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The Honorable Alan R. Schriber
Chairman
Ohio Power Siting Board
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Columbus, Ohio 43215-8793

Ohio Power Siting Board Docket

Docket number 06-1358-EL-BGN - In the Matter of the Application of American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for an Electric Power Generating Station and Related Facilities."

Honorable Alan R. Schriber,

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to express my and the Southern Local Board of Education's feelings on the proposed Power Facility. As a lifelong educator and resident of Meigs County, Ohio, I find it in the best interest of the District, staff, and students to support this project. I would also request that that this letter becomes part of the official record.


For many years Southern Local has turned out a premium stock of students. Unfortunately, success on our part means a loss for the district and community. Students leave the area for a lack of quality jobs and employment opportunities. I have watched my community lose many economic opportunities and have personally watched great mining jobs leave the area.

It is hard to see good families move from the area because of the lack of jobs. This project allows hope and purpose to our mission at Southern Local. I can only imagine the economic and educational opportunities that sit on the horizon. A district with 67% free and reduced lunch population paints a much better picture of our economic situation.

Southern Local School District has been in the State Loan Fund for the past 8 years. We are currently in the process of completing the steps to be out of the loan fund. This has come at a great cost to our students. Our staff has been trimmed to a minimum and many programs have been cut.

I can only express the feeling of hope and eagerness that AMP Ohio brings to our doorstep. I hope that you find in favor of this request for the future of our community and the students of Southern Local School District.

Sincerely,



Anthony W. Deem
Superintendent
Southern Local Schools

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