid.

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Residential	10.62%
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Primary Substation	3.78%
High Voltage	1.18%
Street Lighting	19.10%
Private Outdoor Lighting	12.05%

The rates proposed in the Application are based on Straight Fixed Variable ("SFV") rate design principles. Use of those principles means that a greater portion of the proposed base rates will be recovered through a fixed customer charge, while the remaining costs will be recovered through a variable energy or demand charge. In relying on those principles, DPL intends to best similarly situated customers' bills and help keep rates for electric distribution services more steady throughout the year.

DPL also proposes a Storm Cost Recovery Rider designed to collect costs associated with major storm events, or Regulatory Compliance Rider designed to collect costs associated with deferred regulatory costs, and an Unavoidable Rider that will provide for collection of bad debt resulting from unpaid bills.

The proposals in the Application are subject to changes, including changes on or around and from, by the Commission. Recommendations that differ from the filed Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties, and may be adopted by the Commission.

Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 4909.19, an objection to DPL's Application, which may allege that such Application contains proposals that are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

A copy of the Application and supporting documents may be inspected by any interested party at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3772; or at the following business office of DPL: 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45422-1423. A copy of the Application and supporting documents may also be viewed at the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, by selecting DPL, inputting 15-1830 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed.

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Delaware County hires sewer director

By Gary Budzak
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Delaware County has appointed a Powell resident, Michael A. Frommer, to be its new director of sanitary engineering and development.

With his 20 years of experience, Frommer will oversee the county's sewer district and solid waste station, serve as a liaison with developers, and work with the county administrator. He will report to county commissioners, who created the

position in November. "Frommer's professional credentials and track record of success are perfectly suited to the technical demands and high expectations of this new position," said Commissioner Barb Lewis. "In this important role, he will help achieve our county's full potential."

Frommer is a vice president and area operations manager for AECOM (formerly URS), a regional civil-engineering firm he has spent 13 years with. Frommer has been

a project manager for sanitary sewer projects in Columbus, Defiance, Hilliard, Lima, Newark and other communities.

He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Ohio Northern University. Frommer is a licensed professional engineer and has water supply and wastewater operator licenses with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He also previously served as utilities director with Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer

District. Frommer is also a past president of the Ohio Water Environment Association.

His resume states that he is a member of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers.

Last spring, commissioners authorized a study of its sanitary sewerage master plan, to be completed this summer. "The plan will guide future development in the county," said county spokeswoman Jane Hawes



Frommer

in a prepared statement.

Frommer will start March 7. His annual salary will be \$130,000.

With Frommer's hiring, the county still needs to fill the county administrator position following the retirement of Tim Hensley on Jan. 15. Frommer had applied for the administrator's job but was not selected.

The position is being filled by assistant administrators Dawn Huston

and Seiji Kille.

The hiring announcement was made at the commissioners' meeting Monday.

"I really look forward to Mike Frommer joining our team," said Commissioner Jeff Benton. "He will provide the skilled leadership for this critical activity that will set the stage for continued smart growth in Delaware County for decades."

Gary Budzak may be reached at 740-413-0904 or on Twitter @GaryBudzak.

BULLETIN BOARD

Tuesday

EVENTS

Gloria Dean Randle Scott, the first African-American president of Girl Scouts, will discuss "The Leadership Contribution of Girls and Women of Color to Girl Scouting," 7 p.m., Benes Rooms of Ohio Wesleyan University's Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, 40 Rowland Ave. Free

ARTS

Tuesday Knitters, 6:30 p.m., Sunbury Community Library, 44 Burrer Drive, Sunbury

CIVIC

Brown Township trustees, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 3832 Main St., Kilbourne, 740-369-0700

Delaware City Shade Tree Commission, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 S. Sandusky St., second floor

Genoa Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., 5111 S. Old 3C Highway

Ostrander Board of Public Affairs, 7 p.m., Community Center, 19 S. Main St., Ostrander

Washington Township trustees, 6 p.m., fire administration office, 6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin

Westerville City Council work session, 7 p.m., municipal building, 21 S. State St.

GROUPS

Business Networking International, 8 a.m., Delaware County Board of Realtors, 21 N. Sandusky St., Delaware, Wayne Horowitz, 614-304-1056, wayne@bni.com

HEALTH

Walking Club, 10 a.m., Liberty Township/Powell YMCA, 7796 N. Liberty Road, 740-881-1058

Parkinson's exercise class, 11 a.m.-noon, Willow Brook Christian Village, 100 Willow Brook Way South, Dr. Robert Gardner, 614-560-7234

LIBRARIES

Baby Time, 10:30 a.m., Sunbury Community Library, 44 Burrer

Drive

Time for Twos, 9:45 a.m., Sunbury Community Library, 44 Burrer Drive

SUPPORT

AA daily meeting, noon, William Street United Methodist Church, 28 W. William St., 740-363-4466

Belle Avenue Food Pantry, 2:30 p.m., 162 Belle Ave., 740-369-4943

Common Ground Free Store, open 6-9 p.m., 193 E. Central Ave., 740-369-3733

Give It Away Group of N.A., 7-8 p.m., Ashley United Methodist Church, 214 E. High St.

Hole in the Doughnut Group, open literature/discussion AA, 8 p.m., All Shepherds Lutheran Church, 6501 U.S. 23, Lewis Center, 800-870-3795 or acentralohio.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness Connection Recovery Support Group, 6:30 p.m., 560 Sunbury Road, Suite 11, Delaware, 740-815-1767 or www.namimdel-mor.org

Open Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 166 North St., Ostrander

Square Foot Group, open discussion AA, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 73 W. Winter St., 800-870-3795 or acentralohio.org

Sunbury Tuesday Night Footprints, open big book discussion AA, 7 p.m., Sunbury Church of the Nazarene, 830 N. Ohio 61, Sunbury, 800-870-3795 or acentralohio.org

Sunrise Group, open big book AA, 7 a.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 45 W. Winter St., 800-870-3795 or acentralohio.org

Support group for current and former victims of domestic violence, 7 p.m., call Turning Point, 1-800-232-6506, for location

Public community dinner, 2-7 p.m., \$4 adults; \$2 children, White Lily Chapel, 20 S. Main St., Ashley, 740-747-2233 or www.whitelilychapel.org

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ing Golf League, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., locations change, 740-369-5133

Fraternal Order of Eagles 376, bingo, doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., 127 E. William St.

Introduction to Meditation, 6:30 p.m., SourcePoint, 800 Cheshire Road, 740-203-2358

HEALTH

Fifty-Fifty Club walking, 7:15 a.m., Royal American Links Golf Course, Miller-Paul Road

Free community yoga class, bring yoga mat, 7 p.m., Perfect Harmony Fitness, 24 N. Sandusky St., 740-513-6705

LIBRARIES

Delaware County Historical Society Research Library and **Nash House Museum**, open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Snyder Historical Center, 157 E. William St., delawareohiohistory.org

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New members sworn in



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POLICE BLOTTER

Delaware police report

Three people walking on Spring Street Saturday at about 2:35 a.m. said they were nearly hit by a car. The walkers said they yelled at the driver and he got out of his vehicle, implied he had a gun and made statements that led them to believe he would shoot them. The walkers left the area and called police. They provided a description of the vehicle and police stopped

the man on South Sandusky Street minutes later. He acknowledged the altercation but denied making threats. He was arrested and charged with aggravated menacing and was taken to the Delaware County Jail. Police also learned he had been driving without a license. He was charged with operating without a valid license as well.

A man was threatened by two people he

knows at a business on East Central Avenue Friday afternoon. The man said the two people sought him out and threatened him regarding an ongoing issue between the man and one of the suspects' family members. An investigation is ongoing.

A yield sign at the intersection of Wells Street and Joy Avenue was vandalized with red spray paint Sunday morning.

OBITUARIES

GARY LESLIE WILLIAM HAMRE

WORTHINGTON — Gary Leslie William Hamre, 76, of Delaware, Ohio, died peacefully on Monday, Feb. 29, at home surrounded by his children, following a long battle with aplastic anemia.

Preceded in death by his parents, Mayme and Hiram Hamre; and his wife of 20 years, Karen Sue.

Survived by his sister, Sharon (Dennis) Kowalik and nephews, Jim and Steve Kowalik, all of Isanti, Minn. Survived also by his first wife, Margaret (Renshaw) Keck of Greenville, S.C.; son, Jeffrey (Sandra) Hamre of Elyria, Ohio; daughters, Cheryl (Ronnie) Quinn of Greenville, S.C. and Dayna (Randy) Scarbrough of Centerville, Ohio; stepchildren, Vickie (Tom) Foster of Radnor, Ohio; Tammy (Brent) Leonard of Fredericktown, Ohio and Michael Dawson of Findlay, Ohio; grandchildren, Danielle (Dan) Blair, Kenneth and Michelle



Baugh, Zachary Seagle, Tiffany Dickerson, PJ and Amber Dawson; great-grandchildren, Rebekah and Jacob Blair, Rowan Quinn, Alex and Andy Schultz, Laura Burke, David Baugh, Grace Dickerson, Brody Feay.

Gary graduated Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis, Minn. and received a BA Degree from the University of Minnesota where he was a member of the Golden Gophers football team from 1957-59. Gary worked for the Pure Oil Company (which became the Union Oil Company) from 1963 until 1978, relocating to Ohio in 1971. He left the Union Oil to become owner of the 76 Halfway House Truck Stop and Restaurant in Delaware, Ohio from 1978 until 1989. In 1977 he joined the Franklin

County Sheriff's Office as an auxiliary deputy and became a full time deputy after the sale of the truck stop. He attained the rank of Lieutenant before retiring in 2009.

Mr. Hamre belonged to Lions Clubs International where he was a Charter member of the Green Meadows Lions Club of Powell, Ohio. He served as Treasurer and President of the Green Meadows club, was a Lions District 13F Zone Chairman, served as governor of Ohio Lions District 13F in 1990/91 and continued to serve in various capacities throughout the years that followed. He later transferred to the Delaware Lions Club and remained active until his passing. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow award. Gary was a Master Mason, member of the York Lodge No. 583, belonged to Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons No. 115; the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons No. 155; Knight Templar Commandery No. 69; a 32nd degree member of the

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and a member of the Prerogative unit of the Aladdin Shriners. He was also active in several other groups within the Shriners Organization. He was a lifetime member of the NRA, North American Hunting and fishing Club, retired member of the FOP, Capitol Lodge No. 9 and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Family will welcome friends 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Schoedinger Worthington Chapel, 6899 N. High St., Worthington, OH 43085 where services (including a Masonic service) will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2016. Interment to follow at Sunset Cemetery, Rev. Brittany Wooten officiating.

Those who wish may contribute to the Ohio Lion's Eye Research Foundation, 4074 Hopover Road, Grove City, OH 43123, in his memory. Visit www.schoedinger.com to share memories or extend condolences.

DIANNE N. BANKS TURNER

DELAWARE — Dianne N. Banks Turner, 66, of Delaware, passed away at home Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 from complications with diabetes.

Born in Delaware on July 4, 1949, she was the daughter of the late William and Carrie (Diggs) Banks.

A graduate of Delaware Hayes High School in 1967, she went on to work for the Ohio Department of Youth Services both as a youth leader and supervisor.

A woman of deep and abiding faith she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Crestline, and she enjoyed gardening and arranging flowers. Always thoughtful and affectionate, she was compassionate beyond compare. Dianne was generous in every way in both means and time. Most proud of her children and grandchildren, she will be remembered for her giving ways.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Bill (Dovie) Banks of Pickerington, Scott Banks of Delaware; Denise Turner of Delaware; grandchildren, Malik, Mal-colum, Brittany, Marshall; great-grandson, Elias; brothers, William Banks of Williamsport, Pa., James (Nina) Banks of Dublin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Turner; siblings, Ellie Lindsay, Margaret Campbell, Patricia Dickerson, Charlotte Cole, Charles and Dale Campbell, and Mollie Evans.

Visitation will be held at the Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center, 1510 W. William St., at Valleydale Drive, Delaware, OH 43015 on Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 2-5 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at The First Baptist Church, 212 E. Livingston, Crestline, OH 44827 at noon with Pastor Frank M. Bolden officiating.

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EDWARD L. PLUMMER

MARYSVILLE — Edward L. Plummer, 79, of Marysville, former longtime Delaware resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 at the Florida Hospital South in Orlando, Florida following a brief illness.

He was retired as a well driller with his family business, Sam Plummer and Sons Well-drilling. He was a veteran of the

U.S. Army. He enjoyed telling Army stories, tinkering around the house, fishing, but, most importantly, spending time with his family especially his grandchildren.

Ed was born June 17, 1936 near Shawnee Hills in Delaware County to the late Samuel R. and Ida V. Blanton Plummer. He was also preceded in death

by siblings, Lester Plummer, Mary Kay Zahrmak, Frank Plummer, and Sandra Falke; special friends, Mike and Doris Cody.

He married the former Betty A. McClellan Nov. 16, 1962 in Delaware, Ohio.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Betty; their children, Michelle "Shelley" (Jack) Thomas, Jeffrey LeRay

Plummer; grandchildren, Amelia and Lauren Lively, Brandon Thomas; siblings, William Plummer, Carolyn Buettner, Sharon Washburn, Connie Raub and Joyce Haynie; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Tom and Ruth Elliott, Paul "Port" and Linda Garner, Byron and Norma O'Dell and his various friends from the service.

Calling hours will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the Ingram Funeral Home, 975 N. Maple St., Marysville, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday with the family receiving friends 1 hour prior to the service. Pastor Tim Nowlin of the Ashland Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will follow at the Africa Cemetery on South Old State Road, Lewis Center.

Memorial contributions in Ed's memory may be made to the Northwest Ohio Christian Youth Camp Scholarship Fund c/o Chris Ackerman-treasurer, 8877 TR 131, McCutchenville, OH 44844.

Condolences may be expressed at www.ingramfuneralhome.com.

CORRECTION POLICY

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BRUCE EUGENE BAILEY

DELAWARE — Bruce Eugene Bailey, 59, of Delaware, passed away Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28, 2016 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. The Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center, 1510 W. William St., Delaware, is honored to serve this veteran and his family. For a complete obituary, memorial service information and to offer a condolence to the family, please visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

HERMAN HARTSEL SLAYMAN

DELAWARE — Herman Hartsel Slayman, 92, passed away Saturday, Feb. 26, 2016.

He was born June 10, 1923 in Mill Creek, W.Va.

He received his Bachelor's Degree from Penn State University, a Master's Degree and his Doctorate in music from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He remained in the Cincinnati area and taught music at various schools including Lemon-Monroe High School, Hughes High School and Gamble Junior High School.

He became the Director of Extension Services for the University of Illinois Chicago Campus where he worked for 20 years. He and his wife retired to Nokomis, Florida.

Proceeded in death by wife, Sara Jane; parents, Norman and Suzie; brother, Glen; and sisters, Wilma Gear and Phyllis



Pitt. He is survived by sons, Timothy Kent (Monica) Slayman currently of Joliet, Ill. and Terry Scott (Maria) Slayman

currently of Delaware, Ohio; grandson, Tyler; sister, Donna (Bob) Henson of Santa Anna, Calif. Herm was always known for his kind words and constant smile. He kept his mind as active as he could, continually working on his own personal program to help teach young children language and math skills.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Willowbrook at Delaware Run for their loving care of Herm. Services will be observed privately by his family in Venice, Florida.

Local arrangements have been entrusted to the Snyder Rodman Funeral Center, 1510 W. William St., Delaware. Donations may be made to Willowbrook at Delaware Run, 100 Delaware Crossing West, Delaware, OH 43015.

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Perry Road, Radnor, Clemmer Kathy & Ruffing Winifred to: Corbin Maxwell III, \$135,000

Penn Road, Ostrander, Delaware County Bank

PUBLIC RECORDS

R-H Staff

Marriage Applications Filed in Preble County from Wednesday, Jan. 20 to Wednesday, Jan. 27:
 Scott Gaar Holp, age 35 of Verona and Marie Teah Galvez, age 34 of Verona.

Real Estate Transfers Filed in Preble County from Wednesday, Jan. 20 to Wednesday, Jan. 27:

Linda Hard and Linda C. Hardy to Bill Harris, lot 626 in Camden.

Eric E. Marit to Margaret J. Jordan, lot 1828 and 1829 in Eaton.

Angela Lynn Welch to Larry L. McMechan, Larry L. McMechan, Linda S. McMechan and Linda S. McMechan, part of lot G, H and 66 in New Lexington.

Linda K. Appledorn, Linda K. Appledorn EXECUTRIX and Michael G. Appledorn, to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, lot 995 in Eaton.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Ofori and Associates PC to Jerry Herbert Davis, 91 acres in Lanier Township.

Wanda L. Reece to Jack R. Sizemore and Cynthia L. Sizemore, lot 2985 in Eaton.
 Russell W. Singleton IV to JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association, .593 acres in Somers Township.

Robert C. Alley to Edkor D. Rike and Regina L. Rike, lot 81 in Lewisburg.

Willard B. Jr. to Incenta Federal Credit Union, 10.796 acres in Jackson Township.

Dall R. Lahman and Alice R. Lahman to Kreg Kohli and Barbara A. Kohli, 33.619 acres and 8.518 acres in Jackson Township.

Paul R. Hemmerle to Citizens Bank NA, 2.450 acres in Twin Township.

Paul E. Kalles and Paul Kalles to PNC Bank NA, lot 2227 in Eaton.

Alexander B. Johnson and Melissa K. Johnson to Cody M. Lebo and Kaylee J. Lebo, 18.581 acres in Harrison Township.

Manfred Schreyer to Isaac Sheppard and Cassie Mae Sheppard, lot 240 in Eaton.

Marc A. Klein, Teri B. Klein and Terri B. Klein to Steve

Bailey, lot 2150 in Lakengren 24.

Fannie Mae, Federal National Mortgage Association, Reimer Arnovitz, Chernek and Jeffrey CO LPA and Reimer Arnovitz Chernek and Jeffrey CO LPA to Christopher Cottingham and Nicole Cottingham, lot 234 in Lakengren.

Frank Hudson and Mary Hudson to Aaron J. Brooks and Jennifer Brooks, lot 1104 in Lakengren 7.

Charles R. Lodge and William R. Stapleton Jr. to William R. Stapleton Jr. and Nellie S. Stapleton, four acres in Somers Township.

Charles R. Lodge and Anne F. Lodge to Michael L. Broermann Trustee, Lisa J. Broermann Trustee and Broermann Family Revocable Trust, 25.180 acres in Dixon Township.

Primestar Fund I TRS INC to Robert Benzing, lot 407 in Camden.

Jordan R. Warner to Edkor Rike and Regina Rike, lot 19 in Hopewell 1.

Gerlene B. Hobbs to Gover Hobbs, lot 476 in Camden.

STUDENT NOTES

Kettering College

Dean's List

Kettering College congratulates the following students on being designated for the Fall Semester 2015 Academic Dean's List: Alicia Ledford, Eaton, Nursing, BS, prelicensure; Logan Boone, Lewisburg, Nursing, BS, prelicensure; Olivia Snell, Lewisburg, Nursing, BS, prelicensure; Lydia Henderson, Nursing, BS, prelicensure.

Students that are distinguished on Kettering College Dean's List, completed at least 12 total credit hours during a semester, and maintained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or greater, with no grade below a B-.

Wittenburg U. Dean's List

Wittenburg University regularly recognizes students who maintain high educational standards. The following students maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the 2015

fall semester and earned a place on the Dean's List.

Local students from the area included: Anna Moore of Eaton, Charles North of Germantown, Taylor Roell of Eaton, Jarred Upchurch of West Alexandria.

Defiance College

Dean's List

Each semester Defiance College recognizes students who have attained an outstanding level of academic excellence by naming them to either the Dean's list or the school honors list.

The honors list for students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and enrolled in 6-11 semester hours for which letter grades are given. Students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and are enrolled in 12 or more semester hours for which letter grades are given are named to the Dean's list.

Dean's: Jacob Tinsley and Derek Lucas, Eaton; Joseph Webb, West Alexandria.

AROUND THE 'BURG

R-H Staff

Hello Lewisburg!

Twenty-five days until spring! Even though the temps still reflect winter, have you noticed that when the sun is shining, you can actually feel a little warmth? Today I pulled out all of the remains of the winter plants and added some "solar" tulips and silk flowers. Don't laugh, it looks brighter than bare dirt. We are so anxious for spring that we have been buying flower and vegetable seeds by the bag full. We have a small portable greenhouse, potting trays and flower pots. If spring won't come to us, we'll make it happen on our own.

Upcoming events
 Feb. 23 — Euchre. Lewisburg Trinity Lutheran Church. Play

this famous card game from 9 a.m.-noon. Coffee and snacks are provided. Maybe I can talk Judy into checking this out. We love to play euchre but it has been a while since we stepped into the arena.

Feb. 24. Neighbor Night. Lewisburg Trinity Lutheran Church. Meals served from 5-6:30 p.m. Great food followed by an awesome spiritual time led by Pastor Cavendish of Lewisburg Trinity Lutheran Church. These half hour services begin at 6:30 p.m. and are finished by 7 p.m. Thank you to the kitchen for the tremendous meals. This past week was superb. We don't want to make anyone hungry, but we had sloppy joes, french fries, baked apples, cole slaw and desserts of all kinds. Come and enjoy the

meal. Be fed physically and spiritually.

Feb. 28 — Day of Caring Pancake Brunch. This all-you-can-eat brunch includes: pancakes, sausage, grilled coffee cake with fruit and syrup. Biscuits and gravy, hash brown casserole, ham, roast beef, omelets, fried apples, fresh fruit and many other items. \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children under 12. Two places: Lewisburg United Methodist Church serving from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Lewisburg Trinity Lutheran Church serving from noon-2 p.m.

Bicentennial 2018

Lewisburg fact: The first high school in Lewisburg opened in 1883. It was a three-year school with seven members graduating from the first class in 1886.

February birthdays

Feb. 18 — Lois Howell, Jolene Studebaker, Janet Philpot

Feb. 20 — Josie Heck Feb. 21 — Darn Gladwell (Happy anniversary, Ryan and Connie Alley)

Feb. 22 — Nancy Kouts

Feb. 23 — Rachel Powell, Connie Garner, Olivia Garner, Noah Hopkins

Feb. 24 — Cotton Ayotte

Lewisburg's secret (at least we didn't know)

Brown Memorial

Library encourages readers to participate in a

book discussion every other month. The next discussion group will meet on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. The chosen book for this month is "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain. This sounds like a time where opinions make a difference. We heard that refreshments are served. That's topping on the ice cream for Michelle. Call the library for more information.

In closing

We have heard so many wonderful comments

about the village. Those comments came from folks traveling through: Illinois, Maryland, Indiana and Kentucky. We should be so proud of the Village in which we live and support the many opportunities that are planned for us. Remember: "There is spirit; there is grace in our peaceful country place." Tell someone why you are proud to be a "Burger."

Until next week ...
 Reach Janet and Andy at aroundtheburg@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Kids and Families:

Family Fun Night:

Star Wars

The force is strong at the library! On Monday, March 21 at 6 p.m., the Eaton Library is heading to a galaxy far, far away with Star Wars Family Fun Night. Play games, win prizes, and make cool Star Wars crafts! We'll have Star Wars themed refreshments, and you can have your photo taken with our green screen! Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character!

Tween Crafts:

Cubelets Challenge

Check out the library's latest gadgets at the March Tween Craft programs. Cubelets are a modular robotics system designed to teach kids the basics of robotics. The tween craft is for children ages 8-12 and will be held at the:

-Eldorado Library on Tuesday, March 1 at 4:30 p.m.

-Camden Library on Wednesday, March 2 at 4:45 p.m.

-West Manchester Library on Monday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m.

-New Paris Library on Tuesday, March 8 at 4:30 p.m.

-West Elton Library on Wednesday, March 9 at 4:30 p.m.

-West Alexandria Library on Monday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Seuss's birthday

The West Elton Library will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Wednesday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. Join the Cat in the Hat and make a Cat in the Hat mask!

On the same day, the West Alexandria Library

is celebrating with an evening of Seuss-fied fun starting at 5:30 p.m.

Homeschool Hour:

Tornadoes

Learn all about tornadoes at the March Homeschool Hour. Open to all homeschool students and educators, this class will teach you about some of Ohio's most extreme weather. Homeschool Hour is on Wednesday, March 16 at 3 p.m. in the Preble County District Library meeting room at 450 S. Barron St. in Eaton.

National Pi

Day Pie Bar

The West Alexandria Library will be celebrating Pi Day (March 14) with a mini pie bar! What better way to learn about the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter? The only math you'll have to worry about is addition... adding your favorite ingredients to your pie. The pie bar starts at 8 p.m.

Create, Explore, and More: family program

At the Eaton Library on Saturday, March 12, families can delve into our different creative and exploratory stations together. We'll have Magnetic Madness, robotic Cubelets, and more! Drop in between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. and have fun as a family!

St. Patrick's Day parties

Wear green and show your Irish spirit at the Eldorado and West Manchester Libraries' St. Patrick's Day parties. There'll be snacks and crafts as we

practice our Irish accents.

The Eldorado Library's

party is Tuesday, March 15 at 4 p.m., and West

Manchester's is Wednesday, March 16 at 4 p.m.

Board Game Night

If you find yourself

bored on Tuesday, March 22, you should head to the New Paris Library for Board Game Night from 5:30-7 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs at the West Elton Library on Wednesday, March 23. The egg hunt starts at 4:30 p.m.

Teens (grades 6-12):

Anime Club

If you're into anime, make sure to register for the Eaton Library's Teen Anime Club. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. We'll watch anime, eat Japanese snacks, and make anime- and manga-inspired crafts. Call 937-456-4331 or stop by the Eaton Library to sign up.

Teen Creative Writing Group

Local teens can spur their creative juices at the Teen "Write On!" writing club. We'll have creative writing prompts, snacks, and you can talk with other teens about writing. You can share aloud, but you don't have to.

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Apple honored for 15 gallons in donations

Lewisburg donor says 'they do all the work, I just lie here'

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DAYTON — Lewisburg donor Tom Apple remembers celebrating his milestone "10th gallon" donation back in 2009 with a cake at Community Blood Center and a commemorative "naughty nurse" tattoo on his forearm. The tattoo nurse showed no sign of aging when Tom returned to the Dayton CBC Monday, Feb. 22 for his milestone 15th gallon, only this time Tom supplied the cake.

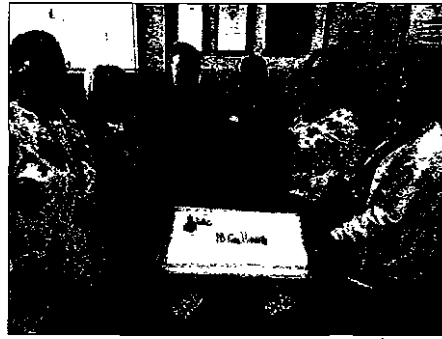
Apple received "15 gallons" by giving platelets for his 120th lifetime blood donation. He had recently retired when he made his 100th donation in 2012. He said at the time, "In my mind I still think of my 10 gallon donation as the big one.

I guess the next big one will be 15 gallons. It will take me a little while to get to 15 gallons."

It took about four years to get to 15 gallons, but Apple made it. He brought with him a giant sheet cake with "CBC 15 Gallons" and a blood drop in red icing to share with CBC staff members in the Donor Café.

Apple said the celebration of this milestone was a time say thank you. "I started looking at it like this," he said. "It's been three cookies each time, so you could say 30 dozen cookies over the years, and all the dozens of shirts, cups, and all kinds of stuff. Everybody does all the work — not me. I just lie here."

Apple started donating at CBC mobile blood



Lewisburg donor Tom Apple celebrates 15-gallon donation with CBC staff.

drives while working as a loan officer at Winters Bank. The Winters Tower was the tallest building in the Dayton skyline and became the Kettering Tower when Winters Bank merged with Bank

One. Apple eventually retired from Chase Bank. He grew up in Union and has spent most of his life in Lewisburg. He and his wife Pam have been married 46 years and have a son and a grandson.

Donating is one of the ways he stays busy. "I live in the county so I have a lot of grass to mow and chores to do," he said. His recent donations have been platelets and plasma, but he continues

to donate whole blood and double red blood cells. "It's something to give back to the community," he said.

He's also decided it's time to update his commemorative tattoo. The nurse is modeled after the aircraft "nose art" popularized in the 1940s that feature pinup girl designs on World War II bombers. Borrowing again from the era, he wants to add small tattoos of the old glass bottles once used for blood collection and transfusions, with each bottle symbolizing five gallons of donations.

That means commemorating his 15th gallon milestone with three bottle tattoos. As he has said before, "It may take me a little while" but he'll be working on another bottle tattoo for his 20th gallon. When he makes it, you can bet there will be cake!

Learn more at www.GivingBlood.org.

