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Alan Schriber, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: PUCO Docket # 08-917-EL-SSO
PUCO Docket # 08-918-EL-SSO

October 17, 2008

Dear Chairman Schriber:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support in regard to American Electric Power's (AEP) Electric Security Plan filing. AEP is a strong economic development partner with local agencies throughout the state. It has provided financial support for a joint marketing effort between the Coshocton Port Authority and the Area Development Foundation of Knox County. Additionally, AEP has provided critical funds to help this organization study a former industrial site for purposes of redevelopment.

AEP's proposal to provide effective programs for low income Ohioans through home weatherization, compact fluorescent lighting, among other initiatives important to our great state. Additionally, the company is actively engaged with the Strickland administration's renewable energy initiative.

It is in the best interest of Coshocton County and the State of Ohio for AEP's filing to be approved.

Respectfully,

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I hope all is well!

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