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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Alan R. Schriber, Chairman  
180 East Broad Street  
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Dear Mr. Schriber:

I am writing this letter of support for AEP's filings. I have been Mayor of the Village of Lexington over 25 years. I believe I can speak with some experience. We have gone through tornados, ice storms, and the most recent wind storm.

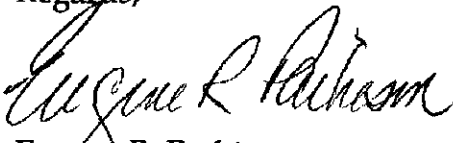
Their prompt response to the emergency, their continued support through upgrades and additional equipment needed (substations) have indicated the concern for long term development. In addition they have met with our residents and businesses to solve localized problems, including various financing packages for improvements if needed.

AEP has available grants for economic development which we have participated in over the years. They have assisted in service and equipment plus financing when our businesses need to promote and encourage economic development.

Therefore, while none of us like to promote increased rates with all of the cost factors involved increasing, there are few if any choices.

Please consider their role in the future of Ohio Development as critical and support their rate increase.

Regards,

  
Eugene R. Parkison

Eugene R. Parkison, Mayor

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