PSBOE accepts superintendent's resignation

By Jeremy Erskine
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CAMDEN — Preble Shawnee's Board of Education held its board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, and accepted the resignation of current Superintendent David Ulrich.

After 40 years in the education business, Ulrich is retiring at the end of this school term. The board accepted his resignation, which will take effect on June 30.

In other business, the board also approved the resolution to settle a claim with Reiter Dairy, LLC and authorized a board representative to execute the agreement.

The claim stems from the Southwestern Ohio

Purchasing Council, for which Reiter Dairy wasn't compounding the price correctly on half-pints of milk. The school will receive a \$6,000 rebate in the settlement.

The board also approved a contract with Butler County ESC for the superintendent search. The cost is not the exceed \$2,000.

In his superintendent's report, Ulrich recommended the three-year contract renewal of the high school principal and assistant principal and also the current curriculum specialist resident educator.

Ulrich also recommended amending the contract of Belinda Newberry as a student aide, allowing

her to work 6.5 hours on Monday through Thursday instead of 6 hours, which is what she was currently working. That change retroactively took effect on Jan. 19. They also accepted the resignation of Karl Sorrell as the fifth grade department chair effective Dec. 30.

Board members also passed one year supplemental contracts for 12 coaches and two home instruction tutors, three student overnight trips, the use of SHIP Leading Design for pre-election issue services, and the College Credit Plus program with Sinclair Community College.

The board passed these recommendations, along with Ulrich's retirement,

in one motion. It passed 4-1 with Charlie Biggs being the dissenting vote.

In new business, Board President Candi Turpin made a motion to enter a maintenance contract with Winco for the wastewater treatment plant at the high school facility. The motion passed 5-0.

Carmen Kennel, the

FFA Advisor for Shawnee, also recognized her four students — Wyatt Downard, Johnny Cottingham, Carley Asher, Dakota Nichols — on the ad sales team. They qualified for the state contest.

"It's the first time in a really long time we've qualified for state," said Kennel. The board will hold a

special meeting on March 7, at 5 p.m., but the meeting will all be in executive session. They will also hold their regularly scheduled meeting on March 17, at 6 p.m. at the board of education office located at 124 Bloomfield St. in Camden.

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Tickets on sale for Bad Art, Good Folk

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EATON — The Preble County Art Association invites everyone to attend the second yearly installment of Bad Art, Good Folk. This year's gala event, Bad Art, Good Folk 2016, will take place on Saturday, April 2, at the Grange, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The cost for the entire evening of events and a "heavy hors d'oeuvres munchies" is \$25 per person or \$200 per table of nine. Call 456-3999 to make reservations or visit the Visual Art Center at 601 Hillcrest Dr. Eaton. Payment is requested at the time of reservation.

This year's competition and celebration will feature many members of the Preble County community's artist superstars of tomorrow. The artists' participants this year include, Kyle Hamilton, Lisa Wise, Sheriff Mike Simpson, Steve Maggard, Dr. Earl House, Rev. Dan Denlinger, Becky Morin, Commissioner Rodney Creech, and Debbie Kramer. The instructors/party leaders this year are Team Emerson, Peggy Schuning, and Robert Covey.

Good Art, Bad Folk involves local community residents to create a personal piece of art. This friendly competition encourages the artists to get votes, from support-



Peggy Schuning gives Dan Denlinger feedback on his work.

ers. The cost to sponsor an artist is \$1 per vote. Voters can vote as often as they like. Proceeds benefit the Preble County Art Association to make art available and accessible to the Preble County community. Learn more and vote online at <http://vote.bagfartist.net>. The PCAA accepts credit cards, cash and checks. The artists' pieces will be up for sale at a live

auction, hosted by John Kramer. The participant accumulating the most "value" for their work, wins the notability of being BAGF Artist of the Year.

In addition, the PCAA will have a silent auction which is sure to draw attention worldwide, and live music by the Lawson Reunion Band. Adult and kid beverages will be available.

Big names battle on Oscar night



To Your Good Health
Dr. Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a 69-year-old woman friend who has been having TIAs for over a year. She averages one a week. Doctors are puzzled. They last 15 to 20 minutes, with drooling and numbness on the left side. I am very worried about what is going to happen. Is this normal for an older person? Aren't TIAs a prelude to a major stroke? What do you think should be done?

ANSWER: A transient ischemic attack is a temporary loss of function of the nervous system. It is similar to a stroke, but a stroke causes permanent damage to cells of the nervous system. (In a stroke, symptoms may improve despite permanent damage, and this is due to the nervous system's ability to find new ways to perform the functions of damaged areas.) A TIA is worrisome in itself, since even a brief episode of poor blood flow to the brain may cause permanent damage. However, TIAs are worrisome also because they predict a higher likelihood of developing a stroke, which can range from minor damage to catastrophic loss of brain function and death.

TIAs and strokes unfortunately are all too common, but I would never characterize them as normal. A TIA should be looked at as an emergency: One colleague of mine said it's "chest pain of the brain," and people with TIAs should be rapidly evaluated. The evaluation can be complex, but generally includes imaging studies of the brain, usually an MRI or CT scan, and an evaluation of the blood flow to the brain by MRA, CTA or ultrasonography. Often, the blood vessels of the neck and chest need evaluation, as does the heart itself; it can send blood clots to the brain, causing recurrent TIAs. Abnormal heart rhythm, such as atrial fibrillation, can be a cause for TIA.

I don't know how extensive the evaluation of your friend has been thus far. If she already has had an extensive workup done, it is reasonable to consider some less-common possibilities. Sometimes seizures can appear clinically similar to TIAs, as can multiple sclerosis and other related conditions.

If your friend would like, perhaps you could accompany her to her next visit, so you can get a better idea of how thorough her medical team has been, and consider a fresh look. Continued TIAs are very worrisome to me.

Comedian Chris Rock will host the 88th Academy Awards Oscars 2016 on Sunday, February 28 at the Kodak Theatre at the Hollywood & Highland Center. This year producers will introduce a new "thank-you school" visual at the bottom of the screen that will include thank-yous to the winners can concentrate on telling personal narratives and inspirations during their acceptance speeches. ABC will televise the ceremony live.

Here are this year's list of Oscar nominations and my predictions (marked with an asterisk).

Best Picture
"The Big Short" (5 nominations total; now in limited theaters, available on home video on March 15)

"Bridge of Spies" (6; now on home video)

"Brooklyn" (3; now in limited theaters, home video on March 15)

"Mad Max: Fury Road" (10; now on home video)

"The Martian" (7; now on home video)

"The Revenant" (12 (most); currently playing in theaters)

"Room" (4; now now in limited theaters, on Amazon Video and on home video on March 1)

"Spotlight" (6; now in limited theaters, on Google Play and on home video on March 29)

Best Director
Lenny Abrahamson, "Room"

Alejandro G. Iñárritu, "The Revenant"

Tom McCarthy, "Spotlight"

Adam McKay, "The Big Short"

George Miller, "Mad Max: Fury Road"

Best Actor
Bryan Cranston, "Trumbo"

Matt Damon, "The Martian"

Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Revenant"

Michael Fassbender, "Steve Jobs"

Eddie Redmayne, "The Danish Girl"

Best Actress
Kate Blanchett, "Carol"

Brie Larson, "Room"

Jennifer Lawrence, "Joy"

Charlotte Rampling, "45 Years"

Saoirse Ronan, "Brooklyn"

Best Animated Film
"Anomalisa"

"Boy and the World"

"Inside Out"

"Shaun the Sheep Movie"

"When Marnie Was There"

Best Supporting Actor
Christian Bale, "The Big Short"

Tom Hardy, "The Revenant"

Mark Ruffalo, "Spotlight"

Mark Rylance, "Bridge of Spies"

Sylvester Stallone, "Creed"

Best Supporting Actress
Jennifer Jason Leigh, "The Hateful Eight"

Rooney Mara, "Carol"

Rachel Watson, "Spotlight"

"Alicia Vikander, "The Danish Girl"

Kate Winslet, "Steve Jobs"

Best Writing (Adapt-



Leader on Film
Mike Siebenaler

Best Screenplay
Emma Donoghue, "Room"

Drew Goddard, "The Martian"

Nick Hornby, "Brooklyn"

Adam McKay and Charles Randolph, "The Big Short"

Phyllis Nagy, "Carol"

Best Writing (Original Screenplay)
Matt Charman, Joel & Ethan Coen, "Bridge of Spies"

Pete Docter, Meg LeFauve, Josh Cooley, "Inside Out"

Alex Garland, "Ex Machina"

Jonathan Herman and Andrea Berloff, "Straight Outta Compton"

Tom McCarthy and Josh Singer, "Spotlight"

Best Cinematography
"Sicario"

"Carol"

"The Revenant"

"The Hateful Eight"

"Mad Max: Fury Road"

Best Costume Design
"Carol"

"Cinderella"

"The Danish Girl"

"Mad Max: Fury Road"

"The Revenant"

Best Documentary Feature
"Amy"

"Cartel Land"

"The Look of Silence"

"What Happened, Miss Simone?"

"Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight for Freedom"

Best Film Editing
"The Big Short"

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"Star Wars: Episode VII—The Force Awakens"

Best Foreign Language Film
"Embrace of the Serpent" (Colombia)

"Mustang" (France)

"Son of Saul" (Hungary)

"Theeb" (Jordan)

"A War" (Denmark)

Best Makeup & Hairstyling
"The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared"

"Mad Max: Fury Road"

"The Revenant"

Best Music (Original Score)
Carter Burwell, "Carol"

Johann Johannsson, "Sicario"

Ennio Morricone, "The Hateful Eight"

Thomas Newman, "Bridge of Spies"

John Williams, "Star Wars: Episode VII—The Force Awakens"

Best Music (Original Song)
"Earned It" from "Fifty Shades of Grey" (Abel Tesfaye, Ahmad Balshe, Jason Daheala Quenneville and Stephan Moccio)

"Manta Ray" from "Racing Extinction" (J. Ralph, Lyric by Antony Hegarty)

"Simple Song #3" from "You're the Winner" (David Lang)

"Til It Happens To You" from "The Hunting Ground" (Dianne Warren and Lady Gaga)

"Writing's On the Wall" from "Spectre" (Sam Smith and Jimmy Napes)



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with my girlfriend, "Allison," for two years, but lately there have been frequent rough patches. I'm 18 and a college student. I love Allison, but the relationship is taking a toll on us physically and emotionally.

We have had to deal with separation ever since we got together. She's the only one with a car and a "real" job. I work on campus in a work-study program in exchange for reduced tuition. I try to help Allison as much as I can to reduce the stress on her.

She has asked me to transfer schools, but I'd like to stay where I am because I feel I will have the ability to make something of myself. I have suggested that maybe we need to go our separate ways so she doesn't have to pull the majority of the weight, but she gets upset and accuses me of not loving her. What should I do?

— STRESSED STUDENT IN GEORGIA

DEAR STUDENT: First let me suggest what NOT to do. Do not allow Allison to pressure you into changing schools. It is important that you complete your education, and there is no guarantee that the financial arrangement you have with this school can be replicated somewhere else.

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I wrote to your mother about the many difficulties and stress of raising a very disabled son. Her advice gave me and my wife much needed encouragement. I keep her framed handwritten letter above my desk.

Our son passed away unexpectedly 17 months ago. Our family, neighbors and community gave us lots of support. Our son was loved by all. But for the past few months, it seems as if it is taboo for anyone to ask about how we are doing. Even if I mention our son in the context of a conversation, there is no follow-up.

I can understand people may be reluctant to open up a sorrow.

However, I want to let them know it is OK to ask, "How are you doing?" I won't hold them hostage to a long, maudlin discourse. It just would be nice if people would still acknowledge his life and that we all still miss him.

— ALWAYS HIS DAD IN COLORADO

DEAR DAD: I am glad you wrote because you are not alone in having this heartache.

As a general rule, people are uncomfortable bringing up the subject of death because they are afraid they will cause the person more sadness. Rarely is this true. People who have suffered a loss NEED to know their loved one hasn't been forgotten.

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Spencerville man pleads guilty

By LAURA GERMANN
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WAPAKONETA — A Spencerville man pleaded guilty to unlawful sexual conduct with a minor in the Auglaize County Common Pleas Court on Wednesday.

Alan C. Mihlbachler, 36, was indicted Nov. 18 for two charges: count one of sexual battery, a third-degree felony, and count two of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a third-degree felony. Mihlbachler withdrew his plea of not guilty to count two and entered a plea of guilty for that charge as part of a negotiated plea agreement.

According to sheriff's records read out loud by Auglaize County Prosecutor Ed Pierce during a change of plea hearing, the offense took place at a residence on Burnfield Road, Spencerville, in Auglaize County on Oct. 18, 2015, and a 15-year-old female was involved.

Common Pleas Court Judge Frederick Pepple accepted the plea change, and he decided to have previously ordered bond conditions continued.

Pepple said Mihlbachler's plea of guilty to unlawful sexual conduct with a minor requires that Mihlbachler be registered as a Tier 2 sex offender for 25 years.

Pepple ordered a pre-sentence investigation, and a sentencing hearing has not been set.

Pepple said Mihlbachler could face a maximum of 60 months in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

Hawaii faces small staff, pesticide fears

HONOLULU (AP) — On a farm in the heart of Hawaii's ongoing dengue outbreak, coffee grows wild among the ferns, and vanilla vines climb guava trees. It's hard to know where nature ends and the farm begins, and that's the way organic farmers there like it.

But state efforts to combat the outbreak — and prevent the related Zika virus from making inroads on the island — could put these farmers out of business. Posting "no spray" signs on their properties, they're pushing back on the use of pesticides to kill the mosquitoes that transmit both infections.

Global health officials have identified mosquito eradication as the key to curtailing the Zika outbreak that has taken hold in Latin America and been linked to birth defects in Brazil, as well as preventing it from taking hold in other areas where the Aedes aegypti mosquito is prevalent, including the southern U.S.

"Any place a dengue outbreak can occur, a Zika outbreak could occur," Lyle Peterson, director of CDC's division of vector-borne diseases, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Given the fact that many affected travelers could be coming to Hawaii as outbreaks occur around the Pacific, there is always the possibility of infecting local mosquitoes."

But mosquito control

is highly variable around the U.S., and a chunk of the \$1.8 billion in emergency funding the Obama administration is seeking for Zika would go to shoring up those capabilities. Dr. Anne Schuchat, CDC's principle deputy director, told a Senate committee Wednesday.

Plus, this mosquito species is particularly hard to deal with, an aggressive daytime biter that can live not just in the yard but inside the house.

A little water left in a flower pot is enough for its eggs to hatch; they even can survive drought until rain returns.

Hawaii has had four cases of Zika, all in travelers to countries with ongoing transmission, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But local mosquitoes have infected 260 on the Big Island with dengue fever. And the CDC reported active local Zika transmissions in Pacific islands that have a fair amount of traffic to Hawaii, including Samoa, American Samoa, the Marshall Islands and Tonga.

Ohio Genealogical Society to meet

From Staff Reports

CELINA — The Mercer County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday. The speaker will be Mary Ann Olding.

Mary Ann Olding has spent over 40 years conducting original historical research on Ohio's ethnic architecture and rural settlement patterns that include field and literature searches on German, black and mulatto and Jewish communities.

Her unorthodox yet scholarly and inductive studies have been presented at local, state, and national conferences. Extensive architectural and historical research from 1978-79 for "The Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches" resulted in one of the nation's most extensive thematic nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

After earning bachelors and masters degrees in history and english education at Wright State

University in Dayton, she served from 1977-1985 as a regional historic preservation officer for the Ohio Historical Society, taught American architecture in the graduate program in the history department at Wright State from 1985-1996, served 10 years as director of the Cincinnati Preservation Association, and from 1995-2005 she was a professor and adviser at the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati.

In 1993, she founded Old World Research to

conduct projects in research, writing, and publishing.

Since 2006, traveling as an independent researcher, she has been to Baracoa, Cuba, fifteen times.

Last year, she began to organize an art and artists exchange and exhibits between cities in Cuba and in the United States. Her topic Sunday will be the early Black settlement of Carthagen in Mercer County. This meeting is free and the public is welcome.

Feud erupts as Republicans fight Trump

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — The final-days sprint to Super Tuesday has erupted into a feud over a white supremacist as Donald Trump's Republican rivals scramble to stop the billionaire businessman from becoming an "unstoppable" force in the 2016 presidential contest.

Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio continued to hammer the GOP front-runner's character and lack of policy specifics in a series of attacks Sunday while courting voters across the South. But it was Trump's refusal to denounce an implicit endorsement from former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke that dominated the narrative less than two days before Republican voters across 11 states head to the polls.

The new focus comes as Trump's rivals acknowledge that time is running out to prevent the former reality television host from becoming the Republican Party's presumptive nominee.

He took a new step in that direction by earning the endorsement of Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, a would-be Cruz ally who backed Trump instead.

"There is no doubt that if Donald steam rolls through Super Tuesday, wins everywhere with big margins, that he may well be unstoppable," Cruz said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Trump was asked Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union" whether he rejected support from the former KKK Grand Dragon and other white supremacists after Duke told his radio follow-

ers this week that a vote against Trump was equivalent to "treason to your heritage."

"Well, just so you understand, I don't know anything about David Duke. OK?" Trump told host Jake Tapper. "I don't know anything about what you're even talking about with white supremacy or white supremacists."

Cruz soon responded on Twitter, telling Trump: "You're better than this. We should all agree, racism is wrong. KKK is abhorrent."

Rubio went further in a message to thousands of supporters in Leesburg, Virginia: "We cannot be a party who refuses to condemn white supremacists and the Ku Klux Klan," Rubio said. "Not only is that wrong, it makes him unelectable."

How are we going to grow the party if we nominate someone who doesn't repudiate the Ku Klux Klan?

Trump was asked Friday by journalists how he

felt about Duke's support. He said he didn't know anything about it and curtly said: "All right, I disavow, OK?"

He hasn't always claimed ignorance on Duke's history. In 2000, he wrote a New York Times op-ed explaining why he abandoned the possibility of running for president on the Reform Party ticket.

He wrote of an "under-side" and "fringe element" of the party, concluding, "I leave the Reform Party to David Duke, Pat Buchanan and Lenora Fulani. That is not company I wish to keep."

Trump has won three of four early voting states, roiling a party divided over the prospect of the brash billionaire becoming its nominee. Late Sunday, Nebraska's Ben Sasse became the first sitting Republican senator to say explicitly that he would not back Trump if he does win the nomination.

"If Trump becomes the Republican nominee my expectation is that I'll

look for some 3rd candidate — a conservative option, a constitutionalist," Sasse wrote on Twitter.

The Duke debate seeped into the Democratic contest, as Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders also lashed out on Twitter: "America's first black president cannot and will not be succeeded by a hater-monger who refuses to condemn the KKK."

In a phone-in interview with NBC's "Today" show, the real estate mogul was asked about earlier remarks in interviews where he had seemed to stop short of disavowing Duke.

He said the questioner in the earlier interview had asked about Duke and various "other groups," saying he had difficulty with an earpiece he was wearing for the phone-in interview and didn't want to disavow groups whose identity he didn't know.

Trump also said he had clearly made separation with Duke over the weekend in posts on Twitter and Facebook.

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Treasures

Yesterday felt like the perfect spring day, even though spring is still weeks away. There was a warm breeze blowing in the creek valley, and a clear blue sky reflected in the creek's shallow pools.

I should have probably started putting my raised beds ready for planting. I could have sat comfortably down on the rails and pulled loose last summer's weeds. Or perhaps I should have worked up a sweat and pitched out the accumulated layers of straw from the chicken coop and pigeon gazebo. Or I might have spent the day sorting through the pile of scrap metal down by the barn, saving what we think we might really use again, and piling up the rest in the back of the truck for a trip to the recycling center.

Greg might have worked on the log cabin, or pulled the old jeep back into his shop and crawled under it to do whatever it is that he does that I do really not really understand. All I know is that when he crawls out, he is exceptionally dirty.

Yes, there certainly were a lot of things that we could have done, but we did not do any of them. Not a single one. Instead we called up our city dwelling daughter and asked to borrow our grandchildren for the day and go treasure hunting. I was quite excited.

We drove into town and picked the young'uns up, and as they climbed into the back seat I turned around and handed them each an allowance for the day. Greg and I had the same allowance, and we were off, headed to one of our favorite treasure haunts, just north of the city.

The parking lot was crowded. We hurried into the store. Fearful that someone else would find our unknown treasure, Greg and I began to walk up and down the aisles, looking at this treasure and that. The young'uns pulled us ahead. We lingered.



Christine Taitler
Straight Creek
Essays

They did not, and it quickly occurred to us that these were our treasures, not theirs. In what seemed like no time, we had covered the vast expanse of row after row of ancient items, and I have to say

that I was pleasantly surprised to see that each young'un had found a few special things to take home. At the checkout counter, however, they were quick to realize that they still had pockets filled with coins and dollar bills.

Greg and I asked what they would like to do next. They smiled, but politely remained quiet. I raised my eyebrows and suggested, "How about we stop by the mall?" Their eyes lit up as they exclaimed an enthusiastic "Yes."

So we were off to the mall on the north side of the city. Greg and I had not been there in years, but it felt more like decades. We followed the young'uns around. They knew exactly what they were looking for, and seemed to know the layout of its shops and escalators by heart.

We lingered in a store filled with tee shirts and young peoples' jewelry. We walked past walls of many colored caps, only to walk past them again, and again. And our grandchildren were filled with obvious energy and delight.

In time their pockets were empty, and in their hands they carried their mall found treasures, a wallet and a necklace.

We headed back to drop them off at their mother's suburban home. Our hugs were long and thankful, and as Greg and I started the long drive back out to the creek, it occurred to me that the days' treasures did not lie amid the aisles and isles of antiques, or even among the many shops at the mall. The real treasure was the time we shared with our grandchildren, our ever so precious young'uns. I smiled. Life is a wonderful treasure indeed. We lingered.

The only part wasted was the squeal

I know Ecclesiastes 3:1 is quoted often but when reference is made to the Bible that fits it better. "To every thing there is a season, and a purpose under the heaven." Can anyone look around a farm and see a crop or a piece of livestock that doesn't fit this verse?

No truer is it than this time of year, the time to butcher the hogs. For some reason our farm was where pigs grew into huge 400 plus pound hogs ready for slaughter, but we seemed also the place designed to handle the day of slaughter and the following days of processing all the meat into supplies of food to nourish our bodies for the coming year.

We had the scalding pan and the places to hang the sides to chill. We had the meat house with a long bench to cut the sides of a hog into cuts of meat and wrap it or prepare it for the next step which was to sugar cure and put it in a smoke house to hickory cure some cuts.

Let me try to put the butchering process into some sequence of order. First, the hog was shot and the jugular cut to bleed out the hog. If not done quickly, the blood runs into the meat and ruins it all for consumption. From there, the hog is taken to the scalding pan full of hot 150 degree water and dipped into it repeatedly until the hair can be scraped off by special tools. From there the hogs were



Rick Houser
Contributing
Columnist

hung by their back legs until the head was a couple of feet off the ground and then it is gutted and sawed into halves and left to chill out until the next morning when the meat is almost frozen and ready to be cut. We prepared three hogs for our own use. Dad sold hogs to my aunt and uncle, retired neighbors, and even our hired hand got a hog. Some of the families in Moscow would also buy a hog. I have seen as many as 18 hogs hung to chill by the end of a day.

The work was very hard and had to be done quickly and accurately. I will say from all I have described so far I found slaughter day grisly and hard to deal with. Honestly for all the men who helped, and there were many, I saw few taking pleasure or real enjoyment in this process. This is a part of how life was and how we survived, just as all those before us had. At the same time the way it had to be done was with the understanding that doing it right would help it taste good in the end.

By early afternoon the mood changed to less serious as the first hog hung would have the tender loin removed and taken to the house where my Mom and I would melt and render with some of the other

wives would slice the loin into inch thick slices and then butterfly it and place it into a skillet for cooking. While they were cooking, Mom had pans of baking soda biscuits along with mashed potatoes and usually green beans to round out the meal.

When the tender loins were done, Mom would make a skillet full of white pork gravy. Once the food was on the table, the men consumed it all immediately, as this was not only a tasty meal, but a long morning of hard work just made it taste even better. After eating the men's spirits rose to the point of them being ready to go back out and get the day's job done.

Early on the next morning, everyone went to the meat house and as the sides were brought in one by one each person processed their respective part of the hog that they had been assigned. I liked day two as the blood shed was over and as the sides were brought in they were minus the head. To me this made it less personal as their glazed eyes no longer stared at me so blankly.

A hog weighing over 400 pounds carried a lot of fat and the fat was cut into cubes and placed into an iron kettle that was built on to a wood box under it. The fire caused the fat to melt and the rendering of the lard began.

There were hours and hours of cooking and stirring until the cubes would squeeze flat at which point the cubes and liquid lard would be ladled into a device that allowed the hot grease to drain out a spout and into a five-gallon crock pot for cooling and storage.

A lid with a threaded device on top was used to squeeze the rest of the grease out of the cubes of fat leaving only a packed together cake formation of the pork skins that were referred to as the "cracklins."

While fresh and hot, they might possibly be the tastiest morsel you probably have never had the pleasure to eat.

This took days and nights to complete but when the work was complete there was no doubt that our family and everyone that invested in a hog were set to eat well for another year and were thankful that the time for this blessing had come again. There is an old German saying that when a hog is butchered there is to be no waste and that every part of the hog has a use and therefore must be used. So when the scalding pan was put away for another year, they would say "The only part of that hog wasted was the squeal."

Rick Houser was raised on a farm near Moscow in Clermont County and loves to share stories about his youth and other topics. He may be reached at houser734@yahoo.com.

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OBITUARIES

CLARA KAYSER

Clara Gertrude Kayser, 72, of Mt. Orab, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. She was a retired administrative assistant for the West Clermont School Board. Clara was born May 25, 1943 in Holyoke, Mass., the daughter of the late Louis and Mildred (Smith) Palstra. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandson - Gustave Kayser.

Mrs. Kayser is survived by her husband - David Kayser; one daughter - Theresa Miller of Mt. Orab; two sons - Phillip Kayser and wife Lora of Elizabethtown, Ky. and Gregory Kayser and wife Lesa of Colerain; seven grandchildren - Nathan Morgan and wife Lindsey of Pickerington, Ohio,

Jason Morgan and wife Sarah of Tallahassee, Wolfgang Kayser of Elizabethtown, J. Ivan Kayser of Rabbit Hash, Ky., Vaughn Kayser of New Richmond, Austin Kayser of New Richmond, and Leigha Kayser of Colerain, and three great grandchildren - Bella and Chloe Morgan both of Pickerington, and Dylan Morgan of Tallahassee.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Mt. Orab First Baptist Church in Mt. Orab. Jonathan Lawler will officiate. Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Interment will be in the Greenbush Cemetery in Mt. Orab. The Cahall Funeral Home, in Mt. Orab, serving the family.

GRETA RYMER

Greta Lou Rymer, 72, of Mt. Orab, died Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 at the Mt. Orab Medical Center in Mt. Orab. She was a retired assembler for Steel Craft in Blue Ash. Greta was born June 24, 1943 in Whitley County, Ky. the daughter of the late Retha Wilson. Besides her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband - Augustus Lee Rymer, one son - Danny Rymer, one brother - Tiny Jerome Wilson and one sister - Ruth Ann Hamilton.

Mrs. Rymer is survived by four sons - Jeff Rymer and wife Debbie and Michael Rymer all of

Mt. Orab, Lonnie Rymer of Cincinnati, and David Rymer and wife Lori of Sardinia; nine grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren - Ronald and Archie Wilson both of Williamsburg, Ky. and Rick Wilson of Corbin, Ky. and her fiancé - George Hazelbaker of Dayton.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Cahall Funeral Home in Mt. Orab. Rev. Ted House will officiate. Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Mt. Orab Cemetery in Mt. Orab.

BRENDA HAWKINS

Brenda J. Buck Hawkins, 67, of Batavia, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016.

Visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 28 at E.C. Nurre Funeral Home in Bethel. Funeral service were held Monday, Feb. 29, at the funeral home. Interment was in Vesper Cemetery in Nevada.

BEVERLY ANN DAY

Beverly Ann Ashmore Day, 76, of Bethel, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016. Visitation and funeral services were held Tuesday, March 1, at E.C. Nurre Funeral Home, in Bethel. Interment was in The Township Cemetery in Bethel.

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Parker House

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the lack of participation among younger people will make it harder in the future to find volunteers.

John P. Parker was a freed slave originally from Virginia who settled in Ripley where he became a leader in the abolitionist movement. Parker helped hundreds of slaves reach their way to freedom in the North while in Ripley. At age eight, Parker was sold to a doctor in Mobile, Ala. At age 14 he was sold to a widowed patient of the doctor and later purchased his freedom through a contract with Mrs. Ryder, the patient. Parker's freedom cost him \$1,800 and he had his debt repaid in 1845.

