BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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EDDIE THOMAS
529 Grafton Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45406
Complainant,
V.
THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT
COMPANY D/B/A AES OHIO
1065 Woodman Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45432

Case No. 21-934-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 Eddie Thomas ("Complainant"), hereby states as follows:

1. On or about September 10, 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 445 Sandhurst Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45405.

2. 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

3. Complainant fails to set forth reasonable grounds for complaint, as

required by Section 4905.26, Revised Code.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. 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

6. Complainant lacks standing to bring this action.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Failure to perfect proper service of Complaint.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Complainant's claims are time-barred.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. 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/ Joseph G. Strines_

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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 8th day of November, 2021 to the following:

Eddie Thomas 529 Grafton Ave. Dayton, Ohio

> <u>/s/ Joseph G. Strines</u> Joseph G. Strines (0069878)

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