## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Case No. 21-817-EL-CSS

**Respondent.** 

## ANSWER, MOTION TO DISMISS, AND REQUEST FOR MEDIATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY D/B/A AES OHIO

Now comes the Dayton Power and Light Company d/b/a/ AES Ohio ("AES Ohio" or "Respondent" or "the Company"), by and through counsel, and for its answer to the Complaint filed in this docket by Don Scott Williams ("Complainant"), hereby states as follows:

1. On or about July 23, 2021, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("the

Commission") accepted for filing a Complaint by the Complainant related to billing

issues associated with the property located at 27 Gerlaugh Ave., Apt. B, Dayton, Ohio

45403.

2. AES Ohio admits that the meter for 27 Gerlaugh Ave., Apt. A had been switched with the meter assigned to 27 Gerlaugh Ave., Apt. B, resulting in inaccurate billing for a period of time in 2020 and 2021.

3. AES Ohio further admits that the Company corrected the billing, which was reflected in the bill that was mailed to Complainant on April 12, 2021.

4. The Respondent, AES Ohio, denies or is without sufficient knowledge to ascertain the veracity of the remaining allegations as described in the Complaint and therefore denies the same. At all pertinent times, AES Ohio has complied with all relevant statutes, regulations, and approved tariffs.

## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. Complainant fails to set forth reasonable grounds for complaint, as required by Section 4905.26, Revised Code.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. Complainant fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. At all pertinent times, AES Ohio has complied with all relevant statutes,

regulations, and approved tariffs. These statutes, rules, regulations, orders, and tariff provisions bar Complainant's claims.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Complainant lacks standing to bring this action.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. Failure to perfect proper service of Complaint.

## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

10. Complainant's claims are time-barred.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

11. AES Ohio reserves the right to raise any additional affirmative defenses as warranted by discovery in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss

AES Ohio from this Complaint. To the extent that the Commission denies such motion,

Respondent hereby requests the opportunity to mediate this issue with the Complainant to determine whether a mutually acceptable resolution is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael J. Schuler

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(willing to accept electronic service)

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been sent via ordinary mail,

postage prepaid, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 to the following:

Don Scott Williams 27 Gerlaugh Ave., Apt. B Dayton, Ohio 45403

> <u>/s/ Michael J. Schuler</u> Michael J. Schuler (0082390)

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