Parker later became an industrialist and business owner in Ripley. He owned and operated the largest foundry between Cincinnati and Portsmouth in

1865. Parker also was of a very few African Americans who had a patent in their name prior to 1900.

The John Parker Historical Society has put a lot of work into the property over the last 20 years to make it a usable site for visitors. When the property was purchased the building was in very poor condition.

"It was really in dilapidated condition," Stivers said. "It was tumbling down. We worked hard. It was sort of a sad story about the way we thought we could get it inexpensively. It ended up being expensive and the more banks in Ripley equally loaned us the money to buy it. We then had a board member who each year gave us a sizable donation to help reduce that loan."

Adding the Parker House to the National Parks Service would add prominence to Underground Railroad sites in Ripley. Notably the Rankin House, which was recently named the hidden gem of Ohio in USA Today. Both are

part of the Underground Railroad experience.

"We had friends in the National Parks Service who we talked with and visited other sites," Stivers said. "It is an Underground Railroad site and we thought it would be really good to have this notoriety and have them promote it as well. We felt being part of the Parks Service would be a really good thing."

The site is scheduled for a reconnaissance study in March by the National Park Service. Stivers said it could be an extended period of time before a final decision is made by the NPS to determine if the Parker House would be added to the list. Stivers said being promoted by the NPS could add tourism visitors to Ripley who are seeking to learn about the Underground Railroad and Brown County's connection in the movement for freedom.

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Fire

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but was unable to subdue the fast-moving flames, and the house became fully engulfed before they could pull her out."

Deputies Mike Miller and Brandon Ashbury arrived next on the scene. "Deputy Newland was trying to console Mrs. Hochchild's son," said Miller. "That feeling of defeat, of not being able to do anything, it's just the worst feeling in the world. Mrs. Hochchild made it to the window, but they couldn't get her out before fire overtook the whole room. It was a horrible situation all around."

Fire departments responding to the scene included:

West Union, Jefferson, Peebles, Cherry Fork, Franklin, Otway, and Green. The West Union Life Squad, the Adams County Sheriff's Department, the Adams County Coroner, and the Red Cross also responded.

"I live a mile away and I could see the fire when I came out of my driveway," said Jefferson Township firefighter, Tom Hackworth. "We were on the scene in seven minutes, but the home was fully engulfed when we arrived."

Firefighters battled the blaze, but were unable to enter the structure to search for or rescue victims. "It doesn't really hit

you till you get home at night, and have some down time," said Hackworth. "Some people it affects more than others. The deputies tried their best, and that's all you can do."

The Hochchild's longtime neighbor, Richard White, described the scene as the worst fire he'd ever seen. "It just went so quick. I guess it started about 2:00, when I got there it was really going good, we tried to help, but there was nothing we could do."

The Larsons were treated at the scene by the West Union Life Squad. "They only had minor burns, so we didn't have to transport them to the hospital,"

said EMT Francis Hook. "But healing is going to be a long road for both of them."

A former neighbor, Joyce Nixon, told The Defender, "Mr. Hochchild was a wonderful neighbor. He was kind and generous with his time. He would do anything to help you."

The cause of the fire remains unknown, but it is being investigated by the Ohio Fire Marshal.

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DeWine warns of online dating scams

Staff report

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is warning consumers that some online daters are con artists in disguise.

Some scammers create phony profiles on dating websites and social media platforms to attract victims, establish relationships with them, and then trick them into sending money.

In 2015, the Ohio Attorney General's Office received about 40 complaints involving so-called "sweetheart" scams. The average reported loss was about \$7,300, but some consumers have lost much more.

"These scams can be especially hard on people, because con artists often spend weeks or months developing relationships with their victims," Attorney General Mike DeWine said. "Scammers gain victims' trust and affection, even though they've never met in person."

In a typical sweetheart scam, the con artist claims to be from the U.S. but temporarily located somewhere else. For example, the scammer may pretend to be a military member stationed in Afghanistan, an engineer building bridges in South Africa, an oil rig worker off the Gulf coast, a contractor working in Nigeria, or a businessperson stuck in London trying

to get back to the U.S. After establishing a relationship with the victim through messages and phone calls, the scammer claims to have a problem requiring the victim's financial assistance (such as a lost wallet or medical emergency). Victims are asked to send money using a wire-transfer service, prepaid card, or other hard-to-trace payment method. Once the money is sent, it is nearly impossible to recover.

Tips to avoid sweetheart scam include: Research someone you meet online; don't rely only on what that person tells you. Perform Internet searches and consider getting a background check.

Be cautious of individuals who claim it was destiny or fate that brought you together. Talk to friends and family members about any online relationships.

Don't send money to someone you've only met online, even if you have developed a relationship with the individual.

Be very skeptical of requests for money sent via wire transfer or prepaid money cards. These are preferred payment methods for scammers.

Consumers who suspect a scam should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at 800-282-0515 or www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Breakfast to promote agriculture

Staff report

VERSAILLES — On Feb. 27, from 8 a.m. until noon, the Versailles FFA and FFA alumni will be hosting an omelet breakfast to recognize the local agriculturalists and promote the agriculture industry.

There will be free omelet breakfasts for all in attendance. This breakfast is free but will require a reservation to ensure adequate supplies.

The event also will include a farm toy show, agriculture displays to

promote the industry, and farm displays created by the local youth. This event will be open to the public.

The youth of Darke County are invited and encouraged to participate in the farm toy display contest. There is no charge for the contest. Awards and monetary prizes will be awarded for each division, sponsored by the Darke County Farm Bureau. All participants will receive a small prize. First place in each division will receive \$25, second place

\$15 and third place \$10.

All displays for the contest, along with a tag with including name and age, must be delivered to the Versailles FFA adviser, Dena Wuebker, at Versailles Schools near the greenhouse door (door 4) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 25. All displays will be judged prior to the breakfast, and they will be set up on the stage during the event for viewing. Farm displays can be removed between noon and 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 27.

The rules for displays

are available by emailing Dena Wuebker at dena_wuebker@darke.k12.oh.us or dena.wuebker@vfrs.org, or find the information on the school website under the high school followed by FFA link.

Make reservation for breakfast by calling Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369 or email, or contact Versailles FFA President Danielle Heeson at 937-459-8885 or the parliamentarian at 937-621-9766. Reservations should be made by Feb. 19.

Academy requests Physician of the Year noms

Staff report

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Academy of Family Physicians is now accepting nominations from the public for its 2016 Family Physician of the Year award.

From the nominees, the OAFP Awards Selection Workgroup will select a family physician recipient who meets the following criteria: currently a member of the OAFP

Is currently in practice Has at least 10 years of post-residency experience

Is an outstanding family physician role model Possesses high professional standards and service orientation

Provides high quality, family-centered, continuing health care Is active in the community, education, or other public affairs. The deadline for

nominations is Friday, April 1. Nominations can be submitted online at https://www.alareg.com/_2016FPofYearForm and letters of nomination can be sent to: OAFP Awards Selection Workgroup, Attn: Director of Communications Megan Smith, Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, 4075 North High St., Columbus, OH 43214-3296

Fax: (614) 267-9191 Email: msmith@ohioafp.org

To verify if a family physician is a member of the OAFP, nominators may email Smith or call 800-742-7327.

The 2016 Family Physician of the Year will be recognized during OAFP's Academy Awards Dinner on Saturday, August 13, at Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin.

IN BRIEF

Edison board to meet

PIQUA — The Board of Trustees of Edison State Community College. The Board will meet at 2:30

p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Piqua campus.

Upcoming blood drives

DARKE COUNTY — The Bradford community will sponsor a community blood drive Thursday, Feb. 25 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Bradford High School auditorium, 750 Railroad Ave. St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star will sponsor a community

blood drive Saturday, Feb. 27 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the North Star Community Building gym, 124 East Star Road in celebration of February "Love your donor" month.

Everyone who registers to donate will receive the Community Blood Center "Love Your Donor - Save Lives Give Blood" t-shirt. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online at www.DonorTime.com or call 1-800-388-GIVE

Class of '51 to meet monthly

GREENVILLE — The Greenville High School graduating class of 1951 will continue luncheons at noon the second Thursday of each month at the Asian Buffet, 521 Wagner Ave., Greenville. This being a special 65-year milestone, they invite all 1951 members and also any Greenville High School graduate to join them.

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Ranking

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Led by Governing Institute Director Julia Burrows and Senior Fellow Dugan Petty, the rankings team began by identifying the attributes and criteria for outstanding procurement practices. They then surveyed the states and judged the results. All 50 state chiefs of procurement were invited to participate in an extensive online survey. Submissions were evaluated and scored across 10 categories. In the top-ranked state of Georgia, for example, exceptionally strong pro-

cedures in staff training and contract administration led to a particularly smooth and proactive procurement process.

According to Sid Johnson, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, "Georgia's strong performance demonstrates Governor Deal's continued commitment to ethical, competitive and efficient procurement practices."

"Consistent with our mission to advance better government at the state and local levels, this procurement survey shines a spotlight on the essential but often behind-the-scenes functions of purchasing offices," said

Burrows. "There are tremendous opportunities to share best practices for improved efficiency, modernization, cost savings, inclusionary practices and good management."

According to Petty, a former state chief of procurement and a past president of the National Association of State Procurement Officers, "Antiquated procurement practices are one of the biggest barriers to improving the way governments do business. The push is on to modernize, to be transparent and achieve greater efficiency and cost savings. These states in particular have made huge strides."

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Charges

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Todd Kuhn, 48, of Greenville, entered a guilty plea to one count of possession of heroin, a fifth-degree felony. Four other counts against him were dismissed. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 12 months in jail and \$2,500 in fines, in addition to a mandatory driver's license suspension of six months to five years. Dwayne Morgan, of Greenville, entered a guilty plea to a fourth-degree felony charge of theft of drugs. He faces a maximum 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Reach the writer at 937-595-4364 or on Twitter @RachelLeidyDA. Join the conversation at Facebook.com/Advocate360 or visit our website at www.dailymadon216.com.

Darke County Parks receive grant

Staff report

DARKE COUNTY - Recently the Darke County Park District received a grant from the Lydia E. Schauer Memorial Trust.

The funds went toward purchasing a new professional laminator for the park office. The laminator will enable the naturalists to create polished

looking teaching materials that can be used again and again.

The new Naturalist in the Classroom program, which brings Darke County Parks naturalists into local schools multiple times a year, will utilize the laminator for almost all their educational programs. From lectures, to hikes, to classroom visits, the

laminator will help the Darke County Park District to reuse materials and leave a smaller footprint on the earth.

"They would like to thank the Lydia E. Schauer Memorial Trust for awarding them the grant and encourage all Darke County residents to be mindful of the impact they have on the earth," said Hannah

Linebaugh, Naturalist. "Everyone should reuse and recycle as much as possible to protect our fragile ecosystem for the stewards of tomorrow."

For information about the Naturalist in the Classroom program or any other program offered by the Park District, please call the Nature Center at 937-548-0165 or visit the website at www.darkecountyparks.org.

Drug

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false permanent residence addresses, altered part-petitions, submitted false circulator statements and, in some instances, were ineligible

to circulate petitions.

The head of the California-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation, which is the drug initiative's primary funder, called the allegations "baloney" and said the lawsuit was an "act of desperation" by the pharmaceutical industry.

"They know that Ohio will vote for this," the foundation's president, Michael Weinstein, said in an interview.

The proposal is what's called an initiated statute, which requires several steps to get on Ohio's fall ballot. Lawmakers have

four months to act on it. Baders then have the chance to gather additional signatures to put the proposed law before voters. They'd need to get at least 91,677 valid signatures by early July to appear on November's ballot.

Award

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"I'm extremely proud of Kathy and all of her accomplishments," said Baker. "She is a wonderful asset to Oakley Place and its residents. This has never happened in the history of Darke County."

It was reported that Weaver has never missed a day of work. She has performed every position at Oakley Place during her tenure and as trained nearly 100 new employees and instills in them the compassion, humility and teamwork needed to help them

perform their jobs every day.

"When I started working here, I fell in love with some of the people," Weaver said. "As I started working with the elderly, I felt it was something I was led to do. It's a great fulfillment to me."

"Kathy is always willing to assist every resident with anything they need, always making the residents' needs her number one priority," Baker said. "She is a true champion and role model to new staff to residents and their families. We believe that Kathy's passion and empathy have been the cornerstone for Oakley's continued success."

Her good-natured spirit and willingness to do the right thing are part of whom she is and it is evident in how she has made a difference in the lives of those she works with every day.

Outside of work, Weaver is involved with the Alzheimer's Association of Darke County. She also volunteers to go on outings with residents and has enjoyed many trips to go out to eat, go on a hayride or go see lights at Christmas.

Also having been associated with the American Cancer Society and the Red Cross, she belongs to the American Legion and the Moose Lodge.

Weaver, a 1982 Greenville High School graduate, was also selected as a 2015 recipient of Enliven's Mission-Vision-Values (MVV) Award. This annual awards program recognizes employees who embody the company's values: Compassion, humility, integrity, excellence and fun.

She has been married to husband Dennis Weaver for 32 years, and they are the parents of our children, Beth Winger and Stacie, Keith and Zach Weaver. There are also nine grandchildren.

Now Baker and the facility are called all Facebook friends and anyone else who knows Weaver to help vote for Weaver online so she can receive the Hero award.

"One of my amazing employees has been chosen by our company Enliven to be their representative for a national award," Baker said. "Kat needs all of her friends, family and our friends to vote every day by using the instructions below. What an honor for Kat to be recognized in such a special way. She has touched many lives in her 17 years at Oakley and I'm praying for all of you to help by voting. You can vote every day starting today and ending March 4 at noon. Thank you in advance for helping with this."

Baker said that if Weaver should win at the national level, Enliven's CEO Jack Callison, will make a personal visit to Oakley Place to make that announcement.

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IN BRIEF

City to hold records commission meeting

GREENVILLE - The Greenville City Records Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. in the Planning & Zoning Conference Room located in Room 120 of the Municipal Building 4

Board of Elections to hold reorganization meeting

DARKE COUNTY - The Darke County Board of Elections will be meeting on Friday, March 4 at 2 p.m. for a reorganization meeting of Board members and staff.

Report

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grade pass rate in math was 89 percent, in reading was 88.5 percent, in science was 83.2 percent, in social studies was 84.3 percent and in writing was 90.6 percent. For 11th grade the pass rate in math was 91.7 percent, in reading was 92.7 percent, in science was 86.2 percent, in social studies was 89.4 percent and in writing was 91.3 percent.

The Gifted Students indicator was not met, with a value-added grade of F. The Gifted Performance Index was 109 out of 120 points, which comes out to an A on the grading scale but less than the 115 required to meet the performance index indicator for gifted students. The district met the indicator for gifted inputs, which is based on identification and services provided to gifted students.

The Progress score is the district's average progress for students in math and reading in grades 4-8. It measures not the students' achievement but the amount of growth they have attained in a school year. Greenville's overall grade in Progress was an F, with an F in each category of Gifted, Students in the

Lowest 20 percent of Achievement and Students with Disabilities. Greenville City Schools scored an F in Gap Closing, at 51.7 percent, which is meant to indicate how well all students are doing in the district in reading, math and graduation, and to determine if every student is succeeding, regardless of income, race, ethnicity or disability.

"What we do for students is more than a standardized test," Fries said. "Our school system is about ongoing growth, improved achievement and total

investment in our overall students' development."

According to the report card, Greenville City Schools spends 70.3 percent of its funds on classroom instruction, ranking the district 21st in classroom spending out of 108 similar districts. The total spending per pupil is \$8,134, which is below the state average of \$9,228. The district's funding is 39.1 percent local, which falls only slightly below the state average of 39.4 percent.

The individual buildings' results were as follows:

- Greenville Intermediate School - Achievement: performance index, C; indicators met, F; Progress: overall, F; gifted, D; lowest 20 percent achievement, F; students with disabilities, F. Gap closing: F. K-3 literacy: C.

- Greenville Junior High School - Achievement: performance index, C; indicators met, F; Progress: overall, C; gifted, B; lowest 20 percent achievement, F; students with disabilities, F. Gap closing: F.

- Greenville Middle School - Achievement: performance index, C; indicators met, D; Progress: overall, F; gifted, F; lowest 20 percent achievement, F; students with disabilities, D.

- Greenville Senior High School - Achievement: performance index, C; indicators met, C. Gap closing: A.

"The grade card continues to be a dashboard report," Fries said, "and we will continue to examine all areas and make improvements."

For details on the school report cards, visit reportcard.education.ohio.gov.

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COMING UP

THE MONTH AHEAD

Thursday Nevada
Republican caucusThursday Republican
debate, HoustonSaturday South Carolina
Democratic primaryMarch 1: Alabama,
Arkansas, Georgia,
Massachusetts, Oklahoma,
Tennessee, Texas, Vermont
and Virginia primaries;
Colorado and Minnesota
caucuses; American Samoa
Democratic caucus; Alaska,
North Dakota and Wyoming
Republican caucusesMarch 31: Republican debate,
DetroitMarch 5: Louisiana primary;
Kansas and Maine caucuses;
Kentucky Republican
caucus; Nebraska
Democratic caucusMarch 6: Puerto Rico
Republican primaryMarch 8: Michigan and
Mississippi primaries; Idaho
Republican primary; Hawaii
Republican caucusMarch 10: Republican
debate, MiamiMarch 12: Northern Mariana
Islands Democratic caucusMarch 15: Florida, Illinois,
Missouri, North Carolina and
Ohio primaries; Maryland
Blacks Republican caucusMarch 22: Arizona primary;
Utah caucuses; Idaho
Democratic caucus

Reagan has role in '16 race

Republicans try to
tie own positions to
those of GOP icon.By Sahil Kapur
Bloomberg NewsWASHINGTON — Nearly
three decades after he
left office, Ronald Reagan's
iconic status in the
Republican Party is arguably
stronger than ever.In congressional
speeches, he has been
mentioned hundreds
of times in the last year
alone. And on the campaign
trail, nearly every
Republican candidate is
invoking him as a way to
fend off criticism.Here's a rundown of
how Republicans are
using the 40th president
as a human shield.Donald Trump: Reagan used to be a
liberal, tooUnder fire from Ted
Cruz and other Republicans
for his past progressive
views on issues such as
abortion and health
care, Trump has noted
that Reagan, too, was
once a liberal. Before Reagan
was governor of California
and then the president as a
conservative Republican, he
espoused liberal views and
campaigned in 1948 for
Harry Truman, assailing
Republicans for breaking
promises and boosting
corporate profits over wages.

"You have to have flexibility," Trump said in the



President Ronald Reagan has reached iconic status in today's Republican Party. The former president is referenced often on the presidential campaign trail in 2016.

South Carolina debate.
"Ronald Reagan, though,
in terms of what we're
talking about, was the
great example. He was a
somewhat liberal Democrat
who became a conservative.
Most importantly, he became a great
president."Job Bush: Reagan didn't insult people,
and neither do IIn Bush's month-long
struggle to get the upper
hand on front-runner
Trump, he has tried to lay
claim to the Reagan man-people like Donald Trump
is. He tore down the Berlin
Wall," Bush said in the
debate.Ted Cruz: Reagan was
hated by the establish-
ment, like meA central criticism of
Ted Cruz is that he's widely
disliked by his congressional
colleagues, Republicans
and Democrats alike.The Texan has worked
to turn it into an asset by
selling voters at virtually
every campaign stop that
Reagan also clashed with
the Republican establishment
when he ran for president. "Washington
despised Ronald Reagan.
By the way, if you see a
candidate who Washington
embraces, run and
hide," Cruz says. It always
gets applause.Marco Rubio: Reagan
wanted to spread
democracy, like I doRubio is one of few
Republican candidates
who supports the George
W. Bush-era policy of
using U.S. military power
to promote democracy in
autocratic nations, a goal
that is rejected by rivals
like Trump and Cruz.The Floridian argues
that he's in line with Reagan."Just as Reagan never
flinched in his criticisms
of the Soviet Union's political
and economic repression,
we must never shy
away from demanding
that China allow true freedom
for its 1.3 billion people."Rubio writes on his
campaign website. "Nor
should we hesitate in calling
the source of atrocities
in the Middle East
by its real name — radical
Islam."John Kasich: Reagan
expanded Medicaid,
like I didAttacked by Jeb Bush
for expanding Medicaid
to lower-income Ohioans
as governor, which was
made optional for states
under Obamacare, Kasich
opted for the Reagan
defense as well."You know who
expanded Medicaid
five times to try to help
the folks and give them
opportunities so that you
could see and get a job?
President Ronald Reagan," he said.Ben Carson: Reagan
was nice to Republicans,
like meCarson, who polls near
the bottom of the pack
and has avoided negative
campaigning, invoked
Reagan upon refusing to
criticize Cruz for spreading
rumors on the day of
the Iowa vote that Carson
wouldn't keep campaigning
after the caucuses.Today is the 105th
anniversary, or — 105th
birthday of Ronald Reagan.
The 40th Commandment
was not to speak ill
of another Republican.
So, I'm not going to use
this opportunity to say
anything that would hurt
the reputation of Senator
Cruz," Carson said in a
Feb. 6 debate.

Races

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of the vote, a performance
prompting speculation
that Bush will end his
presidential campaign.Although John Weaver,
who is Kasich's chief strategist,
hailed the Ohio governor's
showing by saying the
Republicans now have a
"four-person race for the
nomination." It was clear
that Kasich's message was
simply not appealing to the
religious conservatives
who dominated this primary.Kasich had propelled
himself into the center of
the Republican race when
he finished second to
Trump earlier this month
in the New Hampshire primary.But even though he
attracted impressive
crowds while campaigning
in South Carolina, Saturday's
results suggest his
message was overwhelmed
by the betwixt Trump and
the hard-edged Cruz.Instead, the Republican
race appears to be heading
in three distinct directions
with Trump winning support
from arch conservatives,
and Rubio emerging as the
favorite of a frightened
Republican establishment
convinced that Trump
and Cruz will lead the party
to electoral catastrophe
in November.In a clear sign his aides
did not believe he would
finish among the top three
in South Carolina, Kasich
campaigning in Vermont
Saturday before heading
to a campaign party in Boston
to monitor the South Carolina
results. He is scheduled
to campaign Monday
in Virginia, which like
Vermont is one of 12 states
which will hold their primaries
or caucuses on March 1."As the race narrows
to four candidates and
enters the next phase, it
also turns toward states
that favor the governor
and make his path to the
nomination increasingly
clear," Weaver said.In particular, Kasich is
trying to keep his campaign
alive until Michi-gan's March 8 primary,
where the percentage of
religious voters will be
smaller than in the Southern
states. Kasich hopes
that his message of balance
and sparking the economy
by reducing taxes will resonate
with Michigan voters.Despite Weaver's optimism,
the road ahead for Kasich
remains perilous. According to
campaign finance reports filed
Saturday with the Federal
Election Commission, Kasich's
presidential campaign said it
had \$1.48 million in available cash,
far less than Cruz, Rubio, and
Trump — the latter who is
financing a large chunk of his
campaign.Even though Kasich
devoted six full days of
campaigning in the state,
the Ohio governor and the
state's political action
committee supporting him
were badly outspent by
Rubio, Bush and Cruz.
According to sources, Kasich's
presidential campaign spent
\$500,000 in TV advertising in
South Carolina and his Super
PAC spent \$440,000.In the exit polls conducted
by the broadcast networks,
voters named terrorism as the
top issue and 31 percent of
those who voted for Cruz
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brothers gathering in 2014 in
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you, lady, but when I get to
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open warfare here. Weaver told
reporters on a conference call
Saturday that Bush's campaign
would end in South Carolina,
saying, "For all practical
purposes, there's no path forward
for Governor Bush."While Kasich has a long-
time reputation as a conservative
Republican on issues of
budgets, taxes and abortion
rights, he presented himself in
New Hampshire as the most
moderate of the GOP
presidential candidates.
But while that helped him
in New Hampshire, it worked
against him in South Carolina.In particular, Kasich was
repeatedly asked why he
broke with conservative
governors and accepted
hundreds of millions of
federal dollars made available
under the 2010 health law
that would fund that money
to expand health coverage
to low-income people who
qualified for Medicaid, the
joint federal and state program
that provides health care to
low-income Americans.In addition, the entire
South Carolina Republican
establishment lined up
behind other candidates,
such as Sen. Lindsey
Graham backing Bush and
Sen. Tim Scott and Gov.
Nikki Haley, the state's
most popular politician,
endorsed Rubio.According to published
reports, Haley engaged in
a sharp dispute with
Kasich at a Koch brothers
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Gambling

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"U.S. Bank Arena doesn't even have the capacity to hold that many individuals," said Lori Higgins, executive vice president of Envision Partnerships, a substance abuse and gambling prevention group. "According to surveys done exclusively in Butler County, we're seeing that youth under the age of 18 are more likely to participate in high-risk gambling activities than adults."

Mindy Miller, president and CEO of Community Development Professionals LLC, said "as casinos, lotteries and scratch-offs have become increasingly normalized in communities, including Butler County, we see people, particularly those vulnerable to high-risk behaviors, become more and more addicted to gambling."

"As access to gambling in Ohio has increased, the problem has increased with it," she said.

That is why a unique partnership has been formed to create a March Madness campaign to bring awareness to gambling addiction.

Envision Partnerships (EP) and Community Development Professionals (CDP) have joined forces to put on a month-long campaign to discuss the ravages of gambling addiction.

EP, formerly known as Alcohol & Chemical Abuse Council, are local experts in prevention and education services for behavioral health issues (gambling, drinking, drugs, etc). The organization started in 1964 in response to concerns about alcoholism. CDP helps nonprofits organize community projects and secure funding for those projects.

Muller said March has been set aside nationally by the National Council on Problem Gambling as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Higgins said her organization has partnered with the state of Ohio to educate Butler County residents on how to identify problem gambling and set boundaries for low-risk gambling. In 2014, Envision Partnerships convened an advisory board comprised of representatives from the community to advise the agency on appropriate messaging, modes of communication and how to effectively reach various segments of the community.

"This year's campaign uses the buzz brought on by March Madness and includes posters, brochures, billboards, message ads and ads on the county's four RCV locations," Muller said. "EP is trying to reach as broad an audience as possible."

Dealing with data

Seven years ago, Ohio became the 39th state to legalize casinos, as Issue 3 passed amending the state Constitution and allowing four casinos to be built in Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo. In addition, seven racinos, including Miami Valley Gaming in Turtlecreek Twp. near Monroe, have been constructed since then.

Approximately 220,000 Ohioans engage in at-risk gambling with 30,000 engaging in problem gambling behaviors. Of Ohioans that participate in casino gambling, 8.2 percent are estimated to be at risk or meet criteria for problem gambling, compared to 4.8 percent for lottery and 5.1 percent for other gambling, according to Ohio For Responsible Gambling, a group made up of the Ohio Lottery Commission.

COMMON WARNING SIGNS:

- Gossiping about winning, exaggerating wins and/or minimizing losses.
- Spending a lot of time gambling, thinking about or planning to gamble.
- Restless or irritable when not gambling.
- Borrowing for gambling.
- Hiding time spent gambling or hiding bills and unpaid debts.
- Lying about how much time or money is spent on gambling.

SOURCE: OHIO FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

PROBLEM GAMBLING QUICK FACTS:

Problem gambling is not any gambling that goes beyond the "normal" bounds of gambling for fun, recreation or entertainment. Compulsive gambling (or pathological gambling) is a recognized and treatable mental health condition. Problem gambling rates among teens and young adults have been shown to be 2-3 times that of adults. Providing a financial bailout for compulsive gamblers may actually make the problem worse. Gambling is not a way to solve financial problems. Children of problem gamblers may be at higher risk for a broad range of health, mental health and school-related problems.

SOURCE: OHIO FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

BUTLER COUNTY GAMBLING ADDICTION HELP:

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - MIDDLETOWN
1659 S. 6th Blvd.
Middletown, OH 45044
513-424-0921 voice
web: http://cbh-services.org

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - HAMILTON
820 S. Main St. Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Hamilton, OH 45011
513-424-0921 voice

mission, the Ohio Casino Control Commission, the Ohio State Racing Commission and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Ohioans with alcohol or other drug addiction are more likely to have a gambling problem. Problem gambling rates among teens and young adults have been shown to be 2-3 times that of adults.

Trystyn Eppley, a gambling prevention specialist for EP, said, "As we've seen the casinos and racinos emerging as well as the increasing access to gambling via apps and online venues, and the explosion of fantasy sports, it's certainly becoming a bigger issue than in years prior."

"Gambling problems may be one of the best-kept secrets in our society. In informal conversations and presentations throughout the community have provided us with many anecdotal stories of the impact of the issue to families and employees," she said.

Ruining a family
A Hamilton woman recently shared her story with the Journal-News about how gambling has pushed her family to the brink of ruin. The woman, who is in her early 40s, asked this newspaper not to use her name. She said even though the lottery has been in existence for a while, when casinos came to the area "that is when it all went bad."

The woman said her husband's gambling addiction has torn up their family, left fear and uncertainty as daily companions, plus, the feeling of failure in every step. "A few years ago my husband was hurt at work and was on disability, and the boredom set in," she recalled. "So now and then the trip to an Indiana casino with some of his family started. Once every three months or so he would tag along. Then he would start going on

his own, and the process began."

That process is now a three-times-a-week trip to Miami Valley Gaming, or the newly named Jack (formerly Horseshoe) Casino or to Indiana for some gambling, she said.

His habit involves taking money out of the family's savings account. "It's been emptied out," she said. "There are times he will go to the store and pay for the groceries, but will get extra cash back so he can gamble. I show the credit card statement to him, but he just lies, and then tells more lies."

The couple is moving past middle age and into the phase of retirement. But her husband is blowing through his disability money and is now fixated on her 401(k), she said.

"He thinks we can take money out of it, but let's keep asking 'How are we going to live?' We could live another 30 years but what will we have to live on if we don't have any money?"

"His family calls him and says, 'Come on, let's just go for a little bit.' This is their act of kindness to cheer him up since he could not return to work after his injury and surgery," she said.

And for her, it has come down to a few simple questions: "Where does it end? How do you stop it? How do you get them to admit they have a problem?"

"It is affecting our lives in more ways than one: trust, emotions, finances, security, and family," she explained. "He doesn't believe he has a problem."

The couple have three adult sons and they have pressed their father to stop gambling and to seek help. If he continues, would it break up the family?

"We've never encountered this type of problem in our marriage," she said. "If this did break up our family, he wouldn't have enough money to live on, on his own."



Jim Simma is president and general manager of Miami Valley Gaming in Turtlecreek Twp. near Monroe, one of seven racinos to open in Ohio in the past seven years. Staff photo

would struggle too. He's not a bad person - this is a disease."

Banning yourself

Justica Franks of the Ohio Casino Control Commission told the Journal-News that problem gamblers can ban themselves from the state's four casinos.

Franks said the program gives individuals the ability to ban themselves from a casino facility for one year, five years or their lifetime.

Once the request is approved, the person banned is not allowed to enter any Ohio casino during the length of the self-imposed ban.

According to data provided by Franks, as of Feb. 16, the Ohio Casino Control Commission has accepted 2,069 applications from residents in 16 states and one Canadian province for the voluntary exclusion program.

Where to get help

There are several resources for those who want to learn about the signs of problem gambling or get help for an addiction. Envision Part-

nerships is a partner in the website playitssafeohio.org.

This resource provides information about gambling, the warning signs and where to get help.

EP offers classes to community groups and social services agencies dealing with high-risk populations to educate them about what problem gambling is and refer them to help as needed.

In Butler County, Community Behavioral Health has treatment services specifically to address gambling addiction.

The state of Ohio also runs a problem gambling help line where callers can talk to someone and get referred to a local agency for help. That number is 1-800-589-

9666.

EP is also working in various school districts in Butler County educating middle and high school students about the dangers and fallacies involved with adolescent gambling.

"Awareness education is also being promoted in other venues for adults. We are also working on community awareness projects," Eppley said.

"These projects are centered around providing low-risk gambling education, awareness of the potential dangers associated with fantasy sports, and promoting the Ohio problem gambling help-line number."

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Need Help With Winter Heating Bills?

Ohio's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help. HEAP helps low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. The income limits for HEAP are \$26,084 a year for a single person and \$27,878 a year for a couple. Seniors and people with disabilities who want to find out if they are eligible can get help with HEAP applications by calling the number on their energy bill.

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'Cut the Craft' slated

FOREST — "Cut the Craft" at the Forest-Jackson Public Library will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 1 and 7 p.m.

Join the group to make a faux opal out of polymer clay. Everything is provided — just bring yourself.

Pharmacy program re-accredited at ONU

ADA — Ohio Northern University's doctor of pharmacy degree program has been re-accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) for a full cycle of eight years. This is the maximum length of re-accreditation bestowed upon pharmacy degree programs in the United States.

ACPE requires the programs it accredits to meet the rigor of 30 accreditation standards. Ohio Northern University's pharmacy program was evaluated in October 2015 and found fully compliant in all 30 standards. ACPE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy.

"The faculty and staff of the ONU Raabe College of Pharmacy are pleased that ACPE recognizes the high quality and outstanding outcomes from our program. Our commitment to continuous quality improvement is a distinguishing feature of the program," said Dr. Steven J. Martin, dean of the Raabe College of Pharmacy. "We are especially proud to earn the full re-accreditation allowed by ACPE. It recognizes the dedication of our faculty and staff, and our vision to lead the nation in the preparation of practice-ready pharmacists who serve as primary care providers and team leaders."

The mission of the Ohio Northern Pharmacy program is to prepare pharmacists who improve health, serve others, lead change and advance the profession of pharmacy. The Raabe College of Pharmacy has graduated pharmacists since 1984 and has an alumni base of nearly 7,000 pharmacy graduates worldwide.

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MONDAY, FEB. 22
Kenton City Council — 7 p.m., chambers
Riverdale Board of Education — 6 p.m., board meeting room in Central Office
Upper Scioto Valley Board of Education — 4:45 p.m., Community Room at the school
Family and Children First Council — 1:30 p.m. at Hardin County Job and Family Services, 175 W. Franklin St., second floor conference room, Kenton
Hardin County Board of Developmental Disabilities — 7 p.m., Simon Kenton School
Apollo Career Center Board — 7 p.m., Lima
Dunkirk Board of Public Affairs — 5 p.m., town hall
Buck Township trustees — 6 p.m., conference room at Grove Cemetery, 15419 Ohio 309
Marion Township trustees — 7 p.m., township hall
Pleasant Township trustees — 6:30 p.m., conference room at Kenton Municipal Building
McDonald Township trustees — 7:30 p.m., township hall
Roundhead Township trustees — 7:30 p.m., township hall
Blanchard Dunkirk Washington Joint Ambulance District Board — 7:30 p.m., EMS building
Ada-Liberty Joint Ambulance District Board — 8 p.m., squad room
TUESDAY, FEB. 23
Hardin Community School Board — 7:30 a.m., board room at 400 Decatur St., Kenton
Kenton-Hardin Health Department Board — 7 p.m., health department
Alger Public Library Board of Trustees — 7 p.m., library

Fallen WWII hero's dog tags found on island

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Dorothy Hollingsworth was just 7 when her brother Tom left the family farm in Indiana to join the Army a few months before the United States entered World War II. She never saw him again.

Now, more than 70 years after Pfc. Thomas E. Davis was killed in one of the war's final, major battles, a tangible reminder of her beloved sibling has been found on the Pacific island of Saipan — one of his Army dog tags.

"He was a great guy," said Hollingsworth, 82, who lives outside Dayton, Ohio, noting that some of her earliest memories are of the tall, thin sibling 17 years her senior who always sat next to her at the dinner table. "He was always laughing and singing and whistling."

Cultural historian Genevieve Cabrera told The Associated Press in an email that she found the discolored metal tag sticking out of the soil of a farm field on Saipan in early 2014. It was embossed with Davis' name, serial number, hometown and other information.

Cabrera recently gave the tag to members of Kuentai, a Japan-based organization that has found the remains of the 27th Division soldiers on Saipan. The group notified the AP this month about the dog tag's discovery in the hope that his relatives could be found.

The AP tracked down members of the soldier's family with the help of Anthony Barger, the archivist at the Putnam County Public Library. Kuentai representatives said they'll arrange to meet the Davis family in the U.S. to hand over the tag.

While it is relatively common to find canteens, weapons and even unexploded shells from the 100,000 Americans and Japanese who fought for 25 days on the 46-square-mile island, dog tags remain a rare find, Cabrera said. The tags, attached to a chain worn around the neck, were the only

item of military-issued gear a soldier wore daily that included potentially life-saving information such as blood type and when a tetanus shot was administered.

A year before Davis died in the battle for Okinawa in April 1945, he earned one of the nation's highest military honors after surviving the bloody fighting on Saipan.

According to wartime records kept at the New York State Military Museum, home to many of the 27th Division's documents, Davis earned the Silver Star on Saipan in June 1944 for risking his own life to rescue a wounded comrade "at a time when the American front was undergoing a brutal Japanese artillery and mortar fire."

Davis went into the Army in September 1941, three months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor drew the U.S. into WWII.

Davis was with the 27th when it took part in the Okinawa invasion, which began on April 1, 1945. Three weeks later, he was shot by a Japanese sniper while again helping a wounded soldier. Davis died April 20, two months shy of his 28th birthday. Four years later, his body was brought back for burial in his hometown.

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Kasich signs Ohio bill diverting Planned Parenthood funding

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Gov. John Kasich signed legislation Sunday to strip government money from Planned Parenthood in Ohio.

The action came despite calls for a veto by some legislative Democrats and several newspaper editorials.

The governor did not sign the bill in public. His office made the announcement in a statement. Kasich had made it clear before he would sign the bill into law.

The legislation targets the roughly \$1.3 million in funding that Planned Parenthood receives through Ohio's health department. The money, which is mostly federal, supports HIV testing, breast and cervical cancer screenings, and prevention of violence against women.

The legislation prohibits such funds from going to entities that perform or refer for abortions, their affiliates and those that contract

with an entity that performs abortions. The House gave its final approval earlier this month on a mostly party-line vote, with the bill's Democratic co-sponsor voting in favor and two Republicans voting against it.

The bill doesn't name Planned Parenthood, but backers of the legislation have acknowledged the organization will be the most affected. They want the money to go to health centers and other providers that do not perform abortions.

Opponents say the measure puts politics ahead of people's health care. State and federal laws already prohibit taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.

A Planned Parenthood leader in Ohio has emphasized that the organization's doors would remain open, but its community health programs would be cut. The group says programs targeted in the bill helped Planned Parenthood in the last year to provide more than 47,000 STD tests and 3,600 HIV tests to Ohioans, serve nearly 2,800 new or expectant mothers, and inform young people and women about healthy relationships.

Kasich's actions betray thousands of Ohioans who rely on the agency's work, said Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Amelia Hayes.

"Gov. Kasich should be ashamed for claiming he is invested in the fight against infant mortality while simultaneously defunding one of the best programs in the state for young mothers and their children," she said.

Ohio Democratic Party chairman David Pepper said Kasich has aligned himself with Tea Party conservatives over the wishes of most state residents. Joe Schiavone, the state Senate's top-ranking Democrat, said the cuts will

devastate Ohio's ability to help some of its most underserved residents.

Lawmakers approved the legislation Feb. 10, but Kasich's office did not receive it until Thursday.

The measure follows an outcry among abortion opponents around the country after the release of secretly recorded videos by activists alleging that Planned Parenthood sold fetal tissue to researchers for a profit in violation of federal law.

Planned Parenthood has called the videos misleading and denied any wrongdoing, saying a handful of its clinics provided fetal tissue for research while receiving only permissible reimbursement for costs.

Three of Planned Parenthood's 28 locations in Ohio provide abortions. The organization has said it has no fetal tissue donation program in Ohio, where such donations are illegal.

Librarian puts 60 years on the books

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — When Carle Ingle started working at the downtown Columbus library in March 1956, she used a manual typewriter to prepare each catalog card and meticulously glued protective jackets to new books before they were shelved. Banned from the modest collection in those days was J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye," deemed too crude and racist.

Sixty years have come and gone, and the 77-year-old Ingle still is working full time behind the scenes, surrounded each day by stacks of brand-new books in what is now one of the country's busiest big-city library systems. The card catalog cabinets are long gone, and patrons can now log in to the library's online system and find books by keyword.

"The Catcher in the Rye" or download an electronic copy to their phones. When Ingle was hired on as a high school senior for \$75 a week, Dwight D. Eisenhower was president; Elvis had just pushed "Heartbreak Hotel" into the top 10; working women dressed in skirts, men in suits; and the downtown library didn't have air conditioning but did have a baby grand piano that anyone could walk in and play.

"Women were not expected to do as much," said Ingle, soft-spoken and on this recent day meticulously dressed with upswipe blonde hair. "It really was a man's world for everything, but it didn't bother me."

Ingle is one of probably fewer than 25 people who have worked at U.S. libraries

for more than a half-century and is among the longest-tenured ever, according to Julie Todaro, president-elect of the American Library Association. That Ingle is still working and adapting to today's technology makes her longevity, in Todaro's words, "incredible."

Through the years she became a much-beloved and competent cog in the machine that keeps the library greening up together. Now it's a network of 22 branches with 571,000 card holders and an annual circulation of more than 17 million.

"She loves her job, and she loves the library," said Julie Snyder, who was trained by Ingle when she came aboard 31 years ago and remains a close friend. "She has a great work ethic."

In the 1950s, Ingle said, the cash-poor library was lucky to snag one copy of a best-seller. When the last Harry Potter book was

released, trucks rumbled up and unloaded around 700 copies. The zealous demand for each of the J.K. Rowling tales is something that stands out in Ingle's memory of all those years and titles.

These days she still deals with vendors and cataloging of new books on computer in a cubicle plastered with photos of her great-grandchildren and nephews. Other than some brief time off for surgery, she's called in sick only twice. She's never wanted to do any other job in the library than this one.

A widow, Ingle devotes much of her energy away from work to her role as a lay minister trained to teach caregivers how to give comfort to people who must deal with a dying or addicted loved one.

She's passionate about both jobs. She doesn't even talk about retirement. "I'd rather," she said, "have my life very busy."

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Hey
FOXHUNTER
Tomorrow
it's the
BIG 6-0
Bet you thought I didn't know down here away from ice and snow!

Republican women learn about workings of kudoStudio

The Hardin County Republican Women held their February meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the kudoStudio, at 106 W. Columbus Street in Kenton. The meeting was presided over by President Merrilee Rogers, who called the meeting to order. Colleen P. Limerick presented the secretary's report that was approved as submitted. The treasurer's report prepared by Rita Badway, was presented by Rogers and approved as read.

Rogers reviewed correspondence with the group consisting of a thank you note from the S.O.U.P. kitchen for the Hardin County Republican Women's donation of personal hygiene items. The women praised Brenda Rainburg on her excellent work on window of the headquarters.

The women expressed well wishes for Hardin County Republican Committee Chairman Tom Wilcox as he recovers. Likewise, the group hopes that Carol Dode is feeling better soon. The women also expressed their condolences to the Elliott family for the loss of our beloved county commissioner, Edward O. Elliott. His service and dedication to the Republican Party and his community will truly be missed. As a tribute to Ed, his photo has been displayed in the window of the Republican Headquarters. Also, the women unanimously voted to donate \$100 to the Hardin County Fair Foundation in

memory of Commissioner Elliott.

The women brainstormed meeting ideas for the 2016 year. Rogers will compile and circulate a letter with all meeting dates and speakers in the near future. The group also discussed fundraising ideas such as a Girl Card Tree, 50/50s and other ideas. The group unanimously voted to commission two custom patriotic elephants from kudoStudio: with one for proud display at the headquarters and one for a raffle at the upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner.

Thereafter, Rogers reminded the ladies that the Lincoln Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 6 at the Plaza Inn Restaurant in Mt. Victory. Social time begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Ohio Senate President Keith Faber. Tickets are \$20 and reservations can be made by contacting Chairman Tom Wilcox (419-675-2227), Secretary Sally Newler (937-464-3013) or County Chairwoman Sharon Sams (419-673-0949). Reservations are to be made before March 2.

Newer then outlined the process the Hardin County Republican Party will follow in filing the unexpired term of Commissioner Ed Elliott as set forth in Ohio's laws. Members of the Central Committee of the Hardin County Republican Party will hold interviews and make a selection at a special meeting on March 7 at 7 p.m. at the headquarters.



KUDOSTUDIO COORDINATOR LENORA PRICHARD

The women were treated to a tour of the kudoStudio by its Art Studio Coordinator, Lenora Prichard. Prichard, who has been employed by Harco Industries for 15 years, spoke to the group about the creation and goals of the studio. Prichard explained that Harco Industries created the professional art studio four

years ago. After much hard work, the studio came to fruition and has been a huge success.

The women learned that five artists per day from Harco Industries attend the studio and are able to work on their own creations. These artists, all adults with disabilities, range in age from 18 to 79. Prichard shared that this population is very excited to decide what they want to work on. She further explained that their art comprises several mediums including but not limited to: drawing, painting, beading and various other artistic forms. The artists learn socialization skills in the studio along with other art techniques. Some of the most popular items at the studio are the adorable animal and other

themed wall art as well as the beaded gazing balls. Last year kudoStudio went through 600 bowling balls to meet the high demand for their gazing balls.

Prichard explained that kudoStudio has been fortunate to have huge community support and explained that they have received donations from individuals and businesses. The women learned that Ace Hardware and Root Lumber have been generous friends to the studio.

Upon a walk through of kudoStudio one can quickly see that there are all types of professional art pieces abundant from wall art, clothing, jewelry, vases, magnets and note cards to name a few. The women were apprised that kudoStudio is a great place to shop locally for unique gift items. Custom creations are available upon request for usually just a \$5 extra fee. Prichard explained that the artists receive half of the proceeds from each of the sales of their art. The other half goes to the overhead of the studio and for supplies. Prichard's face lit up with pure joy when she explained how proud the artists are when they receive their paychecks.

The broad brainstorming of the positive impact of kudoStudio goes far beyond the artists themselves. These artists have been instrumental in raising funds for Not By Choice when they painted a dozen chairs of hope that were auctioned off last summer at the successful Eats on the Street downtown event. These chairs were displayed throughout the downtown leading up to the auction. Six of these chairs featured the colors of the mascots of each of our county schools.

The women learned not only are the artists learning, growing and creating at the studio, but they also get to show their art shows in Columbus and other locations. This provides new experiences for them such as stay-

ing in a hotel and other professional activities as the artists handle sales and interact with the public.

Prichard proudly shared that kudoStudio art has been sold throughout the nation from New York to California. Just recently, a kudoStudio art piece, being a special guitar, was personally delivered to county singing sensation, Blake Shelton, by a kudoStudio artist.

Anyone could instantly notice how much Lenora Prichard enjoys working with her artists and how devoted she is to the success of kudoStudio! She enjoys seeing the smiles on the artists' faces as they learn new skills and have fun making their art. In fact, the quote hanging on the wall at the kudoStudio clearly says it all, "together possibilities are endless." The kudoStudio is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Wednesdays through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public always is welcome to come see this wonderful studio for themselves and to enjoy a wonderful shopping experience.

To learn more about kudoStudio or to see new additions to the inventory, be sure to visit them on Facebook.

The next meeting of the Hardin County Republican Women will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Royals Repurposed Store located at 13 N. Detroit Street in Kenton. The group will have a tour of the store and hear from a store representative.

Additional information about the Hardin County Republican Party, candidates and upcoming events can be found at www.hardincolornrep.com or on the Hardin County Republican Party Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

R'dale celebrates National FFA Week

National FFA Week was Feb. 20-27. The Riverdale FFA Chapter had a split week with every day having a different theme for the whole school. They also played leadership and team building games in class.

Monday was camp day and four games were played in class including aquadunk, cookie face, unicorn, and marshmallow toss. Tuesday was official dress day/blue and gold day. Five officers went to the Ag Leaders

Breakfast. The classes played poetry, horse, nose dive, office tennis, and yank me.

On Wednesday students and members dressed up as a farmer. In class four games were played including pink elephant, sticky situation, kaboom, and spin doctor. Lizzy Shane also competed at district public speaking, and placed 7th in beginning prepared.

On Thursday, students drove three tractors to school and wore their carhart gear.

The FFA held a chili cook off and salad bar. We still got lunch for the day. Places were 1. Pauley's, 2. Miss Steinmetz, 3. Travis, 4. Hunter, 5. Lizzy, 6. Rose, 7. Jessica. Class games for were animal shear and stack it up.

Friday was dress in your favorite tractor/truck brand. Members handed out a special treat at the door to all students. Nut stack, pie eating, milk chug, ready spaghetti and longer were the games that we played.

Kenton FFA welcomes Greenhans

On Feb. 24, the Kenton OHP FFA chapter welcomed its new degree recipients as the new 2016 Greenhans for the Kenton OHP FFA chapter.

Hannah Heilmann gave a speech over the new degree recipients and empowerment. Later, the new recipients had punch and cake as a reward for all

their effort and hard work.

Recipients are as follows: Sutton Plett, Molly Moore, Morgan Speirs, Jonathan Routt, Autumn Reid, Juliana Delapaz, Kaitlyn Dodge, Josh Piper, Preston Oates, Lyndi Castle, Eliza Meiers, Tye Sherman, Zach Holland, Chase Fleeco, Elizabeth Heintz, Marie Sanchez, Ali

Wolfe, Sydney Hayter, Ashley Reed, Kody Buchenroth, Keeler Wright, Reese Shaffer, Trisha Bickle, Bicy Elasser, Abby Oberlinner, Shelby Phillips, Destiny Morales, Drew Hopper, Erin Castle, Alexia Brooks, Zamaya Wilkins, David Heilmann, Noah Leffler and Reid Austin.

Sale can't erase town's love of toy

By JON CHAVEZ

The (Toledo) Blade

BRYAN, Ohio (AP) — For half a century, the western Ohio town of Bryan could always boast proudly that it was home to three genuine American icons whenever strangers might ask what the Williams County seat was known for.

"Whenever I go to meetings I mention the Etch A Sketch, Dum Dum suckers, and Bard air conditioners and furnaces. That's what makes Bryan, Bryan," said Douglas Johnson, the town's mayor.

But in future meetings, Mr. Johnson acknowledged, he's going to have to refer the famous Etch A Sketch as something that once belonged to Bryan.

Ohio Art Co., the company

which owned the drawing toy brand for 55 years, announced Feb. 11 that it had sold the Etch A Sketch brand to toy and entertainment company Spin Master Corp. of Toronto for an undisclosed price.

Ohio Art officials acknowledged that they made the sale with a heavy heart, given the long association with the product that occupies a coveted spot in the National Toy Hall of Fame in Rochester, N.Y. But the move was necessary so that the firm could devote more attention and resources to its metal lithography business that employs 75 workers in Bryan.

"Things change. For better or worse, they change," the mayor said. "So you've got to go with the change."

The toy, which had prominent scenes in such Hollywood hits as Toy Story and Elf, helped put Bryan on the map, the mayor said. "It did bring people to town," he said.

Matthew Donahue, a professor of pop culture at Bowling Green State University's popular culture department, said, "I would really hope this isn't too much of a blow for Bryan, Ohio. Although the company is really well known and known for its Ohio connection to Bryan, Ohio in particular, it is another example of how things are going. I hate to say it, but most toys are made elsewhere these days and not in the United States."

Mr. Johnson, the mayor, used to operate a Hallmark card store in Bryan and would set aside a section of the store for a dedicated display of Ohio Art toys, with the Etch A Sketch as the centerpiece. The display was always popular with the populace of Bryan, he said.

When the toy had its 50th anniversary in 2010 the company gave out anniversary editions around town. And for years, the town of Bryan would ring in the new year with a ball dropping into a giant Etch A Sketch.

But the town had its first heartbreak in 2000 when, to cut costs, Ohio Art moved production of the toy to China, eliminating 50 jobs in Bryan.

Mayor Johnson said he may still claim the toy that got its start in Bryan and was made there for 40 years. "Forget about it? I don't think we're going to let that happen ever," he said.

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social calendar

MONDAY, FEB. 29

AA Fellowship - 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 224 N. Main St., Kenton.

Kenton Amateur Radio Club - 8 p.m. for meal at Henry's Restaurant, Kenton. Meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Walnut Grove Mission Society - noon at Oh My Grill, Dunkirk.

S.O.L.O. (Supporting Our Loved Ones) - 5:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Kenton.

Ladies Auxiliary of Eagles 2163 - 7 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary of Mt. Victory VFW Post 6817 - 6 p.m., post home

William Britton VFW Post 6817 - 6 p.m. at the post in Mount Victory.

Weight Watchers - 5:30 p.m. at Community Health Professionals, 1200 S. Main St., Ada. Weight-In starts at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Memorial Park Bridge Club - 1 p.m. at Pro Shop Annex.

Reservations to Harry Landsberg at 419-675-1894 before 6 p.m. Monday.

TOPS Ohio 1032 - 6:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Shelter From the Storm (bipolar and depression group) - 6 p.m. at We Care Center, 775 E. Eliza St., Kenton.

Health care issue now divides Dems

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Health care for all. It's a goal that tugs at the heartstrings of Democrats, but pursuing it usually invites political peril.

Now Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton are clashing over this core question for liberals, making it a wedge issue in the party's presidential primary.

It's a choice between his conviction that a government-run system would be fairer and more affordable, and her preference for step-by-step change at a time of widespread skepticism about federal power.

The late Sen. Edward Kennedy once championed a Sanders-like "single-payer" system, yet during nearly 47 years in office Kennedy also embraced less sweeping and more politically feasible ideas. Health care realists greeted President Barack Obama's law as vindication. But with 29 million still uninsured and deductibles of over \$3,000 for taxpayer-subsidized coverage, some Sanders supporters call it the "Unaffordable Care Act."

Health care for everyone remains the aim for Democrats. The differences are over the best way to get there.

"It's compelling to see the longstanding argument over big, revolutionary change versus more incremental change personified in two candidates, Bernie and Hillary," said John McDonough, an aide to Kennedy during the Obama health overhaul debate.

The worry is about provoking a fatal backlash from the political right. "Bernie speaks to the hearts of Democrats, and Hillary speaks to the head," added



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a rally Sunday in Greenville, S.C.

McDonough, now a professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "It's about who is more in tune with the actual opportunity and possibility of the time."

Both candidates seem to be struggling to clearly frame the issue. Sanders sees the destination, but hasn't been able to lay down a roadmap for getting there. Clinton can't seem to fit her menu of tweaks into a persuasive vision. They're talking past each other, said Yale professor Ted Marmor, in a "dialogue of the deaf" that leaves voters confused.

Signed almost six years ago, Obama's health overhaul is the starting point for Democrats who would succeed him. About 16 million people have gained coverage, and the uninsured rate has fallen to 9 percent, a historic achievement. Economic recovery helped, but the biggest increases in coverage came after the health law's insurance markets and Medicaid expansion got going in 2014.

Nonetheless, 28.8 million remain uninsured, and many are still struggling to pay for care even though they have coverage. A government survey estimated that 44.5 million people under age 65 were in families

with problems paying medical bills. On top of that, "Obamacare" is mind-numbing to many consumers, a program that combines two of the most complicated areas: insurance and taxes.

"The Affordable Care Act made some improvements for some people, but the health care system is failing lots of Americans," said Steffie Woolhandler, a longtime single-payer activist and primary-care physician. "That made it inevitable that further reform would be back on the table."

Under Sanders' plan there would be no premiums, no deductibles, no copayments, no hospital bills. Instead, there'd be significant tax increases. Government-run health care in the world's richest country in theory should be able to cover everyone and keep costs manageable, but Sanders has been unable to demonstrate that the math behind his plan adds up. One analysis found he overestimates how much his proposed new taxes would raise; another concluded he underestimates the plan's costs.

Former President Bill Clinton's failed 1990s health plan pledged coverage for all, but it maintained a private insurance market, albeit highly regulated. A key element of Obama's law — the

requirement that individuals get health insurance — comes from a Republican counterproposal to the earlier Clinton plan.

New Hillary Clinton has pledged to build on Obama's progress, outlining policy proposals to limit prescription drug prices and out-of-pocket costs. She'll repeal Obama's unpopular "Cadillac tax" on high-cost health insurance plans, which is meant as a brake on spending.

But Clinton doesn't connect the dots on how her ideas might advance age-old Democratic aspirations.

"I think she has to go back to those basics and stay there," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., who once introduced single-payer legislation with Sanders, but is supporting Clinton. He checks off a list: "Coverage for all, no pre-existing conditions, no medical bankruptcy."

Recent analysis from the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation suggests that there's room to cover many more uninsured people under the framework of Obama's law. Nearly 6 in 10 of the uninsured would be eligible for subsidized private insurance, existing Medicaid programs or, if the remaining states accept it, expanded Medicaid.

But incremental progress is unsatisfying for Sanders and those committed to a single-payer plan. If elected president, the Vermont senator says, he'd lead a political revolution for universal health care.

Court

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of illegal conveyance of a communication device was dropped in the plea deal. Boring attempted to smuggle drugs and a cellphone into Madison Correctional Institution while he was a corrections officer. His bond was also revoked Monday after Boring tested positive for opiates and marijuana. He will be held in Tri-County Regional Jail until he is sentenced on March 31.

• Tronny Monahan, 31, of Columbus, pleaded guilty to one

fourth-degree felony count of theft of a motor vehicle. One misdemeanor count of theft and two misdemeanor counts of receiving stolen property were dropped in the plea deal. Drug addiction was a motive. Monahan agreed to a sentence of one year in prison.

• Leann N. Stanford, 30, of Galloway, pleaded guilty to two counts of fifth-degree felony drug abuse. A third count of the same charge was dropped in the plea deal. She will be sentenced on March 31.

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Council

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on a new bucket truck for the street department. The truck will be used to maintain street lights and traffic lights, among other tasks, said Nate Ernst, superintendent. Ernst said the department currently uses a 1997 truck which has recently needed repairs in excess of \$10,000. He said a dealer has agreed to hold a 2003 truck. The \$30,000 will cover the purchase of the truck, in addition to lights and city stickers. Closser called the new truck "a really good buy." The old truck will

be sold on an online auction for \$6,000 to \$8,000.

• Closser reported applications for city parks and recreation director would be due by Monday. Mosier hopes to conduct interviews this week and hire for the position either Friday or Monday to allow the new person to train for a week with outgoing director Tony Brake.

• Closser also reported the Board of Public Utilities received seven bids Thursday for the water treatment plant, and six of those came in under the engineer's estimate.

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Meeting

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Madison County 4-H serves more than 800 youth in the county, ages eight through 19. Commissioners proclaimed March 6-12 as 4-H week in Madison County.

In other business: • Commissioners received two bids for process serving for Job and Family Services. One bid was submitted by Doug Crabbe, long-time process server and former deputy sheriff. The other was submitted by Subpoena Service Process, LLC (SSP) of Columbus. Crabbe's bids included: \$50 for service within the county; \$75 for service to surrounding counties and

\$85 for statewide service. All were for up to three attempts to serve.

SSP's bids included: \$45 for service in county; \$70 for service in surrounding counties; \$80 for statewide service, also for up to three attempts to serve.

Commissioners said they will review the bids and render their decision at a later meeting.

• Commissioners received a visit from Lucie McMahon, assistant planner for the CDC of Ohio, who distributed a fair housing guide. It served as a reminder that housing discrimination is illegal. The brochure also reminded prospective tenants that if they cannot obtain a lease from a landlord, a written agreement

should be made including terms and conditions of the rental unit.

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their regular season contests. The Bobcats won on their own floor 62-38 back in mid-December, but the Riders returned the favor with a 47-43 overtime win Jan. 16.

The winner of the semifinal will advance to a D-III district title game Friday, March 4 against either No. 3 Centerburg or No. 4 Columbus Academy at Ohio Dominican University, starting at 6 p.m.

West Jeff lead North Union by double figures for most of the contest, but things got interesting in the fourth quarter when the Wildcats chose to foul excessively in the final stanza, forcing the Roughriders to make free throws.

The home team made just nine of 17 free throws in the final quarter to allow North Union to get back in game. They got within four points



The Pioneers Andrew Koenig pushes the ball up the court during the team's district tournament loss to Bishop Hartley Saturday.

(36-32), but that's when Powell was able to close out the opposition with his performance from the free throw line.

Powell led West Jeff with 12 points, Jerad Vermillion added 11, while Lance Lambert (eight) and Connor Roberts (six) also had strong scoring nights.

Division IV
Shelkinah Christian 65,
Fisher Catholic 59

The No. 8 seed Flames (14-9) advanced to a D-IV district semifinal following a hard-fought win over visiting Fisher Catholic Friday, Feb. 26. Shelkinah advances to a district championship game to where it will face No.

1 Africentric Wednesday, March 2, at Hamilton Township High School, starting at 7 p.m.

Shelkinah's win over Fisher went much like their regular season contest. The Flames built a double-digit advantage, only to watch Fisher chip away and get it down to single digits in the fourth quarter. Shelkinah made enough shots and free throws down the stretch to pull away for the win.

The Flames shared the ball collecting 19 assists on their 20 made field goals. They shot 50 percent of their shots from the floor and connected on nine three-point field goals in the game.

Jessie Showalter led all scorers with 20 points and Trevor Headings added 17. Chris Conte and Connor Bjerke each scored eight. John-Michael Hiersberger had eight assists and four steals.

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Wrestling

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that didn't qualify will come in on Tuesday and Wednesday to help prepare. Even though we only got the two out it is still a team and success is built in the practice room. The drilling partners have a lot to do with the success of these two. Also moving on from the D-III tournament in Heath were Madison-Plains junior Ryan Pulwider (113) and senior Andrew Bevan (285).

Pulwider (35-8) placed Cody Welch of Nelsonville-Tyrk in 4-29 to place third at 113. Bevan (36-9) placed fourth, losing against Martin Perry's Dom Wallace in the third-place match.

The lone Madison County state qualifier to advance from the D-II district at Claymont was Jonathan Alder sophomore Jacob Johnson (43-3). Johnson advanced all the way to the championship at 113 pounds before coming up short against Ana Abduljellil of Whitehall in a 15-6 major decision.

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Bowling

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have the striking power at times you have to convert a better percentage of spares. It's the same motto at all levels of competitive bowling.

"The coaching staff is very proud of how the girls handled themselves for just missing the cut, especially when the expectations were so high."

Alder came out firing, it recorded a 903 game to start, thanks mainly to a 257 game from junior MacKenzie Heimlich. But for as fast it started, things turned in the second game as the squad left plenty of pins on the line in firing

a disappointing 763. The squad came in with an 821 in the third game, which placed them 10th heading into the Baker games.

The Lady Pioneers tossed Baker games of 193-180-161 for a total of 534 pins, moving up the squad up a spot and just missing out on eighth place by 39 pins.

"In game two we really threw the ball great and didn't get good carry for strikes," Walter said. "Every game the ladies missed some pretty makeable spares and each game one bowler bowled a game under 140."

Alder's finish was better than any other D-II Central District squad. Elgin placed 13th and Buckeye Valley was 15th.

The Pioneers are scheduled to return six of their top seven bowlers next season and the drive to finish better at the state will surely be there.

"The ladies captured five tournament titles, were MOAC League Champions and created expectations of making that tournament cut," Walter said. "Overall the girls got better each week. They became better teammates, they became better friends and they bowled for each other, they have all earned any honors received. Next year we look to continue to improving our state level of performance, and will have even higher goals the next couple seasons."

Walter admitted the small margin in which

his team missed making the championship round at the state will eat at him for a while.

"As great as season it was, I'm just a bit disappointed when you think about 38 pins over 18 games it's just 2.1 pins per game," he said. "I have a great group of young ladies that found a great sport, that's more competitive, more high energy than they could ever imagine. They are going to work hard in the off-season and the goals and expectations next year will be even higher."

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Tournament

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was in," Kaye said. Jesse Caylor (126) and Clayton Crowell (170) finished sixth, while Tristan Hostetter (132) and Brennan Hicks (152) both failed to place.

"All four of those guys have worked hard all year," Kaye said. "They just had a couple matches that didn't go their way. It is unfortunate they were not able to put themselves in position to go to district."

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OBITUARY

WANDA J. SAUL

TROY — Wanda Jean Saul, 86, formerly of Troy, OH, passed away on Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, at the Piqua Manor.

She was born on May 20, 1929, in Piqua, OH, to the late Robert E. and Regina C. (Lehmann) Rittenhouse.

Wanda was married to her husband of 50 years, Joseph C. Saul, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 2003.

Wanda is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Steven Joseph and Christina Saul of Lynn Haven, Fla., and daughter and son-in-law: Connie J. and Dean Saul of Troy, OH; four grandchildren: Charles Saul, Jolene Sawyer, David Bojke, and Daniel Saul; and great-grandchildren: Christopher, Sammie Jo and Avelyn.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Wanda was preceded in death by her brother: Robert John Rittenhouse.

Wanda was a 1947 graduate of Piqua Central High School. She was formerly employed with the BF Goodrich, Decker and Orr Felt Companies.

Family will receive friends Tuesday March 1, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Baird Funeral Home, Troy, Ohio. A private family service will follow with interment in Forest Hills Cemetery in Piqua, OH.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P.O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Madeline Leigh Baker

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AREA BRIEF

Science Olympiad slated

PIQUA — The Piqua Regional Science Olympiad will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at Piqua High School and Piqua Junior High School. Awards start at 4 p.m.

This is the 31st year for the event, which will include 39 junior high and high school teams from around the area. Each team consists of 15 students competing in 23 events in each division throughout the day.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today

• **TAX AIDE:** Tax-Aide will be offered for free from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Troy Senior Citizens Center, 113 N. Market St., Troy. There are no appointments necessary at this site, first-come, first-served.

• **MOMS & TOTS:** The Miami County Park District will hold its Trailing Moms & Tots program from 10 a.m. to noon at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road, south of Tipp City. This program is for expectant mothers, mothers and tots 0 to five years of age. Participants can socialize, play and exercise during this walk. Stops will be made along the way to explore nature's tiny wonders. Be sure to dress for the weather. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, emailing register@miamicountyarks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

• **CRAFTY LISTENERS:** The Crafty Listeners gather from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Milton-Union Public Library in West Milton. This group of women listen to an audio book while working on joint and individual craft projects. Both experienced crafters and those wanting to learn are welcome.

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• **MOVIE NIGHT:** Join staff at the Troy-Miami County Library, for some family fun and popcorn as they present the movie "Inside Out" at 6 p.m. The movie is rated PG and runs for 102 minutes. Call (937) 339-0502, Ext. 121, to reserve.

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their fascination with them. For more information, call Pat Robinson at (937) 405-7375 or probinson1@wchz.com.

• **EVENING OF UNITY:** The Diversity Committee at Edison State Community College is honoring Black History Month with a special evening that focuses on unity. Offered free of charge, the event will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Theater of the Piqua campus. The event will begin with a social hour and will include performances from African and gospel dance groups, musicians, poetry readings, trivia, and a special keynote address from Elizabeth "Liz" Stafford titled "Unity For All People." For more information, contact Marva Archibald, Diversity Committee Chairperson, by calling (937) 778-7908 or emailing marvabald@edisonohio.edu.

• **OPTIMISTS MEET:** The Troy Noon Optimist Club will meet at noon at LaPiazza.

• **TOPS:** The T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Club meets at 5:45 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Main and 3rd streets, Tipp City. For more information, call (937) 332-9251.

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Road, P.O. Box E, Laura. Call 696-4480 for more information.

Tuesday

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• **COLLEGE CREDIT:** For students interested in the College Credit Plus program, there will be a mandatory meeting for Milton-Union High School students in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. You must notify the school counseling office by April 1 if you plan to participate in the College Credit Plus program for the 2016-2017 school year.

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HONOR ROLL

Lehman Catholic High School

SIDNEY — The guidance department at Lehman Catholic High School has released the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2015-16 academic year. To earn first honors, students must have an average of 93 or higher and no grade lower than a B. For second honors, students must have an average of 85 or higher, with no more than one C and no grades of D.

Seniors, first honors: Jerry Curtis, Michelle Duritsch, Claudia Fatone, Sarah Fuller, Kendal Beck, Diana Gibson, Olivia Gorman, Cassidy Hemm, Kassandra Lee, John Meyer, Nick Neumeier, Emily Reinhart, Adriana Sehlhorst, Emma Simpson, Ian Smith and Connor Thobe.

Juniors, first honors: Elijah Baker, Alison Briggs, Sidney Chapman, Katherine Edwards, Lindsey Elser, Hannah Fogt, John Henry Frantz, Kara Gillman, William Hoerster, Sarah Kramer, Megan Neumeier, Kaitrin O'Leary, Moriah Pauley, Elizabeth Pax, Parker Riley, Jacob Schmiesing and Theresa

Schmiesing.

Sophomores, first honors: Maria Adams, Brandon Barhorst, Miriam Bezy, Camille Brown, Melanie Brunner, Timothy Buechter, Grace Dexter, Jacob Emrick, Theresa Flood, Ryan Goette-moeller, Zili (Jerry) He, Madison Hussey, Lauren Langer, Abigail Jones, Tyler Lachey, Madeline McFarland, Brogan McIver, Alanna O'Leary, Leah Peoples, Logan Richard, Natalie Schmidt, Ryan Schmidt, Clare Schmiesing, Owen Smith, Caitlin Swallow, Griffin West, Michael Wesner and Hailey Wick.

Freshmen, first honors: Tiffany Behr, Elias Bezy, Allison Bornhorst, Grace Brandt, Kiers Burns, John Cianciolo, Mary Deafenbaugh, Michael Denning, Carly Edwards, Emily Fogt, Elizabeth Gibson, Sarah Gibson, Alex Gleason, Madison Heffelfinger, Madison Hurley, Nicholas Largent, Grace Monnin, Grace Olding, Connor O'Leary, David Potts, Ann Pannapara, Lauren Riley, Joe Ritze, Jacquie Schenmel, Maria Schmiesing, Aidan Snyder, Mitchell Sollmann, Shannon Staley and Brianna Werling.

Seniors, second

honors: Malachi Bezy, Nathan Bosway, Janelle Gravunder, Allie Hall, Marianne Hissong, Emma Jacomet, Michael Largent, Olivia Leese, Stephen Monina, Madeline Smith, Christopher (C.J.) Trahey, Linh Tu and Ana Vazquez.

Juniors, second honors: Renee Anthony, Alexis Caulfield, Madison Cline, Jacob Earhart, Kate Hemm, Wyatt Long, Taylor O'Leary, Camille Odle, Joe Schenmel and Isaiah Winhoven.

Sophomores, second honors: Katherine Allenbaugh, Aldo Barrera, Zachary Bopp, Collin Haller, Maxwell Hamlin, Anthony Karna, Mehak Kaur, Kameron Lee, Meaghan McDonald, Sam Ritze, Natalie Rocks, Molly Saftred, Seth Sargent, Ellie Scott, Braiden Sherman, Yutong (Skye) Shi, Amanda Titterington, Kelsey Weber and Sam Young.

Freshmen, second honors: Rachel Bosway, Carly Caulfield, Samantha Edwards, Cole Gilardi, Elliott Gilardi, Lillian Greene, Malorie Hussey, Bryce Kennedy, Madelyn Kirtley, Cole Kramer, Jared Magoteaux, Sean O'Brien, Kaila Sims, Sean Toner, Aaron Topp, Ellie Westerheide and Ashan Whitney.

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Birthday

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Our current calendar is based on one introduced by the Roman dictator Julius Caesar. This calendar system was based on a total of 355 days in a year, a full 10.25 days shorter than a solar year, which is the length of time it takes the Earth to make one complete orbit around the sun. To keep the calendar system in line with the seasons, Roman officials were supposed to insert an extra month every so often, but by the time Caesar began to rule Rome, the calendar had gotten seriously out of whack, according to history.com. Caesar consulted with the top astronomers of the day, and decided to add one day every four years to make up the discrepancy between the lunar and solar calendars.

Those lucky (or unlucky) humans born on a leap day, find themselves without a birthday most years, but since 2016 has a Feb. 29, the Sidney Daily News talked to a few of those "Leaplings" about their special birthday.

Esther and Lester

Esther Hoelscher, of Newport, and Lester Poepelman, of Minster, just might be the oldest living twins in Ohio, and if they aren't, they're probably the oldest living twins in Ohio with a leap year birthday, said Lester's son Jim.

Esther and Lester were born on Feb. 29, 1924, to Alice and Ben Poepelman. They weighed 7 pounds each when they

were born.

"Can you imagine my mother walking around with 14 pounds of baby inside her? Lester is five minutes older; I like to tell people I pushed him out," Esther said.

She said she and Lester celebrated their birthdays until they were around 60. Her kids used to buy her bubble gum and ink.

Esther and Lester would go to each other's houses to celebrate with each other most years, and on the off years they would celebrate for a whole week or pick the closest Sunday to get family together.

What some find most interesting about Esther and Lester is that they have a late cousin, Kenneth Luthman, who was born on Feb. 29, 1936. It gets even more mind-blowing when you find out Kenneth has a son, Tom, who was also born on the same date in 1960. Where it just goes over the top cool is when you find out another member of their family, Kenneth's great-nephew, James, has the exact same birthday in 1980.

Esther recalled a surprise party the family had for her. She said when they pulled up she thought she was in the wrong place and tried to leave. Lester had two birthdays that stuck out in his mind. He turned 20 while he was on a troop ship going over to China during World War II. Then he turned 21 while he was in China during World War II.

Lester thinks it's sort of interesting to have a leap day birthday, but he said, you're another year older regardless. Esther said she enjoys talking



Courtesy photo
Grace Roadiger celebrates her birthday with a pineapple whip sunset at the Ode Plantation in Hawaii. She visited the plantation on a cruise in 2012.

and being around people, so as long as she's doing that, she loves any day of the year.

Grace Roadiger

Grace, of New Bremen, was born on Feb. 29, 1940, to Noah and Selma Settlege. "When it isn't a leap year I prefer to celebrate on Feb. 28. Everyone is a year older whether it's leap year or not," she said.

"I remember one story when I was a sixth-grader at New Knoxville School. Clem, the teacher, had a party on the 29th of February for me. We had cake and ice cream," Grace said.

"In 1980, on my 10th leap year day birthday, my husband, Gene, and my two children, Barb and Dave, surprised me in our farm home with a birthday party. There were 42 friends and family that attended."

"My 16th leap year birthday in 2000 was another surprise. Our best friends invited us to eat out at a restaurant. When we returned to our house our children and their spouses along with family and friends were waiting for yet another

surprise birthday party. I received some funny and some nice gifts."

Grace said many leap year birthdays have been celebrated on cruises.

"A favorite was a Disney Cruise and a little boy also had a leap year birthday. We and his parents ate together to celebrate. Another special cruise was the NCL 'Pride of America' in Hawaii in 2012," she said.

"I can't change a thing about being born on leap year. I loved what I did and have many happy memories."

Danny Osborne

Danny, of London, Kentucky, was born on Feb. 29, 1952, at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney. This year is a very special year because it's his Sweet 16.

Danny points to his most memorable year as the one when he was born, because everyone is born for a reason and he is happy God gave him a reason.

"I got pneumonia two weeks after I was born and my wife was born on March 31. So we were in the nursery at the same time and I tell people it was love at first sight," he said. They have been together since ninth grade and will soon celebrate the 50th anniversary of their first sock hop.

Danny said the most exciting things seem to happen in February, but he looks at his birthday as a novelty and people always seem to have fun with it. "I usually celebrate my birthday on the 28th and the 1st. And I am just happy to hear from someone if they wish me happy birthday on either day," he said.

"I am grateful that I'm having another birthday," Danny said.

Becky Jelley

Becky, of Fort Loramie, was born to Calvin and Neta McCordie at Wilson Hospital on Feb. 29, 1956. "When there is not a Feb. 29, my parents always celebrated my birthday on the 28th. I continued that because I like keeping it in February and as a young child the sooner the better to open up presents," she said.

When she thinks back on memorable birthdays, two come to mind. "My 2nd birthday! I was turning 8 years old and my mom did a big birthday party for me that included 25 or more school and church friends. Everyone was dressed up in their Sunday clothes. I even got a corsage and had a Barbie doll birthday cake. It was an exciting day for me," Becky said.

"And then the other one I will never forget was actually not on a leap year! However, it was prompted by the leap year interview in 2004 from the Sidney Daily News that asked the question 'What do you like best about being a leap year baby?' Well, that year it was my 12th birthday. I was turning 48 and dreading getting closer to that big 50, so the first thing that came to mind to answer that question was: 'I didn't have to worry about having an over-the-hill 50th birthday because I would not have a birthday that year!' Two years later when I was turning 50, my dear friends remembered that comment and wasn't going to let that

slip by. They apparently couldn't decide to surprise me on Feb. 28 or March 1, so they (well one in particular) decided the biggest surprise would be to arrive at our house at the stroke of midnight to celebrate my birthday. So as the door bell was sounding frantically at midnight, myself, husband and son awoke to find 15 people outside ready to party. They came complete with refreshments, cake and gifts. I guess that was as close as you could get to the 29th on that year. Needless to say it was quite a surprise for me and my family," she said.

Becky said she loves and really doesn't mind having her birthday on leap year. Everyone remembers your birthday and it has always been a lot of fun, she said. She said on leap years she gets cards and hears from people that she hasn't heard from in years. In 2012, she said she got calls and cards from over 40 people and there is just always a little more hoopla than in other years.

Becky is a retired school treasurer and works part time for the Midwest Regional Education Service Center. "I guess not too many people can say they were retired before celebrating their 15th birthday," Becky said.

"I actually feel very fortunate God has given me a uniquely special birth date to do a little more celebrating with my wonderful family and friends (at least every four years). This year will by my 15th birthday and, although

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Mascho

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and air conditioning; and Ana Energy and Electric for electrical.

"There were lots of Shelby County people, Fairlawn people, who worked on the project," said Mascho. "We had one guy living next door to the school who worked for Ferguson. He walked to work for a year. Another across the road worked for Ana Energy."

Mascho said the future for the district is strong.

"Academically, the teachers have reorganized and we have teacher based teams," said Mascho. "Our level of technology is high. We have learning labs for the online classes. We asked ourselves what can we bring to the students attending our school."

Mascho said he will

miss the people when he retires.

"I'll miss the kids. I like walking up and down the halls and seeing them," he said. "I'll miss them but not enough not to retire. My wife is already retired. I was always told I'd know when it was time for me to retire. Now it's time."

Mascho said they will be returning to Ohio later in the spring and will attend the Fairlawn graduation ceremony.

The Maschos, who have been married for 46 years, are the parents of three children, Krista, who is the director of students for the Lebanon City Schools; Bradley, who is the co-owner/president of CrossBox in Columbus; and Erin, who is a personal banker and head teller for Suburban Bank in Chicago, Illinois.

Krista and her husband, Mark Foley, who live in Lebanon, have two

children, Jacob, 10, and Allissa, 6. Bradley and his wife, Jennifer, who live in Upper Arlington, have two children, Georgianne and Charlotte.

Erin and her husband, Adam Blott, live in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She is a certified special education teacher and taught for five years in Georgia and South Carolina while her husband completed his doctorate degree at Clemson University.

All three of their children graduated from Miami University. Daughter Erin is a graduate of Sidney High School.

And what is Mascho going to be doing on his first day of retirement on March 1?

"Getting ready for the plane ride for Florida on March 2," he said.

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THE MONTH AHEAD

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Thursday: Republican debate, Houston

Saturday: South Carolina Democratic primary

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March 3: Republican debate, Detroit

March 5: Louisiana primary, Kansas and Maine caucuses; Kentucky Republican caucus; Nebraska Democratic caucus

March 6: Puerto Rico Republican primary

March 8: Michigan and Mississippi primaries; Idaho Republican primary; Hawaii Republican caucus

March 10: Republican debate, Miami

March 12: Northern Mariana Islands Democratic caucus

March 15: Florida, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio primaries; Marianas Islands Republican caucus

March 22: Arizona primary, Utah caucuses; Idaho Democratic caucus

Reagan has role in '16 race

Republicans try to tie own positions to those of GOP icon.

By Sahil Kapur
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Nearly three decades after he left office, Ronald Reagan's iconic status in the Republican Party is arguably stronger than ever. In congressional speeches, he has been mentioned hundreds of times in the last year alone. And on the campaign trail, nearly every Republican candidate is invoking him as a way to fend off criticism.

Here's a rundown of how Republicans are using the 40th president as a human shield.

Donald Trump: Reagan used to be a liberal, too. Under fire from Ted Cruz and other Republicans for his past progressive views on issues such as abortion and health care, Trump has noted that Reagan, too, was once a liberal. Before Reagan ran for governor of California and then the presidency as a conservative Republican, he espoused liberal views and campaigned in 1948 for Harry Truman, assailing Republicans for breaking promises and boosting corporate profits over wages. "You have to have flexibility," Trump said in the



President Ronald Reagan has reached iconic status in today's Republican Party. The former president is referenced often on the presidential campaign trail in 2016. AP/1005

South Carolina debate. "Ronald Reagan, though, in terms of what we're talking about, was the great example. He was a somewhat liberal Democrat who became a somewhat pretty strong conservative. Most importantly, he became a great president."

Job Bush: Reagan didn't insult people, and neither do I. In Bush's month-long struggle to get the upper hand on front-runner Trump, he has tried to lay claim to the Reagan man-

people like Donald Trump is. He tore down the Berlin Wall," Bush said in the debate.

Ted Cruz: Reagan was hated by the establishment, like me.

A central criticism of Ted Cruz is that he's widely disliked by his congressional colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike.

The Texan has worked to turn it into an asset by telling voters at virtually every campaign stop that Reagan also clashed with the Republican establishment when he ran for president. "Washington despised Ronald Reagan. By the way, if you see a candidate who Washington embraces, run and hide," Cruz says. It always gets applause.

Marco Rubio: Reagan wanted to spread democracy, like I do. Rubio is one of few Republican candidates who supports the George W. Bush-era policy of using U.S. military power to promote democracy in autocratic nations, a goal that is rejected by rivals like Trump and Cruz.

The Florida argues that he's in line with Reagan. "Just as Reagan never flinched in his criticisms of the Soviet Union's political and economic repression, we must never shy away from demanding that China allow true freedom for its 1.3 billion peo-

ple," Rubio writes on his campaign website. "Nor should we hesitate in calling the source of atrocities in the Middle East by its real name — radical Islam."

John Kasich: Reagan expanded Medicaid, like I did. Attacked by Jeb Bush for expanding Medicaid to lower-income Ohioans as governor, which was made optional for states under Obamacare, Kasich opted for the Reagan defense as well. "You know who expanded Medicaid five times to try to help the folks and give them opportunity so that you could rise and get a job? President Ronald Reagan," he said.

Ben Carson: Reagan was nice to Republicans, like me. Carson, who polls near the bottom of the pack and has avoided negative campaigning, invoked Reagan upon refusing to criticize Cruz for spreading rumors on the day of the Iowa vote that Carson wouldn't keep campaigning after the caucuses. "Today is the 105th anniversary, or — I should say birthday of Ronald Reagan. His 11th Commandment was not to speak ill of another Republican. So, I'm not going to use this opportunity to savage the reputation of Senator Cruz," Carson said in a Feb. 6 debate.

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maneuver prompting speculation that Bush will end his presidential campaign. Although John Weaver, who is Kasich's chief strategist, hailed the Ohio governor's showing by saying the Republicans now have a "four-person race for the nomination," it was clear that Kasich's message was simply not appealing to the religious conservatives who dominated this primary.

Kasich had propelled himself into the center of the Republican race when he finished second to Trump earlier this month in the New Hampshire primary. But even though he attracted impressive crowds while campaigning in South Carolina, Saturday's results suggest his message was overwhelmed by the brusque Trump and the hard-edged Cruz.

Instead, the Republican race appears to be heading in three distinct directions with Trump winning over voters who like his tough approach, Cruz winning support from arch conservatives, and Rubio emerging as the favorite of a frightened Republican establishment convinced that Trump and Cruz will lead the party to electoral catastrophe in November.

In a clear sign his aides did not believe he would finish among the top three in South Carolina, Kasich campaigned in Vermont Saturday before holding a campaign party in Boston to monitor the South Carolina results. He is scheduled to campaign Monday in Virginia, which like Vermont is one of 12 states which will hold their primaries or caucuses on March 1.

"As the race narrows to four candidates and enters the next phase, it also turns toward states that favor the governor and make his path to the nomination increasingly clear," Weaver said.

In particular, Kasich is trying to keep his campaign alive until Michi-

gan's March 8 primary, where the percentage of religious voters will be smaller than the Southern states. Kasich is hopeful his message of balancing the federal budget and sparking the economy by reducing taxes will resonate with Michigan voters. Despite Weaver's optimism, the road ahead for Kasich remains perilous. According to campaign finance reports filed Saturday with the Federal Election Commission, Kasich's presidential campaign said it had \$1.48 million in available cash, far less than Cruz, Rubio, and Trump — the latter who is financing a large chunk of his campaign.

Even though Kasich devoted six full days of campaigning in the state, the Ohio governor and the super political action committee supporting him were badly outspent by Rubio, Bush and Cruz. According to sources, Kasich's presidential campaign spent \$500,000 in TV advertising in South Carolina and his Super PAC spent \$440,000.

In the exit polls conducted by the broadcast network, voters named terrorism as the top issue and 31 percent of those voted for Cruz followed by 27 percent for Trump, and 25 percent for Rubio. Following terrorism, 28 percent named the economy and jobs as the top issue while only 10 percent picked immigration.

Of those who are angry with the federal government, 34 percent voted for Trump while 28 percent voted for Cruz. And when asked who ran the most unfair campaign, 41 percent picked Trump and 35 percent chose Cruz.

South Carolina always presented Kasich with a major challenge. Unlike New Hampshire where moderates and independents could register on the day of the primary and vote for Kasich, those participating in the South Carolina Republican contest had to register in advance and were far more conservative than New Hampshire.

While Kasich has a long-time reputation as a conservative Republican on issues of budgets, taxes and abortion rights, he presented himself in New Hampshire as the most moderate of the GOP presidential candidates. But while that helped him in New Hampshire, it worked against him in South Carolina.

In particular, Kasich was repeatedly asked why he broke with conservative governors and accepted hundreds of millions of federal dollars made available under the 2010 health law and used that money to expand health coverage to low-income people who qualified for Medicaid, the joint federal and state program that provides health care to low-income Americans.

In addition, the critic South Carolina Republican establishment lined up behind other candidates, such as Sen. Lindsey Graham backing Bush and Sen. Tim Scott and Gov. Nikki Haley, the state's most popular politician, endorsed Rubio.

According to published reports, Haley engaged in a sharp dispute with Kasich at a Koch brothers gathering in 2014 in Palm Springs after Kasich defended his decision to expand Medicaid, telling one woman in the audience, "I don't know about you, lady. But when I get to the pearly gates, I'm going to have to answer for what I have done for the poor."

The simmering feud between Kasich and Bush erupted in an open warfare here. Weaver told reporters on a conference call Saturday that Bush's campaign would end in South Carolina, saying "for all practical purposes, there's no path forward for Governor Bush."

That prompted a tetchy rebuke from Tim Miller, a Bush spokesman, who said in a statement that Kasich "is running a zombie campaign that exists only in three states in the hopes that he can gain some cash in the vice presidential sweepstakes."

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO CHANGE AND INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION RATES TO WHICH IT MAY CONCERN

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Clinton cruises to big win over Sanders

Victory in South Carolina gives her campaign a boost.

By Julia Pace and Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Hillary Clinton sailed to a commanding victory over Bernie Sanders in Saturday's South Carolina primary, drawing overwhelming support from the state's black Democrats and putting her in strong position as the race heads toward Super Tuesday's crucial contests.

Clinton's win provided an important boost for her campaign — and a moment to wipe away bitter memories of her loss to Barack Obama in South Carolina eight years ago.

During a raucous victory rally, Clinton briefly revealed in her sweeping support from South Carolina voters, then quickly looked ahead to the contests to come.

"Tomorrow this campaign goes national," she said. "We are not taking anything, and we are not taking anyone, for



Democratic presidential candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gives a victory speech Saturday in Columbia, South Carolina. She won most women and voters 30 and older in the primary. (AP Photo/Scott G. Frazier)

granted." Sanders, expecting defeat Saturday, left the state even before voting was finished and turned his attention to some of the states that vote in next Tuesday's delegate-rich contests. In a statement, Sanders vowed to fight on aggressively.

"This campaign is just beginning," he said. "Our grass-roots political revolution is growing state by state, and we won't stop now."

Clinton allies quickly touted the breadth of her victory. Besides blacks,

she won most women and voters 30 and older, according to early exit polls.

Sanders continued to do well with young voters, his most passionate supporters. He also carried those who identified themselves as independent and most white voters.

A self-described democratic socialist, Sanders has energized his supporters with impassioned calls for breaking up Wall Street banks and making tuition free at public colleges and universities.

But the senator from Vermont, a state where about 1 percent of the population is black, lacks Clinton's deep ties to the African-American community.

While Sanders spent the end of the week outside of South Carolina, his campaign did invest heavily in the state. He had 200 paid staff members on the ground and an aggressive television advertising campaign.

Exit polls showed 6 in 10 voters in the South Carolina primary were black. About 7 in 10 said they wanted the next president to continue Obama's policies, and only about 30 percent wanted a more liberal course of action, according to exit polls conducted by Edison Research for The Associated Press and television networks.

Clinton's sweeping victory suggested South Carolina voters had put aside any lingering tensions about her 2008 loss in a contest with Obama. Former President Bill Clinton made statements during the campaign that were seen by some, including

influential South Carolina Rep. James Clyburn, as questioning the legitimacy of the black presidential contender.

This time around, Clyburn endorsed Clinton, and her husband was well-received as he traveled the state on her behalf. She focused on issues with particular resonance in the black community and held an emotional event with black mothers whose children died in shootings.

Clinton's second White House bid lurched to an uneven start, with a narrow victory over Sanders in Iowa and a crushing loss to the senator in New Hampshire. She pulled off a 5-point win over Sanders in last week's Nevada caucus, a crucial victory that helped stem Sanders' momentum.

Clinton's campaign hopes her strong showing in South Carolina foreshadows similar outcomes in states like Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia that vote Tuesday and have large minority populations. Taken together, 655 Democratic delegates

are up for grabs in the Super Tuesday contests in 11 states and American Samoa. Sanders is hoping to stay close to Clinton in the South while focusing most of his attention on states in the Midwest and Northeast, including his home state of Vermont.

Sanders has built a massive network of small donors and has the money to stay in the race deep into the spring. Still, Clinton's campaign sees a chance to build enough of a delegate lead to put the race out of reach during the sprint through March.

Clinton's will pick up most of South Carolina's delegates, widening her overall lead. With 53 delegates at stake, Clinton will receive at least 31. Sanders picked up at least 12.

Going into South Carolina, Clinton had just a one-delegate edge over Sanders. However, she also has a massive lead among superdelegates, the Democratic Party leaders who can vote for the candidate of their choice at this summer's national convention, regardless of how their states vote.

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Cruz, Rubio escalate case against Trump

Candidates speak out as Super Tuesday nears.

By Bill Barrow
and Thomas Baumann
Associated Press

ATLANTA — With Super Tuesday approaching, Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz escalated their argument Saturday that Donald Trump is a conservative impostor as they urged voters to reject the Republican front-runner.

At a rally outside the Georgia Capitol, Cruz went after Trump's positions on immigration and gun control, criticized his ethics and hammered him for his frequent use of profanity.

"You don't know what he's going to say," Cruz told reporters. "To the parents: Would you be proud of your children if they came home and repeated the words of Donald Trump?"

Rubio kept up a barrage of insults aimed at Trump. Speaking at a football stadium at Mount Paran Christian School in suburban Atlanta, Rubio said Trump has "the worst spray tan in America."

"Donald Trump likes to sue people," Rubio said. "He should sue whoever did that to his face."

The quip drew laughs. Rubio quickly turned to immigration and kept up his criticism that the real estate mogul has employed people living in the country illegally.

"I will do whatever it takes," Rubio said. "I will campaign as long as it takes." He said: "Donald Trump, a con artist, will never get control of this party."

Georgia is one of 11 states that will hold GOP presidential primaries Tuesday, when 595 delegates will be at stake.

Super Tuesday is the biggest single-day delegate haul of the nomination contests and, says Cruz, "the single best opportunity to defeat Donald Trump." Democrats also vote in 11 states, as well as in American Samoa.

The Texas senator appealed for each supporter to get nine others to vote for him Tuesday.

In Tennessee, Ohio Gov. John Kasich won the endorsement of former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, now dean of Belmont University's law school.

Gonzales was White House counsel under President George W. Bush before becoming the nation's first Hispanic attorney general in 2005.

He resigned in an uproar over allegations of torture of terrorism suspects and controversy over politically motivated firings of U.S. attorneys.

Kasich praised Gonzales for his work in a very difficult time in our nation's history.

"Sometimes you have to take a stand, and that's what Judge Gonzales did when he was attorney general of the United States," he said.

Trump, the GOP front-runner who has won three states in a row after losing Iowa's caucuses to Cruz, held a campaign rally in Arkansas with Chris Christie, the New Jersey governor and former presidential candidate who dropped out of the race after a sixth place finish in New Hampshire.

"This guy has a fresh mouth," Trump said of Rubio. He called him a "light little nothing."

Their raw feud flared in Thursday's debate, when a newly aggressive Rubio went relentlessly after the billionaire, and he hasn't

subdued since. Trump took specific issue with Rubio's new line that the billionaire is a "con artist."

"I built a great business," he said, adding that he wished his father had given him \$200 million, as Rubio alleged in the debate. Trump said he got a \$1 million loan, which he said he paid back.

Cruz said if Republicans nominate Trump, Americans will make Hillary Clinton the next president, a prediction that assumes she wins the Democratic nomination over Bernie Sanders. Cruz slammed Trump's past support for the Brady Bill, gun control legislation that President Bill Clinton signed into law in 1993.

"Anybody who would support Bill Clinton's ban on some of the most popular weapons in America is not a committed conservative," Cruz said.

Cruz supporter John Wical, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, a retired law enforcement officer, said the GOP race underscores the frustrations of many Americans but Trump's backers have settled on the wrong answer.

"He's a Trojan horse,"

said Wical, 54. "He's just this cult of personality." He said Trump supporters are "operating on emotion."

Yet if Trump goes on to win the nomination, Wical said, he would support him in November "to keep Hillary the liar or Bernie the socialist out of the White House."

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IS bombings rock Syria World powers seek truce

BY BASSEN MIRQUE
AND DEB BURCHMANN
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Bombings claimed by the Islamic State group in the Syrian cities of Damascus and Hama killed nearly 130 people on Sunday, highlighting the threat posed by the extremists as the country's warring factions fight for the northern city of Aleppo and world powers chase an elusive cease-fire.

The blasts came as Secretary of State John Kerry said that a "provisional agreement" has been reached on a cessation of hostilities that could begin in the next few days. But he acknowledged that it's not finalized and all parties might not automatically comply.

A series of blasts ripped through the Sayyida Zeinab suburb of Damascus, killing at least 83 people and wounding more than 170, the official SANA news agency said. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on local Syrian activists, said the blasts killed 62. SANA said the bombs went off near schools during the afternoon rush hour.

◆STORY OF THE DAY◆

Gunman kills six in Kalamazoo

BY JEFF KARLOUS
Associated Press

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A gunman who seemed to choose his victims at random opened fire outside an apartment complex, a car dealership and a restaurant in Michigan, killing six people in a rampage that lasted nearly seven hours, police said.

Authorities identified the shooter as Jason Dalton, a 45-year-old Uber driver and former insurance adjuster who police said had no criminal record. They could not say what motivated him to target victims with no apparent connection to him or to each other in the Saturday night shootings.

"How do you go and tell the families of these victims that they weren't targeted for any reason other than they were there to be a target?" Kalamazoo County Prosecutor Jeff Gettings said Sunday at a news conference.

Dalton, who was arrested in Kalamazoo following a massive manhunt, was expected to be arraigned Monday on murder charges.

Kalamazoo County Undersheriff Paul Matyas described a terrifying series of attacks that began about 6 p.m. Saturday outside the Meadows apartment complex on the eastern edge of Kalamazoo County, where a woman was shot multiple times. She was expected to survive.

A little more than four hours later and 15 miles away, a father and his 17-year-old son were fatally shot while looking at cars at the dealership.

Fifteen minutes after that, five people were gunned down in the parking lot of a Cracker Barrel restaurant, Matyas said.

Four of them died. "These are random murders," Matyas said. Dalton was arrested without incident about 12:40 a.m.



Police meet early Sunday at Kalamazoo Valley Community College after searching for a gunman involved in multiple shootings Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 in Kalamazoo, Mich. (Mark Buganski/Kalamazoo Gazette via AP)

Sunday after a deputy spotted his vehicle driving through downtown Kalamazoo after leaving a bar parking lot, authorities said.

Matyas declined to disclose anything found in the vehicle except for a semi-automatic handgun.

By midday, authorities were investigating a Facebook post that indicated the suspect was driving for Uber during the manhunt and had taken at least one fare, Gettings said.

A spokeswoman for Uber confirmed that Dalton had driven for the company in the past, but she declined to say whether he was driving Saturday night.

Uber prohibits both passengers and drivers from possessing guns of any kind in a vehicle. Anyone found to be in violation of the policy may be prohibited from using or driving for the service.

A man who knows Dalton said he was a married father of two who never showed any signs of violence.

Gary Pardo Jr., whose parents live across the street from Dalton in Kalamazoo Township, described him as a family man who seemed fixated on cars and often worked on them.

London's mayor backs Britain leaving 28-nation EU

BY GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A new battle for Britain erupted Sunday, with London Mayor Boris Johnson saying he would join the campaign to encourage Britain to leave the European Union. The move posed a direct challenge to Prime Minister David Cameron, who has launched a major push to keep his country within the 28-nation bloc.

The popular, raffish Johnson immediately becomes the most prominent Conservative Party politician to break ranks with fellow Conservative Cameron's vision of the best course for Britain in a June 23 referendum on EU membership.

The referendum has divided Cameron's Conservative Party — while most in his Cabinet back his wish to stay, several Cabinet members oppose his stance and are campaigning for the country to break free of EU bureaucracy — a so-called "Brexit."

The decision of Johnson, a two-term mayor who has been touted as a possible future prime minister, deals a blow to Cameron's hopes of a united front.

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Rubio, Cruz jostle to claim 'alternative-to-Trump' vote

BY NANCY BENAC AND STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Republican Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz battled to emerge as the true anti-Trump on Sunday as the billionaire businessman took an over-the-top break from his trademark braggadocio to say his drive for the GOP nomination isn't unstoppable — yet.

Fresh off a commanding victory in South Carolina, Donald Trump declined to say the nomination was his to lose. But he quickly went on to declare, "I'm really on my way." Soon enough in a television interview, he was toting up electoral math all the way through Election Day and concluding, "I'm going to win."

The candidates' diverging flight plans demonstrated how the campaign spreads out and speeds up now. Nevada's GOP caucuses are Tuesday, and then a dozen states vote in the March 1 Super Tuesday bonanza.

Trump was in Georgia stultifying over his latest victory, Cruz headed for Nevada, and Rubio embarked on a Tennessee-Arkansas-Nevada trifecta.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton savored her weekend win in the Nevada caucuses as Bernie Sanders acknowledged that while his insurgent campaign has made strides, "at the end of the day ... you need delegates." He looked past Tuesday's Democratic primary in South Carolina to list Colorado, Minnesota, Massachusetts and Oklahoma as places where he has a "good shot" to do well.

Rubio and Cruz used the Sunday morning news shows to spin rosy-ahead scenarios after complete but unofficial returns in South Carolina put Trump way up top, with Rubio squeaking past Cruz for second. But with roughly 70 percent of Republicans in national polls declining to back Trump, Cruz and Rubio tried to cast themselves as the one candidate around whom what Rubio calls the "alternative-to-Donald-Trump vote" can coalesce.

Rubio also took an aggressive run at Trump, faulting him for a lack of specifics on policy.

"If you're running for president of the United States, you can't just tell people you're going to make America great again," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

At a later rally in Franklin, Tennessee, a Nashville suburb, Rubio took note of the smaller GOP field after Jeb Bush's departure from the race, and celebrated his biggest crowd of the campaign, estimated at more than 3,000 people. Rubio avoided criticizing his GOP rivals, instead highlighting his efforts to help middle-class families.

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Former Klan leader at center of latest GOP campaign joust

BY BILL BARROW AND THOMAS REAUMONT
Associated Press

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — Republican front-runner Donald Trump drew sharp criticism from his rivals in both parties Sunday for refusing to denounce an implicit endorsement from former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, rising the specter of racism as the presidential campaign hits the South.

Trump was asked on CNN's "State of the Union" whether he rejected support from the former KKK Grand Dragon and other white supremacists after Duke told his radio followers this week that a vote against Trump was equivalent to "treason to your heritage."

"Well, just so you understand, I don't know anything about David Duke," OKC Trump said. "I don't know anything about what you're even talking about with white supremacy or white supremacists."

Trump's comments came the same day he retweeted a quote from Benito Mussolini, the 20th century fascist dictator of Italy.

◆ STORY OF THE DAY ◆

States reduce jobless checks

BY DAVID A. LEE
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — When Democrats White recently lost his job as a \$10-an-hour forklift driver loading pallets of shampoo, he applied for unemployment benefits to help support his family.

That aid will not last as long as it once did, because White is among the first group of people affected by a new Missouri law reducing the duration of jobless benefits. His \$200-a-week checks will last no more than three months — just half as long as what has typically been available.

"That's a dramatic change, really," White said. "Thirteen weeks. I don't know if I'll be able to find a job."

States traditionally have offered up to half a year of aid for the unemployed as they search for new jobs. But since the end of the Great Recession, eight states have reduced the number of weeks that people can draw benefits, while others have cut the amount of money the unemployed can collect.

The cutbacks generally are intended to help shore up unemployment insurance trust funds, which went insolvent in 35 states following the recession that began in 2008. The changes could save hundreds of millions of dollars for businesses that pay unemployment taxes.

President Barack Obama is pushing in the opposite direction. The White House warns that states are engaging in a "damaging erosion" of unemployment benefits. Obama's budget plan would require all states to provide at least 26 weeks of benefits while expanding coverage to more part-time and intermittent workers.

The Republican-led Congress appears unlikely to approve the president's plan during a election year. GOP governors and state lawmakers initiated many of the recent cutbacks to unemployment benefits. And they point to declining unemployment rates as evidence that jobs are getting easier to find.

"When there's more jobs available, it's kind of common sense — you shouldn't need as long as a duration of unemployment benefits," said Missouri Senate Majority Leader Mike Kehoe, a Republican who handled the legislation reducing benefits.

The 1935 Social Security Act prompted states to enact unemployment programs, which typically pay people about half the amount of their previous paychecks. In 1938, more than four-fifths of the states offered benefits for 16 weeks or less. But all states gradually increased their benefits to at least 26 weeks. South Carolina was the last to do so in 1988.

In 2011, Missouri became one of the



In this Feb. 8, 2015 photo, Deshaun White rests in a chair at a state capitol building in Jefferson City, Mo. (AP Photo/David A. Lee)

first states to reverse course by cutting that to 20 weeks. Last year, the GOP-led Legislature overrode a veto by Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon to further shorten the benefits, linking their duration to the state's unemployment rate. Because unemployment is below 6 percent, people can get no more than 13 weeks of benefits.

UNEMPLOYMENT/14

Dozens die in twin bombing attacks in Iraq

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Militants attacked an outdoor market on Sunday in eastern Baghdad, killing at least 59 people and wounding nearly 100, officials said.

A bomb ripped through the crowded Mirdi market in the Shiite district of Sadr City, a police officer said. Minutes later, a suicide bomber blew himself up amid the crowd that had gathered at the site of the first bombing, he added.

Later, a Ministry spokesman said the bombings killed 38 people and wounded another 62.

Multiple hospital officials later increased the casualty toll to 59 dead and 95 wounded. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

The attack was the deadliest in a wave of recent explosions that have targeted commercial areas in and outside Baghdad.

In the town of Mahmoodiya, about 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of Baghdad,

BOMBINGS/14

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For nearly a quarter century, DP&L has not changed or increased its base rates for electric distribution service - charges that are partially responsible for recovering costs associated with maintaining the poles and wires and other distribution infrastructure that bring electric services into customer's homes and businesses. During those years, DP&L's cost of providing electric service has increased, and DP&L has invested approximately \$1.1 billion in its distribution system that includes 12,000 miles of overhead wires, 3,600 miles of underground cable, and more than 300,000 poles. The proposed rates reflect those investments and ensures that the company will be able to continue to finance and support the infrastructure necessary to continue providing safe and reliable distribution service to its customers. In reviewing the Application, the Commission will consider DP&L's cost to provide electric distribution service from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 and the value of DP&L's poles, wires and other equipment used to deliver distribution service as of September 30, 2015.

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Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 4909.19, an objection to DP&L's Application, which may allege that such Application contains proposals that are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

A copy of the Application and supporting documents may be inspected by any interested party at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; or at the following business office of DP&L: 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45432-1423. A copy of the Application and supporting documents may also be viewed at the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, by selecting DIS, inputting 15-1830 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed.



In this Feb. 18, 2015 file photo, a woman speaks at her phone near a display highlighting the new Chinese bank notes at a bank in Beijing, China. The Chinese economy is floundering with companies that can't pay their bills and survive only with financial help from the government. Those companies and their debts pose another threat to an economy squeezed by five years of slowing growth, a free-fall in its currency and a stock market that's sunk 20 percent this year. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

Debt-laden companies imperil China's growth

BY PAUL WISEMAN AND JOE MCDONALD
AP Business Writers

China isn't just contending with falling stocks, a plunging currency and a slowing economy.

It's got vampire trouble, too. The Chinese economy is pock-marked with companies that can't pay their bills and survive only with government help. Jiangshi, the Chinese call them — "vampire companies." Or zombies.

These ghoulish companies and their debts are hindering the world's second-largest economy and will likely do so for years. Companies that must debt payments inflict losses on banks, which then find it hard to lend even to solid companies. By propping up vampire companies, the government can weaken the entire economic ecosystem.

All of which helps explain why the global economy is stuttering and why investors have been gripped by panic. "It's undoubtedly a very serious problem," says Charles Collyer, chief economist at the Institute of International Finance. "The Chinese so far have been very reluctant to let market mechanisms work their way."

On Friday, as finance ministers and central bankers of the Group of 20 major economies began meeting in Shanghai, Zhou Xiaochuan, head of China's central bank, insisted that Chinese authorities closely monitor debt loads. Even so, he said he expects China's economy "to grow at a moderate-to-high pace."

The debt buildup is vast. Chinese corporations (excluding financial companies) had amassed \$14.5 trillion in debt by mid-2015, up 445-fold from eight years earlier, according to the McKinsey Global Institute.

That debt equaled 131 percent of China's gross domestic product, up from 76 percent in mid-2007. That's nearly double U.S. corporate debt's share of U.S. GDP, McKinsey says.

China's total debts — everything owed by corporations, households, government and financial firms — climbed from \$6.6 trillion in mid-2007 to \$31.9 trillion by mid-2015. It equals 290 percent of China's GDP, McKinsey says — astoundingly high for a still-developing economy.

When banks lend with a frenzy, they tend to make blunders as they shovel money to companies that can't repay. Buried in bad loans, banks tend to curtail the credit that's vital to growth. For years, China's debts remained fairly stable. But they surged after Beijing delivered a huge stimulus program in 2008 to fight the global recession. Under orders, state-owned banks pumped out loans. And local governments piled up debt to finance the construction of low-income apartments, roads and other projects meant to jumpstart growth.

By keeping China's economy humming, the stimulus program helped energize the global economy. And it added little to Beijing's own debt because it appeared on the books of banks and state-owned companies. Some loans financed factory construction in poor regions or development in areas with disadvantaged ethnic groups.

Local places in masonry competition

Two from Hillsboro among top four

Three Laurel Oaks Masonry students are headed to state competition after being judged the best in a January skills contest.

Jesse Huff, a senior from East Clinton High School, took first place. Junior Gary Sykes of Wilmington was second, and senior Ron Sears of Hillsboro took third place. They will represent Laurel Oaks in state SkillsUSA competition in Columbus.

Other students who placed in local competition were Rachel Wise-cup of Hillsboro (fourth

place), Dustin Palmer of East Clinton (fifth place), and Brad Smith of Wilmington (sixth place).

The students were given a set of plans, a pile of materials, and a limited time to build a brick and block wall.

Huff and Sykes also received professional levels from Crick Tools, and Sears received one from Wayne Dance of Dance Masonry in Hillsboro.

SkillsUSA is a national student organization. The SkillsUSA competition gives students in career-technical high school programs the chance to test their skills and be judged by professionals in their field.

Submitted by Jon Weidich, community relations director, Great Oaks Career Campus.



Jesse Huff, a senior from East Clinton High School, recently took first place in a SkillsUSA masonry competition.

TAKE NOTE

Farm Bureau CAUV meeting

The Highland County Farm Bureau Young Ag Professionals will host a CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value) meeting at the Hi-Tech Center in Hillsboro, 1575 N. High St., at 6 p.m. Feb. 23. Amy Milam, director of legal education for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, will help local farmers understand how CAUV property values are figured and Highland County Auditor Bill Fawley will also be present to answer questions.

Paint Creek board meeting

The Paint Creek Joint EMS/Fire District will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Station 1, 640 N. Washington St., Greenfield.

Care-A-Van

The Care-A-Van Health Assessment Clinic, a cooperative service brought to you by the Highland County Health Department and the Highland District Hospital, will visit the Rocky Fork Truck Stop near Rainbows on 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. This service to Highland County residents of all ages and is being brought to all areas in an effort to provide basic preventive health assistance at the local level. Children's immunizations are \$5 per shot or must bring Medicaid Card if applicable. Lipid profiles are \$30 and cholesterol testing is \$10. Additional laboratory testing is also available. Contact the health department at 393-1941 for more information.

Hearing Solutions open house

Hearing Solutions will hold an open house with free hearing evaluations on Wednesday, Feb. 24 and Thursday, Feb. 25. Call 837-661-2171 for an appointment.

Underground Railroad discussions

A presentation and round table discussion will be conducted at the Highland House in Hillsboro at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 and the Kanneker Education Museum in Greenfield at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. The programs are sponsored by the historical society from Greenfield, Highland County and Lynchburg and are free and open to the public.

Historical society fundraiser

The Highland County Historical Society is sponsoring a community fundraiser at Bob Evans on Harry Sauner Road in



Hillsboro's Highland House Museum, pictured, is the site of the next presentation and discussion on the Underground Railroad on Feb. 25.

Hillsboro on Friday, Feb. 26. Bob Evans will donate 15 percent of sales that day to the society when you present a flyer that is available for download at www.hchistoricalociety.org. The flyer can be copied but it cannot be distributed on Bob Evans property. The hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and carry-out orders are included.

Dodsonville ham and bean supper

The Dodsonville Community Church, 8010 U.S. Route 50, will hold a ham and bean supper from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 for a freewill donation. The event is will be canceled if the weather is bad. For more information visit www.dodsonvillecommunitychurch.com.

Open Door Free Meal

The Open Door Free Meal will be held at the Greenfield United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 27. Eat-in serving will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. The menu will be spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans and cherry dessert.

Soup's On Free Meal

The Soups On Free

Barr retirement party

The city of Hillsboro will host a retirement party in the Firehouse Community Room at 204 E. High St. for Randy Barr on Feb. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Barr has worked for the city 26 years. The public is encouraged to join the city in saying farewell.

World Day of Prayer in Marshall

World Day of Prayer 2016 will be observed on March 4 at the Marshall United Methodist Church, 10968 SR 124. The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m.

HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

Sheriff Donnie Barrera reports for the week of Feb. 15-21, the Highland County Sheriff's Office received 363 911 calls, answered 182 requests for service, dispatched 109 fire and EMS runs, took 21 offense reports and investigated nine traffic crashes.

At 12:48 a.m. on Feb. 18 the sheriff's office received a call from Sugar Street in Sinking Spring in reference to a domestic violence incident. The female caller reported to a dispatcher that she had been assaulted by her husband. Deputies responded to the residence where a male suspect was taken into custody. Eric Fields of Sinking Spring was transported to the Highland County Justice Center on charges of domestic violence and disrupting public services.

On Feb. 19 at 9:56 a.m. a citizen on North Gath Road called the sheriff's office to report an assault. A deputy was dispatched to the scene to meet with the victim and begin an investigation. The suspect was not present when law enforcement arrived, but sufficient evidence existed for arrest warrants to be filed for assault, criminal damaging and menacing.

A deputy was dispatched to the 4000 block of SR 138 at 7:19 p.m. on Feb. 20 after receiving a report that the property had been vandalized while the homeowner was away. Damage was discovered at the residence so an offense report was taken.

The sheriff's office received a 911 call at 12:22 a.m. on Feb. 21 from a citizen on Long John Silver Trail reporting a female was on his front porch asking for help while bleeding profusely from a head wound. Sheriff's deputies and Paint Creek Joint EMS/Fire District personnel were immediately dispatched to the scene while additional information was gathered from the caller. The victim alleged to have been injured during a domestic altercation at her residence on Golden Doubloon Lane. She was transported to Highland District Hospital while deputies took the suspect, Gary L. Sorrells, 54, into custody for one count of domestic violence.

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ORVILLE ALLEN COOK JR.

Orville Allen Cook Jr., 87, of Bainbridge, passed away Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at 12:04 p.m. at home on the farm he so loved, surrounded by his family.

He was born Sept. 15, 1928 in Ada to the late Orville J. Cook Sr. and Eva LaRue Cook.

He was raised in Hancock County. He was a graduate of The Ohio State University with a bachelor of science in agriculture in 1951. Along with his many accomplishments, he was awarded the opportunity to escort four Shorthorn breeding bulls shipped by Teagarden of Ashville by boat to Australia. Orville spent many years in the Angus business with Senator Roy Conrad of Monticello, Ind., and Kity Kuris Angus Inc., Britton, Mich. Orville bred and sold many champions at the state and national level. He was active in many state and district organizations before moving to Bainbridge in 1976 where he owned and operated Open Gate Farms.

He was preceded in death by his son, Scott Allen Cook; and siblings, Dorothy Armstrong, Marge Secord, and Ron and Doug Cook.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Cook; son, Dennis "Jake"



Cook (Karen Krueger Cook), Vicki Stafford (Rick) and Kendra Cook (Greg Brightman); grandchildren, Ashley, Marissa, Matthew, Max, Morgan, Kendra, Mick and Jake; and great-grandchildren, Addison, Mackenzie, Drew, Ethan, Evan, Emily, Lilliana, Harper, Zen, Griffin, Bryn, Aspen and Brixton; brothers, Bill (Dee) Cook and Larry (Dreah) Cook; and a special person, Bob (Mary) Gilbert, who moved to Ohio with Orville and his family.

Visitation will be Friday, March 4 from 4-8 p.m. at the Bainbridge United Methodist Church.

Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 5 at the church with pastors Jay Fabin and Matt Brookes officiating. Burial will follow in the Bainbridge Cemetery. Pall bearers are Mick Well, Jake Well, Matthew Cook, JD Knisley, Jim Rolfe and Joe Litter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Adena Hospice Foundation, 9 S. Paint St., Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

The Smith-Moore-Ebright Funeral Home of Bainbridge is serving the family.

Those wishing to sign his online book of memories may do so at www.ebrightfuneralhome.com.

PAUL D. PRATT

Paul D. Pratt, 90, of Richfield, formerly of Greenfield and Leesburg, passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at Pine Valley Care Center in Richfield.

He was born April 18, 1925 in Greenfield, the son of Herbert and Edna (Campbell) Pratt.

He was a minister for 56 years and a member of the Frankfort Church of Christ.

He is survived by five daughters, Paula (Randy) Reuter of Columbus, Pamela (Dave) McGarity of Akron, Beth Pratt of Columbus, Heidi Pratt of Leesburg and Mindy (Kyle) Dye of Lynchburg; six grandchildren, Chuck (Ashley) Lindsey, Erin (Matt) Leasher, Jessica (Matt) Grey, Paul (Lacey) McGarity, Evan Pratt, and Mariah Smith; eight great-grandchildren and

one great-great-grandchild; and one brother, Neil (Kay) Pratt of Wilmington.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jane Craft Pratt; second wife, Ruth Moore Pratt; and both parents.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 4 at the Murray-Petro Funeral Home in Greenfield with the Rev. Troy Villars officiating. Burial will follow in the Milledgeville Cemetery in Fayette County.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 644 Linn St., Suite 1026, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203-1742.

Condolences may be sent at www.murray-petro.com.

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Highland planning bicentennial celebration

Village was originally named New Lexington

By Jeff Gilliland
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Formed in September of 1816 and originally called New Lexington, Highland Village Council and the Highland United Methodist Church are teaming up to organize a bicentennial celebration for the village of Highland.

The project is the brainchild of Highland Mayor Henry Smith, according to committee chairman Barbara Hodge.

"We want to make it kind of like a homecoming to bring people back to their hometown," Hodge said. "It's going to be huge."

Hodge said that while she's not exactly sure when the village changed its name, it was done because there was another New Lexington in Ohio near Canton. She said it had to happen sometime before 1900 because that's when the current Highland United Methodist Church was

built and it has the name New Lexington etched on it.

What the committee needs now is help, Hodge said.

"We need ideas, people to help, items to be displayed in the church and in the park," Hodge said. "We want information about any people and businesses that were here in the village and the surrounding area in the last 200 years. If you have any or want to be involved in some capacity, contact one of the committee people."

Hodge can be reached at 937-780-7931 for items to be displayed at the church and Smith can be reached at 937-780-6224 for items that will be displayed at the park. Other committee members are Jeremy Kibbey, Carol Curinger, Brenda Machan, Patty Gilliland, Darlene Ervin and Richie Davy.

The committee's next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at the Highland United Methodist Church. Anyone interested is welcome.

Hodge said the celebration is being planned for Saturday, Sept.

17 and possible Sept. 18 also. She said the committee is talking about having activities including a king and queen contest, costume party, homeshoe tournament and other old-time games, spaghetti dinner, memorabilia on display, craft show, car show, displays from the Highland County Historical Society, a parade, fish fry, a short play, old equipment, possibly a Civil War re-enactment, and more.

She said the committee plans to have entries at the Hillsboro Festival of the Bells Parade and Greene Country Towne Festival Parade in Greenfield to promote the celebration. She said the committee plans to start selling T-shirts in a couple months and possibly have an auction to raise funds for musical entertainment at the celebration. She said any money left over could be used to help maintain the village park.

"There is so much history in this town and the surrounding community," Hodge said. "We're calling on anyone who has ever lived here to help us out."

Reach Jeff Gilliland at 937-402-7522 or on Twitter @JGilliland.

HILLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Hillsboro Police Department has released the following information:

ARRESTS/CITATIONS

Kellie M. Burke, 34, of Hillsboro, passing bad checks.

Sarah Bryant, 28, of Sardinia, citation for assured cleared distance.

Jessica A. McKee, 28, of Piquette, illegal purchase of Sudafed.

A 17-year-old Hillsboro female was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Kyle Austin Matthews, 19, of Bainbridge, failure to appear bench warrant.

Dusty Raymond Cox, 35, of Cincinnati, illegal purchase Sudafed.

A 16-year-old Hillsboro female was cited for failure to yield at an intersection.

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Opponents of drug-price plan in Ohio sue over its signatures

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Opponents of a proposal to control the price Ohio pays for prescription drugs are challenging the validity of the initiative's petition signatures.

In a complaint filed Monday with the Ohio Supreme Court, opponents including the Ohio Manufacturers' Association claim that

petition circulators failed to comply with four areas of Ohio law and certain signatures collected should be tossed.

The opponents say that without those signatures, the so-called Drug Price Relief Act lacks the required number to be considered by the General Assembly.

The AIDS Healthcare

Foundation is backing the proposal, which is aimed at keeping state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the negotiated price paid by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The foundation's president, Michael Weinstein, says the proposal has met Ohio's requirements twice.

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Have a pizza and support Fido's Field Dog Park

Pizza kit sales return as fundraiser

Submitted story

The Little Caesar's Pizza Kit sale returns as a fundraiser to support Fido's Field, the dog park at Melvin Miller Park.

Orders will be taken until March 14. Delivery is scheduled for March 24, just in time to have pizza and cookie kits on hand for spring break, quick dinners, parties or watching basketball tournaments

on television.

The kits are as fun to put together as they are to eat, according to the Champaign County Citizens for Canines, the group in charge of Fido's Field.

Proceeds from this sale support the ongoing improvements to Fido's Field Dog Park. Plans are in the works to add agility equipment and to make the area more appealing to human companions, plus

ongoing maintenance of the grounds.

Order online at Piz-z-aKit.com. Click on Products, then Shop, and Select the preferred Shipping Method.

Enter the Fundraiser ID# 915336 and place the order. This method offers the choice to pick up the kits or to have them shipped directly to your home.

If you prefer not to use the website, leave a voice mail at 937-484-6018 and a local person will get in touch with you.

Soroptimists hold pizza fundraiser

Submitted story

In time for March Madness, the Soroptimist International Club of Urbana is taking orders for pizzas made by Urbana's hometown pizzeria, Sparty's. All proceeds will be used for scholarships.

Through March 8, club members are selling 12-inch cheese pizzas

and pepperoni pizzas for \$10 each. The pizzas will be delivered frozen by the last week of March, in time for the Final Four or for whenever pizza cravings hit.

The local Soroptimist club awards an annual scholarship to a Champaign County senior who will study for a medical-related profession. The club also

presents the Soroptimist Live Your Dream education and training award to women continuing their education.

For more information about the pizza fundraiser, call or text Kay Schenkel at 937-570-9337 or contact any Soroptimist member.

Submitted on behalf of the Urbana Soroptimist Club.

'Bad Art by Good People'

Staff Report

Editor's note: This is the final part in a continuing series of profiles of local residents helping raise money for the Champaign County Arts Council. The opening story was printed Feb. 6.

The polls are open for the fifth annual Bad Art by Good People fundraiser, presented by the Champaign County Arts Council. The Daily Citizen is featuring a profile on one artist each day along with a picture of the art.

The fundraiser features local non-artist celebrities competing to create a work of art and campaigning for the public's votes for their artwork.

The artists include Jerome Armstrong, Edward Jones, Dave Bacher, Noreast Transport; Marcia Bailey, Champaign Economic Partnership; John Beard, Bundy Baking Solutions; Pam Boychik, Cosmic Charlie Breads & Threads; Lisa Case, Tech II; Nick Christian, Urbana University; Scott DeLong, CRSI; Patrick Field, Coppertop; Lydia Hess, GrandWorks Foundation; Jacquelyn Howell, retired music teacher; Emily Mackendrick, One Elev-



Submitted photo
Patrick Field of Coppertop created this whimsical piece of metal artwork for the fundraiser.

en-A Fashion Boutique; Judge Lori Reisinger; Jon Umstead, SeaSeven, LLC; and Allen Wilbur, retired music teacher.

The public can vote for their favorite artwork using PayPal on the Arts Council's website, www.champaigncountyarts.org. Click on Bad Art Fundraiser on the website to vote and track the balloting. Each

vote costs \$1. Voters can also cast ballots with cash, check or credit card at the Arts Council, 119 Miami St., Urbana. The office is open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out the Arts Council's Facebook page for information — www.facebook.com/CCACUrbana. For more information contact the Arts Council office at 937-653-7557.

OHIO NEWS BRIEFS

Budget seeks to expand

LORAIN, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's higher education leader says Gov. John Kasich's (R-KY) administration will seek in its upcoming budget to expand partnerships that allow students to take three of four years of their bachelor's degree coursework at a community college. Chancellor John Carey said Monday expanding "3-plus-1" programs between two- and four-year institutions would continue to reduce Ohio college costs. Kasich's midterm budget also calls for up to 10 bachelor's degrees to be offered through community colleges. Further, the proposal includes a pilot program where high school students could receive remediation in tandem with college-level work and skills-based competency certificates, and a requirement that public universities continue cost-sharing and other savings opportunities.

Ohio would also join a Midwest reciprocity program under the plan that provides reduced tuition for select programs at participating out-of-state institutions.

Driver dies as SUV crashes

SARDINIA, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say a woman was killed when the SUV she was driving crashed into the back of a school bus in southwest Ohio.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says five students on the school bus were taken to a hospital with injuries that weren't believed to be life-threatening. It happened at about 7 a.m. in Highland County, about 50 miles east of Cincinnati. The patrol says 54-year-old Helen Dean, of Sardinia, was killed when her Honda Passport SUV crashed into the back of the bus as it was preparing to pick up students

who attend a high school in Hillsboro. Dean wasn't wearing a seat belt and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Officer kills himself in jail

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say a central Ohio police detective arrested last week on federal drug charges killed himself in jail.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office says 43-year-old Tye Downard hanged himself in his one-person cell early Monday. Downard had been an officer in the Columbus suburb of Reynoldsburg. He was found dead during hourly inmate checks. He had not been on suicide watch. Other details weren't available. Downard was arrested Thursday and charged with delivering drugs including heroin, cocaine, marijuana and Percocet pills to an individual to sell.

Federal authorities say Downard made more than 20 deliveries of narcotics between October 2015 and February 2016. Court documents say the drugs might have included some that were seized during police investigations.

Cedar Point removes ride

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — Cedar Point in northern Ohio is removing its newest water ride after just five years.

Operators of the amusement park in Sandusky say Shoot the Rapids is being dismantled because of low ridership.

Three summers ago, seven people were hurt on Shoot the Rapids after a boat rolled backward about a hill and flipped over in the water.

The \$10.5 million flume ride remained closed the rest of the year. Shoot the Rapids opened in 2010 after weeks of delays because the boats had to be

modified. Cedar Point says two other rides that required an extra fee won't be opening this year. Both the go-karts and the Skycoaster ride are being removed from the Challenge Park area of Cedar Point.

Gas prices remain low

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's average price for regular gas comes in slightly cheaper than the national average as the workweek begins.

The price per gallon in Ohio was about \$1.69 in Monday's survey from auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and WEX Inc. That's up 9 cents from a month ago, but it's 59 cents less than the average at this time last year.

The national average for regular fuel was \$1.71 on Monday, down from \$1.85 a month ago and \$2.29 a year ago.

Gas prices have recently remained relatively low as a result of lower crude oil costs.

Man gets life sentences

CLEVELAND (AP) — Prosecutors in northeast Ohio say a man has been sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two 6-year-old twins.

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office says Kabron Norman received two consecutive life terms without the possibility of parole on Friday.

Prosecutors say the 42-year-old Cleveland man raped the sisters between January and April of 2013 while he was babysitting them and their 8-year-old brother. The brother saw the sexual assault and told his mother, Norman, who was a friend of the family, was indicted in 2014 on charges including rape, kidnapping and gross sexual imposition charges. He was convicted on 10 counts.

IN BRIEF

Labs again top US dog breed

NEW YORK (AP) — Labrador retrievers still

reign supreme after a quarter century as America's most prevalent purebred dog. But French bulldogs are riding their new sales quail toward new

heights, and some lesser-known breeds are climbing the popularity ladder, according to American Kennel Club rankings released Monday.

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Rotary

Local wine expert Tabatha Turner said she enjoyed trying the different wines, which were brought in by Bowling Green Distributors out of Bowling Green, Ohio.

"I really like them so far," Turner said, as she was trying her third wine of the night. "I'm really a fan of the pinot grigio. I like that their selection, they go from the sweet to a little bit drier and darker, from white to red. I really enjoy the cabernet."

Turner, who is a bartender at J. Marie's Wood-Fired Kitchen and Diner in Wapakoneta, said she tries a lot of different wines, and she liked how the wine distributors set things up for people to try new wines.

"You're kind of got to build you're way up



Staff photo/Laura German Norman A. Heineman, left, of Bowling Green Distributors pours a glass of wine for Tom Stiles of Wapakoneta at the Wapakoneta Rotary Club's annual Wine and Dine event Saturday.

to it, and I think the way that they kind of get you to try it is from sweet to bolder and get your palate built up to it, and I think that's great," Turner said.

A live and silent auction were also

held at the event, with many items donated by merchants and individuals all over the community. Items up for auction included a casino package, gift certificates, Dayton Dragons tickets, Ohio State football tickets, Wapakoneta hotel

packages and many others from meals to merchandise and gift certificates, Rotary member Donna Grimm said. There was even a handmade desk crafted by a local craftsman up for auction.

Fun

ta Elementary School PTO, and around 25 volunteers helped out, including parents and others in the community.

"I think it's a chance for a mother and a son to have some time together because we are so busy in our lives," Shepline said. "There's so many things going on that I don't think that you always take the time."

Therese Steinke, another WES mom who helped organize the event, said it is a special evening because mothers have to opportunity to spend one-on-one time with their son or sons, have fun and just bond with them on an individual level.

"It's just some-

thing that we do to be together and just have our time, like our little date night," Steinke said.

Fourth-grader Zachary Steinke, Therese's son, said the activity night had a lot of fun things for everyone to do together, his favorite being shooting basketball jump shots in the gym.

Shepline said 126 students pre-registered for the event and there were likely walk-ins on top of that.

"It's not a fundraiser, just something fun for the kids to come do with their parents," Shepline said, adding that the school also holds a Father/Daughter dance, which will be April 9.

Auction

who is president of the Sister Cities youth delegate program, echoed many of the same sentiments. Bayham's daughter Jennifer will make the week-long sojourn to Awaji City in 2017, a trip which her two oldest daughters have made already.

"I think it's just a good experience for them, to experience other cultures, and learn some leadership skills," Bayham said. "They go over and they're our representatives, so they're going to share what America is about. Jennifer is my third daughter going, and learning about the culture, about another country because it is very different, I think that's the biggest thing."

Youth delegates are selected based on an application which St. Marys Middle School and High School students submit to the Sister Cities organization. Bayham typically visits the schools at either the beginning or end of each school year, she said.

In addition to the poinsettia sales which Mallory mentioned, delegates also help fill eggs for an annual Easter Egg hunt hosted by AAP, and work concessions stands for Memorial High School baseball games. Bayham added that 2015 marked the 30-year anniversary for the St. Marys Sister Cities partnership. While the date for the St. Marys delegates' 2017 trip has not yet been set, the youth from Awaji City will visit St. Marys July 23-28 this year, she said.

Those interested in donating to or learning more about the Sister Cities organization can contact Bayham at thebayhamfarm@ntelco.net.

Awards

had pony rides that day," he said. "That was very well-received, they were busy the whole time. We just try to make it a very active, fun-filled day."

Heitkamp added that the Optimist Club also hosts an Easter Egg hunt at Memorial Park featuring up to 1,000 eggs, as well as a Halloween candy giveaway at Vancress Living Center. Nearly all of these offerings are made possible by two annual fundraisers, the members explained.

While one of the Optimists'

forementioned fundraisers is a one-time event — a wine-tasting that takes place in early November at the St. Marys VFW — the other takes place five times annually at Memorial Park. For each of the five patriotic holidays, Memorial Day, Labor Day, the 4th of July, Flag Day and Veterans Day, nearly 50 flags are flown at the park in honor of area veterans.

Known as the Field of Flags, this fundraiser allows individuals and businesses to commemorate a

military service member with an American flag and accompanying customized placard. An annual subscription fee of \$50 ensures the flag will fly at Memorial Park during the five patriotic holidays.

This fundraiser, which began as the "Avenue of Flags" in 2001, originally featured flags in front of residents' homes. The display was consolidated into Memorial Park

both for aesthetic and symbolic purposes, with the park itself being dedicated to World War II veterans.

"It's a very beautiful setting there," Bertke said. "With the clock tower behind and you have the big flag up on the flag pole, it's very fitting for Memorial Park."

The Optimist Club is currently seeking applications for additional flags for the 2016 season,

which begins with Memorial Day. Bertke noted the club is also seeking new members. The Optimists meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at the VFW Post 9289, and the annual membership cost is \$70.

To purchase a flag, or learn more about the St. Marys Optimist Club, contact Bertke at 419-302-0432 or club officer Pam Faller at 419-305-3251.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

How Should You Respond to Market 'Correction'?

~ February 22, 2016

As an investor, you may be getting antsy with the term "market correction." But what does it mean? And, more importantly, what does it mean to you?

A correction occurs when a key index, such as the S&P 500, declines at least 10% from its previous high. A correction, by definition, is short-term in nature and has historically happened daily regularly — about once a year. However, over the past several years, we've experienced four corrections so when we hear now it's a correction, it's really starting to bother investors.

How should you respond to a market correction? The answer may depend to some extent on your stage of life.

If you're still working... if you are in the early or middle part of your working life, you might not have to concern yourself much about a market correction because you have decades to overcome a short-term downturn. Instead of selling stocks and stock-based investments, in a supposedly "cut your losses," you may find that now is a good time to buy more shares of quality companies when their price is down.

Also, you may want to use the opportunity of a correction to become aware of the need to periodically review and rebalance your portfolio. Stocks, and investments containing stocks, of course, will fall before a correction. If their price has risen greatly, they may account for a greater percentage of the total value of your portfolio — so much so that you may find yourself becoming "overweight" in stocks relative to your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. That's why it's important for you to periodically rebalance your portfolio — or, during a correction, the market may do it for you. To cite one aspect of rebalancing, if your portfolio ever does become

too "stock-heavy," you may need to add some bonds or other fixed-income vehicles. Not only can these investments help keep your portfolio in balance, but they also may hold up better during a correction.

If you're retired... After you retire, you may need to take money from your investment accounts — that is, sell some investments — to help pay for your cost of living. Ideally, however, you don't want to sell stocks or stock-based vehicles, forcing a correction — because when you do, you may be "selling low." (Remember the most common rule of investing: Buy low and sell high. It's not always easy to follow, but it's still pretty good advice.)

So, to avoid being forced into selling, you need to be prepared. During your retirement years, try to keep at least a year's worth of cash investments on hand as well as short-term fixed-income investments. By having this money to draw on, you may be able to leave your stocks alone and give them a chance to recover post-correction. And it's important to maintain a reasonable percentage of stocks, and stock-based vehicles, in your portfolio, even during retirement — because these investments may provide the growth necessary to help keep you ahead of inflation. Consequently, as a retiree, you should have a balance of stocks and stock-based vehicles, along with fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds, certificates of deposit, government securities and so on.

Being prepared can help you get through a correction — no matter where you are in life's journey.

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Historical society to host program on 'yeggs'

The Auglaize County Historical Society will present "A Cold Case of Yeggs" with John Carnes of the Allen County Museum on Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the St. Marys Community Public Library, Chestnut Street. The event is free and open to the public.

During the first decade of the 20th century a group of

organized criminals known as yeggs made Lima their home. These men were suspected of safe blowing in Wilmington, Ohio, an attempted bank robbery in Minster, a home invasion/robbery near Cridersville, and the murder of a Kossuth saloonist named John F. Shively.

Shively was the great-grandfather of Allen County Mu-



JOHN SHIVELY
seum Curator, John Carnes. Through newspaper accounts, photographs, and

family history Carnes will weave together these cold cases from the surprisingly lawless decade of 1900 to 1910.

As Curator of Collections, Carnes has more than twenty years of experience in researching, cataloging, and preserving area history. He has gained considerable expertise in military history, was a Civil War and Span-

ish American War re-enactor, and has appeared in documentaries and films. He is a graduate of Elida High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Ohio State University.

The Auglaize County Historical Society was founded in 1963. The Auglaize County Historical Society collects, preserves,

interprets, and shares the history of Auglaize County and its people through exhibits, programs, and publications.

For more information about this or other Auglaize County Historical Society programming, please email auglaizecountyhistory@briar.net or call 419-738-9328. The Auglaize County Historical Society is also on Facebook.

Casino night



Staff photo/
Cassandra Smith

From left, Maria Wemhoff, Alex Newman, Jeremy Helitz, Johnny Zwiebel, Nick Fisher and Ashley Schwarck enjoy St. John's Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department's third annual Casino Night on Saturday.

Blanket project leads to award

By ANDREW WILSON
STAFF WRITER

NEW BREMEN — Genoa Arling enjoyed making blankets with her sister — She enjoyed making them so much that when an opportunity to create blankets that will brighten someone's day and help her to achieve the Silver Award came about, she jumped at the opportunity to do so.

On Saturday, Arling and several residents of Elmwood Assisted Living Center continued the process of making blankets that will be donated to Dayton Children's Hospital. Several residents sat at a table and tied two pieces of fabric together to create a blanket. Arling and the

residents of Elmwood Assisted Living Center began creating the blankets in January and to date, have created approximately 18 blankets, 10 of which have already been donated to Dayton Children's Hospital. Arling plans to donate more than 20 blankets to Dayton Children's Hospital. She has also made four blankets for Elmwood residents to enjoy.

"Me and my sister had always liked making these kind of blankets for family members and things like that," Arling said. "I decided I really like the elderly, and that's what I want to go into when I'm older, so I just decided I wanted to do something with

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Lake group enjoys 'Motown'

By ANDREW WILSON
STAFF WRITER

CELINA — As an owner of a home on Grand Lake St. Marys, Don Zeller is always looking forward to attending annual events that bring people back to the lake and help support lake restoration efforts.

The first event of the year is the Lake Improvement Association's Motown on the Lake, an event in which the Motown band KGB from Detroit, Mich., entertains audiences who dance and sing

along to classic Motown hits. Those who attend the event can also enter into a silent auction and \$50/50 raffle for a chance to win numerous prizes.

"Good entertainment, it's for a good cause, we actually bought a place on the lake and we enjoy the lake," Zeller said.

The LIA has hosted a lake event in February for five consecutive years, as Parrots of the Caribbean took place for two years followed by an event

with a local band. Those events were followed by Motown on the Lake, which took place for the second consecutive year on Saturday at Romer's Catering and Entertainment in Celina.

The KGB band sang their first set of music from 7:20 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m., when door prizes were given out to winners. The music didn't stop there, as KGB entertained audiences again at 9 a.m. Winners of the

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Book signing



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Tom Petkewitz, author of "From Outdoors Past: A Journey Through Time and Select Territory," signs a copy of his book on Saturday at the Auglaize Antique Mall.

Frost, Baughman wed

The Record-Herald

Any Jo Frost, daughter of Lisa and Rob Frost of Bloomingburg, and Brett James Baughman, son of Jaime and Scott Baughman of Kent, were married on Sept. 13, 2015.

The ceremony and reception were held at The Boardhouse in Columbus, Ohio, with the Reverend Bruce Morrison officiating. Music was provided by violinist Logan Schmucker and soloist Brittney Moore.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless Mori Lee fit-and-flare gown of ivory Alençon lace with a sweetheart neckline. Her fingertip veil was a family keepsake worn by her mother. She carried a bouquet of coral, blush and ivory roses.

Jennifer Frost and Katie Frost, sisters of the bride, served as Maids of Honor. Bridesmaids were Catherine Grim, Sara Grim, Rachel Baughman, Brooke Baughman, Brittany Moore, Lara Staples and Katelyn Melvin. They wore coordinating navy knee-length chiffon dresses and carried bouquets of coral and ivory roses.



Scott Baughman and Any Jo Frost

Best Man was Johnny Robison, friend of the groom. Groomsmen included Sean Waples, Kent Schmucker, Dalton Lee, Blake Westover, Landon Westover, Keegan Larwin, George Curtis and Reed Johnson. The groom and groomsmen wore gray pants with matching gray vests, white shirts, and navy ties.

The bride is a graduate of The Ohio State University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Agriscience Education. She is a graduate assistant at OSU and is completing work on

her Master's degree in Agriculture and Extension Education with a specialization in International Development.

The groom earned his Bachelor of Science in Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability with a specialization in International Development from The Ohio State University. He is employed by Amet, Inc. in Groveport, Ohio.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to the Great Smoky Mountains and currently reside in Columbus.

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Minyo joins LCNB National Bank

The Record-Herald

LCNB National Bank recently announced that local banking veteran and longtime Washington Court House resident has joined the

bank as a Vice President. John "Buck" Minyo will be operating out of the LCNB Washington Court House office at 100 Crossings Drive.

Minyo will be responsible for providing agricultural clients with a complete line of lending options and financial services.

Minyo brings more than 29 years of experience in working with the local agricultural communities in Fayette, Clinton, Madison, Clark and Champaign counties. He has been active

throughout his career serving on a number of non-profit and community service organizations. These organizations include United Way boards and campaigns, Junior Achievement, and various fair committees.

Steve Foster, CEO and President of LCNB National Bank, said, "We are very excited to have Buck Minyo join our team. He is well known throughout the community for his dedication to helping people succeed. He understands the agricultural business and that is very important, especially during the farmers' busy season." Foster continued, "He is also dedicated to helping his communities by volunteering for organizations that make them better places to live and work. This dedication is a cultural commodity shared throughout

LCNB."

Minyo said, "I am looking forward to this opportunity. I have spent my career working with the agricultural businesses in the area. LCNB National Bank has a 138-year history of serving the residents, businesses and farmers like those in Fayette and Clinton counties. And the bank's community minded approach to volunteering matches well with mine."

Minyo can be reached at bminyo@LCNB.com or 740-277-8031.

LCNB Corp. is a financial holding company headquartered in Lebanon. LCNB National Bank is its wholly-owned, FDIC insured subsidiary with 38 offices located in Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Fayette, Hamilton, Montgomery, Preble, Ross and Warren counties.

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IN BRIEF

Labs again top US dog breed

NEW YORK (AP) — Labrador retrievers still reign supreme after a quarter century as America's most prevalent purebred dog. But French bulldogs are riding their je ne sais quoi toward new heights, and some lesser-known breeds are climbing the popularity ladder, according to Ameri-

can Kennel Club rankings released Monday.

Known for being easygoing, multi-talented and friendly, Labs have held the top spot for longer than any other breed since the AKC started counting in the 1880s. Rounding out the top 10 for 2015, in order: German shepherds, golden retrievers, bulldogs, beagles, French bulldogs, Yorkshire terriers, poodles, Rottweilers and boxers.



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Over 75 winter items were collected by the Miami Trace High School Key Club and donated to the Rose Avenue Community Center. Names from left to right of those available during school day period are: Cody Clyburn, Riley Evans, Elizabeth Kratzer, Rebecca Missett (Rose Avenue representative), Kameron Rinehart, Tori Riley, Brett Lewis, Julia Barrett and Marissa Sheets.

MT Key Club participates in many community service projects

The Record-Herald

The Miami Trace High School Key Club is in its third year of existence and the teenagers involved have been busy since the start of the school year.

The members created a monthly project calendar that has positively been upheld thus far. Those community service projects that have been completed include: Breast Cancer Awareness, Ronald McDonald House Hospitality Supplies Donation, Local Nursing

Facilities Christmas Caroling, and Coats for Kids Drive.

In the coming months, they will be participating in March of Dimes, Serving at the Kiwanis Soup Supper, Canned Food Drive, National Earth Day Recognition, and the Eliminate Project (which combines with Kiwanis and UNICEF-United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund).

The Miami Trace district commends the Key Club members who place service as a priority in

their lives. Current Key Club participants are: Julia Barrett, Jordan Bernard, Laura Capper, Cody Clyburn, Nick Elrich, Riley Evans, Tori Riley, Kameron Rinehart, Devin Howard, Elizabeth Kratzer, August Langley, Brett Lewis, Brianna Longberry, Todd Peterson, Abby Pettit, Blake Pittner, Tori Riley, Kameron Rinehart, Cody Seyfang, Marissa Sheets, Clare Sollars and Katie Zeigler.

Submitted by the Miami Trace Local School District

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Washington Garden Club meets in February

By David Persinger

The Washington Garden Club along with our guests from the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce recently enjoyed a Valentine's exchange and pot-luck lunch in the Fayette County Airport's conference room.

Roll call consisted of all being asked to name their favorite rose. This month's hostess, Ruth Eakins, asked Mary Estle to offer grace prior to all sitting down to a meal consisting of some of our club's carry-in favorites. Members exchanged valentines along with stories of past club excursions and soon it was suggested that the club attempt a road trip to the Clark County Perennial Sale in the spring.

A short business meeting ensued and discussion was had concerning support of the Washington Nature Preserve and the Mobian School in the Out of Doors Fund, both State OAGC focused projects. Conversation regarding a mutually sponsored activity, with the Fayette Garden Club, centered around sponsoring a spring concert at Judy's Chapel in the



Courtesy photo
The Washington Garden Club along with several guests recently met for their February meeting and Valentine exchange. Pictured left to right, front row: Ruth Eakins, Helen Kent, Pam Rhoads and Vicki Cardenas; second row: Tom Espar, Jo Ann Brady, Nancy Jo Espar, David Persinger, Linda Morgan, Marjorie Clifford and Mary Estle.

Washington Cemetery. Ruth Eakins presented the horticulture program consisting of a discussion of the traditional meanings attributed to the different colors of roses (singles and bouquets) and the planting and seasonal care of hybrid roses. Red roses typically signify love, respect and courage, yellow roses usually joy, gladness and friendship, with red and white together denoting unity.

Linda Morgan was designated February club member of the month and was offered the opportunity to tell us a bit about herself. Linda spoke of

her and her husband's, Charles (Sonny), genealogical family tree, farm and family history in the Milledgeville area and of her life-long love of flowers, trees, and gardens.

Next month's meeting (typically the first Tuesday of the month and beginning at noon) will be held at the airport and hosted by Tom Espar. Anyone wishing to perhaps join the club is urged to contact a member and attend one of our meetings. Our guests from the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce were Marjorie Clifford, Mary Estle, Vicki Cardenas and Pam Rhoads.

Husted

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happy with that person. But we have to be united by common values is the Republican party. Those are hard work, personal responsibility, your faith and your family."

Husted began his political career in 2000 when he ran for the Ohio House of Representatives, winning a five-way race. He also served as Speaker of the House.

After serving four terms in the legislature and becoming term-limited, in 2008, Husted was elected to the Ohio Senate, representing the 8th District. On Nov. 2, 2010, Husted was elected with a strong majority to the office of Ohio Secretary of State.

Husted also spoke of the challenges facing American families. "The American family

today is as broken as it's ever been. As many of you know, I was adopted. I was blessed with wonderful parents and unconditional love around our house. Today, there are so many broken families. More and more children are falling behind and we need to lift them up."

In 2012, Husted became the first Secretary of State in Ohio history to send out applications for absentee ballots to all eligible voters. During his time as Secretary of State, he has encouraged the importance of higher education, especially in the areas of technology, engineering and mathematics.

The second speaker was John Cooper, a man who began impersonating Abraham Lincoln about 25 years ago while his children were in elementary school in the Pickerington school system. A co-worker

said he reminded her of Abraham Lincoln due to his tall stature and Lincoln-style beard. Having discovered an old Lincoln-style coat in his mother's attic, he then acquired a stovepipe hat and began impersonations around Presidents' Day in the elementary schools. Cooper is a self-avowed history nut, and he considers Lincoln his favorite and the greatest president. He has an extensive personal history library that includes over 60 books about Lincoln and his colleagues.

Also at the dinner, the Fayette County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard presented the colors, Pastor Joy Stanforth led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation, and Wayne Arnold introduced the guests. The Willow restaurant in Washington C.H. catered the event.

Look for more on Husted's speech in Wednesday's edition.

Walmart

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Distribution Center guard shack about the person walking in the lot with a gun. Police officers as well as deputies from the Fayette County Sheriff's Office patrolled the lot at the facility, located at 1400 Old Chillicothe Road, for close to 40 minutes and found no suspects.

"Our officers made contact with multiple truck drivers at the distribution center and no one saw anything," said Lt. Jon Long of the WPD. The initial complainant who notified the guard shack departed the area after making the claim, according to reports.

The only individual who observed a "suspicious person" on the lot advised that she believed this person was holding a skateboard and tossing it around near the gas

pumps, according to reports.

The facility reopened shortly after the officers

cleared the scene at 9:47 p.m.

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Chamber of Commerce welcomes The Farmer's Pantry

The Record-Herald

The Fayette County Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed new business, The Farmer's Pantry, to the ranks of membership.

Located at 2733 State Route 41 North-west in Washington Court House, and owned by Amanda Ivey, the business offers on site catering, event planning, drop off catering to your event site, and the very popular take home meals. The take home meals are pre-cooked, ready to eat. Just pick them up, heat them up and dinner is served! Meals are made for those who like comfort foods as well as those with special dietary needs such as healthy, clean, high protein, and low carb meals.

It all began about five years ago, as Ivey began making food for people and hosting parties and events at the family farm (Real McCoy Genetics) near Jeffersonville, and it has grown into a full time business for her. "More and more people started asking for me to do food for them and that is how my business started," she said.

A native of Arkansas, and a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in Animal Science, with an emphasis on meat science,



Courtesy photo

Amanda Ivey

Ivey moved to Ohio eight years ago but has been working in food service since the age of 14.

No longer operating at the farm, The Farmer's Pantry is its own business on State Route 41, just past Halliday's curve on the left. The stone house is currently under renovation, while Amanda cooks in a commercial kitchen in the garage. When it comes to catering, Amanda says that every party and

event is so different, she will gladly customize a menu to meet the client's needs.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 12 to 6 p.m. Give Amanda a call at (479) 970-0440 to inquire about her services, or check her Facebook Page for information on the services available and the take home meal menus for the week.

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Post 49 honors longtime Legion members

News Journal

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Over the next several days, the attendees reached an overwhelming consensus, the United States government needed to do more for its returning veterans.

This "band of brothers" brought their message and ambition home. And, on Sept. 16, 1919, the U.S. Congress chartered the American Legion, which quickly became the largest veterans organization in the country. In the halls of Congress, this non-partisan, non-profit, patriotic group is now recognized as the voice of the veteran.

The many successes of the American Legion comes from the dedication and hard work of its members. In a special program, Wilmington Veterans Post 49 Commander Jim Cook, recognized some local members for their many years of service with certificates and lapel pins.

Of the 172 Post 49 members with 20 or more years continuous membership, special recognition was paid to the 50-, 55-, 65- and 70-year members: Terry Kerr, 50 years; Marvin Ferris, Wilbert Ward and Kenneth Rothwell, 55 years; James Cochran, 65 years;



Courtesy photos
Commander Jim Cook with honorees Kenneth Rothwell, Wilbert Ward and Marvin Ferris, honoring 55 years of membership.



Wilmington Veterans Post 49 Commander Jim Cook honors Terry Kerr for 50 years of membership.



Sixty-five year member James Cochran with Commander Jim Cook.



Seventy-year members with Veterans Post 49 Commander Jim Cook are James Foland, Leonard Wical and Bob Bering.

and Leonard Wical, Bob Bering, and James Foland 70 years. They were all present for the Feb. 20 ceremony.

Following the presentations, Commander

Cook said, "There will be another program sometime before Memorial Day to recognize those not present. Watch your post newsletter for the date and time."

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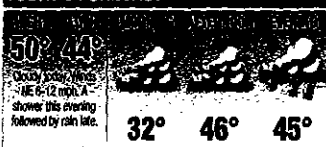
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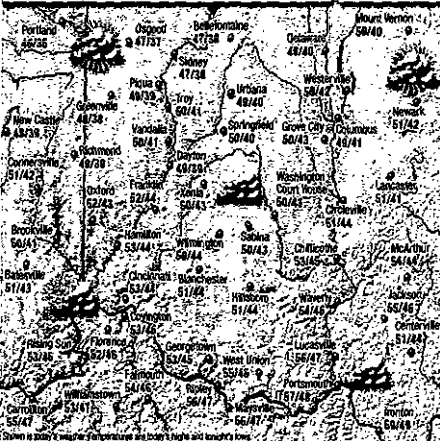
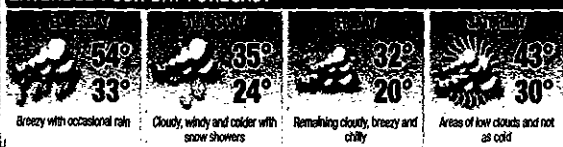
CLINTON COUNTY WEATHER

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TODAY'S FORECAST



EXTENDED FOUR-DAY FORECAST



Cloudy today. High 43 to 52. Cloudy with a passing shower this evening followed by rain late. Low 42 to 46. Breezy tomorrow with occasional rain. High 52 to 56. Thursday: dull and dreary, windy and colder with a couple of snow showers. Storm total snowfall 2-4 inches. High 33 to 37. Friday: remaining cloudy and breezy; a snow shower in the south.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Alton	42/56	50/56	Findlay	44/52	45/51	Maumee	45/53	44/51
Anderson, IN	46/54	43/58	Fort Wayne	44/51	40/50	Oakman	55/48	53/33
Bloomington, IN	52/46	49/58	Frankfort	36/46	37/41	Parkman	34/43	38/30
Canton	49/49	47/51	Greenville	58/42	62/50	Pittsburg	47/52	51/38
Chardon	58/46	61/57	Indianapolis	49/55	46/29	Portsmouth	37/46	40/37
Cincinnati	53/44	55/52	Lafayette	49/51	39/31	Sandusky	29/33	42/33
Cincinnati	54/43	60/54	Lebanon	56/48	58/31	St. Marys, OH	51/41	47/33
Cleveland	43/50	51/59	Lima	41/53	42/54	South Bend	42/50	36/38
Columbus	49/41	54/53	Louisville	51/40	57/32	Uniontown	51/41	54/38
Dayton	49/39	51/51	Madison, WI	53/47	53/34	Toledo	40/50	41/31
Delaware	43/50	49/52	Midland	46/55	50/11	Youngstown	43/43	49/39
Dayton	43/50	49/52	Masson	41/53	49/32	Daytona	52/41	55/36

ALMANAC

Statistics through Sunday
Temperature
Nightlow 57/56
Normal nightlow 41/22
Record high 71° in 1930
Record low -8° in 2005
Precipitation as inches
Sunday 2.98/3.31
Month to date/normal 3.95/4.62
Snowfall as inches
Sunday 0.0
Month to date/normal 11.94/7
Season to date/normal 17.57/5.7

WEATHER TRIVIA

Q: What is an anemometer?

A: It is a device used to measure wind speed and direction.

Source: NOAA.gov

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UV INDEX TODAY

10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

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SUN & MOON

Sunrise 7:15 a.m. Today 7:15 a.m. Wed. 7:15 a.m.

Sunset 6:20 p.m. Today 6:21 p.m. Wed. 6:21 p.m.

Moonrise 7:28 p.m. Today 7:28 p.m. Wed. 7:28 p.m.

Moonset 7:39 a.m. Today 7:39 a.m. Wed. 7:39 a.m.

Full Moon 15

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COLD INDEX

The Cold Index™ scale

measures the effects of local weather with a number of atmospheric factors to provide a scale showing the overall probability of frost and snow.

0-10 Very Cold, 11-20 Cold, 21-30 Moderately Cold, 31-40 Fairly Warm, 41-50 Very Warm, 51-60 Hot, 61-70 Very Hot, 71-80 Extremely Hot.

AIR QUALITY

Air Quality Index (AQI) scale

0-50 Good, 51-100 Moderate, 101-150 Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, 151-200 Unhealthy, 201-300 Very Unhealthy, 301-500 Hazardous.

Main causes: Particulates, Ozone, Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide.

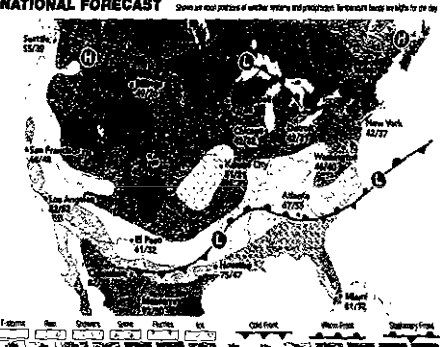
Source: EPA.gov

HISTORY

A blizzard on Feb. 23, 1936, in

Donner Pass, Calif., trapped more than 750 motorists; several died.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Charges

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was Nicholas Jacobs, 28, who had been a house guest at that apartment, according to police, and evidence was also gathered indicating Jacobs to be the owner of the drug paraphernalia. Jacobs, who is currently on probation, was arrested and jailed, according to Reinbolt. He was charged with four counts of theft, one count of Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments and two counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Reinbolt said, and will answer the charges in Clinton County Municipal Court.

Police Man overdoses, charged
Reinbolt said that at around

9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, police responded to an ambulance call in the 300 block of S. Broadway Street, where they found Brandon Powell, 23, not breathing and with no heartbeat. Sgt. Gary Mowen performed CPR until the ambulance arrived and Powell was transported to Clinton Memorial Hospital. Evidence gathered indicates Powell, who resides in the 800 block of E. Center Street, Blanchester, suffered a heroin overdose, Reinbolt said. He has been charged with one count of Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments, alleging that he possessed a hypodermic needle with the intent to use it to ingest an illegal narcotic. Reinbolt added that there is no evidence to suggest that the

person residing at the home had any involvement in any illegal conduct.

Not charged in alleged trespass

A press release issued Feb. 26 by Blanchester Police stated that two people were charged with Criminal Trespass for allegedly entering onto the property of Joe's Towing during the late night hours of Feb. 24-25. At the time of that press release, Morgan Barney had been identified by a witness as a participant in the alleged crime, Reinbolt said. However, according to Reinbolt, new information was provided to police Feb. 25 indicating Barney was not involved in the trespass. Therefore, no charge was filed against Barney, said Reinbolt.

4 hurt as student opens fire in Ohio school cafeteria

HAMILTON (AP) — A 14-year-old boy pulled out a gun in a school cafeteria Monday and opened fire, hitting two students, and then ran from the school, threw the weapon down and was apprehended nearby with the help of a police dog, authorities said. Two other Madison Local Schools students also were injured, possibly from shrapnel or from running away. None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening, said Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones. Jones said the 14-year-old was a student and there was a motive to the shooting which he did not identify. The boy

was charged preliminarily with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of felonious assault, including panic and making terrorist threats, Jones said. Students were eating in the cafeteria when the shooting happened around 11:30 a.m., Jones said. Afterward, classmates described a chaotic scene where they weren't sure what was happening at first. Thirteen-year-old Shelby Kinnin said she heard "a couple of bangs" and realized she was near the shooter. "I didn't really know it was gunsshots until I looked over and a kid was grabbing his leg and falling over," she said.

Tests

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"I feel very good about what we see going on in classrooms every day and the feedback from parents, as a gauge of the instruction our students are receiving," said Sexton.

Blanchester Local Schools

Blanchester Local Schools Superintendent Dean Lynch, pleased overall with district test results, said these results are being achieved even though the district spends about \$1,500 less per student than the state average.

"We're getting a lot out of our students," he said.

Like Sexton, Lynch mentioned differences in the 2014-15 test from prior state tests, noting the PARCC assessment plus the way the test was administered.

The superintendent offered his take on a category in which Blanchester didn't perform as well as it did in other areas — namely, value-added growth. The state describes this category as

a district's average progress for its students in math and reading, grades 4 through 8.

What that tells him, said Lynch, is it's hard to progress when achievement levels are already comparatively close to reaching the ceiling.

He commended the district's administrative team and staff who he said set high expectations for themselves and push the students to achieve high academic scores. He also complimented Blanchester educators for having a vision to prepare for the new PARCC assessment.

Lynch commented on a delay in school districts getting the 2014-15 state test results, and on a trend of having changes made to the tests' assessed curriculum.

Receiving the results late, he said, provides little or no time to conduct intervention for children, or make adjustments. With the state's selection last summer of the American Institutes for Research (AIR) as the Common Core testing provider for math and English rather than PARCC, that means there now will have been three different assessed curriculum in three years, said Lynch.

Clinton-Massie Local Schools

Clinton-Massie Local Schools Curriculum Director Ruby Donisi said there are "lots of good things to celebrate" in connection with the 2014-15 state test results. She noted the districtwide achievement of meeting 84.4 percent of the indicators.

At the building level, the high school passed all Ohio Graduation Test benchmarks. And the middle school fell short on only one indicator while attaining all others, said Donisi.

In terms of areas that need to be improved, she said even though some grade levels did well in mathematics, it will be important to make sure instructional time reflects the goal that math students use higher-level reasoning in doing math.

Donisi said she is interested in looking at trends that emerge over time and from multiple tests rather than from one test only when district officials decide how best to respond to the 2014-15 results.

There were a lot of new variables in the 2014-15 state test, she said, and instead of district

officials panicking and changing things that may be working, "I want to see how this lines up with trends."

Clinton-Massie has a longstanding tradition of doing well on state tests, said Donisi. A district leadership team will examine the data from the latest test and make recommendations to building leadership teams to "continue what we're doing well, and take a look at opportunities to improve," said the curriculum director.

East Clinton Local Schools

East Clinton Local Schools Superintendent Eric Magee said that "especially compared" with last year's report card and the report cards of other schools around, there appears to be a "lot of good things, a lot of hard work is paying dividends" at East Clinton.

The value-added growth category — which is meant to reflect a district's average progress for students in math and reading, grades 4 through 8 — shows EC students are growing, and it looks to be an area of growth for the district, too, said Magee. Educators in Ohio were told

to expect to see test results drop across the state, he said, and a lot of schools did show a decrease, but he thinks East Clinton was able to maintain and even show an advance.

For example, scores at the East Clinton Middle School have gone up, he said. An area where there is a need to improve is the category that assesses K through 3 literacy improvement, said the superintendent.

"Those scores are somewhat new to the (state) report card. Our scores in that area are low at this point. Looking at that and developing some specific plans to address it, I think we will put some good things in that place," said Magee.

Historically, New Vienna Elementary School has received some lower scores, but those scores have risen, he said.

"There definitely are some good things going on. And while we're definitely not where we want to be, we are headed in the right direction and confident we will get there," said Magee.

Reach Gary H. Henberger at 937-556-5758 or on Twitter @G4HHenberger.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha celebrate American Heart Month

Xenia Daily Gazette

TROTWOOD — The Trotwood chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted members of the Dayton and Wilberforce chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at a line-dancing event in observance of American Heart Month.

The event, sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha's Tau Lambda Omega Chapter, was held Saturday, Feb. 6 at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Trotwood as the chapter observed Pink Goes Red for Heart Health, a designated day for the sorority to focus attention on heart disease and its prevention.

Approximately 30



Members from the Trotwood, Dayton and Wilberforce Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. came together to observe American Heart Month.

people from the Tau Lambda Omega, Beta Eta

Omega and Rho Omega chapters of Alpha Kappa

Alpha Sorority attended the event, which was

supported by the Dayton area chapter of the Amer-

ican Heart Association and Premier Health. Both organizations provided heart health information. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has joined the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Initiative as part of its health service platform. Alpha Kappa Alpha has committed to raising awareness of heart disease and stroke by designating every February as Heart Awareness Month.

Former Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Great Lakes Regional Director Charlene Nelson and Beta Eta Omega President Cheryl Williams attended the event.

Content provided by Alpha Kappa Alpha.

ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

Greene County News Report

Full moon hikes

GREENE COUNTY

— Join a naturalist for a series of hikes featuring the glow of the full moon at three Greene County Parks & Trails sites. The full moon hikes will be held starting at 7 p.m. March 23 at the Russ Nature Reserve - Migration Moon and April 22 at the Crooked Creek Nature Sanctuary - Egg Moon. The hikes are free to all participants. Donations are accepted. For more information call Greene County Parks & Trails at 837-562-6440, visit gcparksandtrails.com or email info@gcparksandtrails.com.

Behind the scenes tours

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE — US Air Force National

Museum Behind the Scenes Tour 12:15 p.m. Feb. 28. Look behind the scenes in the museum's restoration area. Free admission but advance registration required. These free guided tours of the museum are open to the general public daily at 1:30 p.m., with an additional tour at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

All tours begin at the entrance to the Early Years Gallery (through the Museum Store and turn right). Advance registration is not necessary. The entrance to the United States Air Force is on Springfield Street at historic Wright Field (Gate 28B). Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, six miles northeast of Dayton, Ohio. The museum is located at: 1100 Spatz St., Wright-Patterson AFB.



Music Fest

DAYTON — Dayton Does Dayton Music Fest will be hosted by RevCool Center of WYSO Public Radio and former Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin. The event will take place 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at Gilly's Downtown Dayton, 132 S. Jefferson St.

Fall Out Boy

FAIRBORN — ALT 103.9 will present Fall Out Boy - Wintour is Coming with Avolnation & Pyris in concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at the Ervin J. Nutter Center. Tickets online. VIP parking passes are \$20 each and will guarantee you a parking space adjacent to the venue. Wright State University's Nutter Center, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Call 937-775-3498 for more information.

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D3D Cinema

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE — National Museum of the US Air Force IMAX Theatre offers special movies. Ticket prices range from \$7.75 for adults to \$4.50 for children, military, group and schools. Visit www.afmuseum.com/attractions/theatre. Air Force Museum Theatre

Wine tasting

YELLOW SPRINGS — Emporium Wines and the Underdog Cafe, 233

hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday - Sunday, 1100 Spatz St.

Western Ohio Writers

Association Meeting BEAVERCREEK — Western Ohio Writers Association offers monthly critique sessions, educational programs and networking opportunities. Writers of all genres welcome. Meetings are 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday each month at The Event Connections, 4140 Linden Ave. Cost is \$6 per person, information and registration at www.westernohiowriters.org.

Greene County News staff report compiled by Natalie Jones and Member Eric.

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A copy of the Application and supporting documents may be inspected by any interested party at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-2795 or at the following business offices of DPLC, 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45422-1423. A copy of the Application and supporting documents may also be viewed at the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, by selecting DPLC, inputting 15-1830 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed.

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OBITUARIES

PAMELA S. LEWIS

FAIRBORN — Pamela Sue Lewis age 57, of Fairborn, died on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at The Hospice of Dayton. She was born the daughter of Robert & Eileen (Gallagher) Bullock on October 14, 1958 in Dayton, Ohio. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Sue Wetzel & Diane Gard, brothers Robert Bullock & John Bullock, and stepson Johnny Lewis Jr. Pamela is survived by her loving and devoted husband John Lewis Sr., of 32 years,



daughters April (Bill) Booth of Mansburg & Laura Lewis of Fairborn, son Bryant Huskins of Fairborn, brothers Bill (Wilma) Bullock of Dayton, Mike (Debbie) Bullock of Millersburg, Jeff (Pat) Bullock of Florida, grandchildren Erica, Brooke, Emily, Julie, Madison, and Aubrey, special friends Lexie & Kelly, several nieces, nephews, and friends. Pamela was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She will be missed by all of those who

love her. Pamela enjoyed spending quality time with her family, in her spare time she enjoyed playing Bingo. Friends may call on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 5PM-7PM at Burcham Jennings Funeral Home, 119 E. Main St. Fairborn, Ohio 45324. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 11AM at the funeral home with Rev. James Slaughter officiating. Interment will follow at Byron Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton. Online condolences may be left at www.burchamjennings.com.

JANE A. SHAW

SPRING VALLEY — Jane Ann Shaw, age 59, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Spring Valley, Ohio. Jane was born October 4, 1956 in Dayton, Ohio the daughter of David and Patty J. (Hussey) Richey. Jane is preceded in death by her father David Richey and a brother, Christopher Richey. Jane is survived by her husband, Harold "Corker" E. Shaw; mother, Patty J. Richey; son, Charles David Shaw; step-daughters, Laura

Hastings and Rhonda Shaw; step-son, Thomas E. Shaw; sisters, Teresa Richey (Barry) and Julie Richey (Jim); brothers, Tim Richey, Terry Richey (Tami), Jimbo Richey (Michelle), Tom Richey (Pilar), Joe Richey (Cheri), John Richey, Michael Richey (Amy), Bob Richey (Andrea), David Richey (Beth) and Patrick Richey (Julie). Jane enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, gardening, walking, and building campfires. Jane was a posi-

tive, upbeat, and honest person who loved everyone. Jane will be greatly missed by all. Funeral services will be held 5:00 PM Tuesday March 1, 2016 at the McCotugh Funeral Home Inc. 826 N. Detroit St. Xenia, Ohio 45385. The family will receive friends Tuesday March 1, 2016 from 3:00 PM until the time of service at the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at www.mccotughfuneralhome.com.

JAMES J. HUBER

XENIA — James Joseph Huber, age 63, of Dayton, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2016. He was born in Oakland City, CA to the late Donald and Ann Marie Huber. James was a loyal Cincinnati Bengals fan and enjoyed going to Dayton Dragons games with his family. He retired from the US Postal Service after many years of loyal service. James coached softball in Spring Valley for many years. He was a

member at Xenia Grace Chapel. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. James was a kind and caring man and enjoyed spending time with his family and his loyal dog, Mico. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Janetia. James leaves behind to cherish his memory, children, Rebekah Dell'Arcia, James Huber II, and Jacob Huber; grandchildren, Mary and Alyssa Dell'Arcia; broth-

er, Donnie Huber; and many other loving relatives and friends. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Xenia Grace Chapel, 100 Grace Drive, Xenia, OH 45385 from 4pm-7pm. A funeral service will take place the following day, Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 11 at church. Burial to follow at Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.newcomerdayton.com.

KENNETH L. BIRD

FAIRBORN — USAF TSgt. (Ret.) Kenneth L. "Ken" Bird, age 75 of Fairborn, passed away Saturday February 27, 2016. He was born February 26, 1941 in Muskegon, Michigan, the son of the late Steven and Viola (Rose) Bird. Ken served his country in the United States Air Force during Vietnam as a jet mechanic, retiring in 1983 after 20 years of service. He was a member of American Legion Post 526, Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2541, and Loyal Order of Moose



No. 1088, all of Fairborn. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Bird; and several siblings. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Eva; four children, Randy Bird of Enon, Debra (Mitch) Farley of Fairborn, Brian (Rachel) Bird of Bellbrook, Chris (Carol) Bird of Huber Heights; six grandchildren, Lindsey (Burr), Katey (Matthew), Kristen, Alexis, James, Isabella; two brothers; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other

extended family. The family will receive friends on Wednesday March 2, 2016 from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. in the Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, 422 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd., Fairborn, where a funeral service will be held on Thursday March 3, 2016 at 11:30 A.M., Deacon Max Roadruck officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow in the Dayton Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Dayton VA Hospice Fund. Condolences may be made to the family at www.BeltonStroup.com.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO CHANGE AND INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION RATES TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 4909.19, The Dayton Power and Light Company ("DP&L") gives notice that on November 30, 2015, the company filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") an Application to change and increase its base rates for electric distribution service to be effective with the first billing cycle in January 2017. The Application has been assigned Case Number 15-1830-EL-ATT by the Commission. DP&L is also seeking to amend its tariffs and obtain accounting approval in connection with the proposed rate increase, which have been assigned Case Numbers 15-1831-EL-AAM and 15-1832-EL-ATA. The Application directly affects DP&L's entire service territory, which includes all or parts of Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Ross, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, and Warren Counties.

For nearly a quarter century, DP&L has not changed or increased its base rates for electric distribution service - charges that are partially responsible for recovering costs associated with maintaining the poles and wires and other distribution infrastructure that bring electric services into customer's homes and businesses. During those years, DP&L's cost of providing electric service has increased, and DP&L has invested approximately \$1.1 billion in its distribution system that includes 12,000 miles of overhead wires, 3,600 miles of underground cable, and more than 300,000 poles. The proposed rates reflect those investments and ensures that the company will be able to continue to finance and support the infrastructure necessary to continue providing safe and reliable distribution service to its customers. In reviewing the Application, the Commission will consider DP&L's cost to provide electric distribution service from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 and the value of DP&L's poles, wires and other equipment used to deliver distribution service as of September 30, 2015.

The Application requests the following percentage increases in distribution service operating revenue on a rate schedule basis. Those percentages do not reflect the total bill increase, which will be approximately 3% for the typical 1,000 kWh residential user.

Residential - 10.62%
Secondary - 12.60%
Primary - 12.14%
Primary Substation - 3.78%
High Voltage - 1.18%
Street Lighting - 19.10%
Private Outdoor Lighting - 12.05%

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A copy of the Application and supporting documents may be inspected by any interested party at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-9793; or at the following business office of DP&L: 1065 Woodman Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45432-1423. A copy of the Application and supporting documents may also be viewed at the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, by selecting DIS, Inputting 15-1830 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed.

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