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**The Delaware
Speech & Hearing
Center**

October 20, 2008

Governor Strickland
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108

Re: Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO
Case No. 08-918-EL-SSO

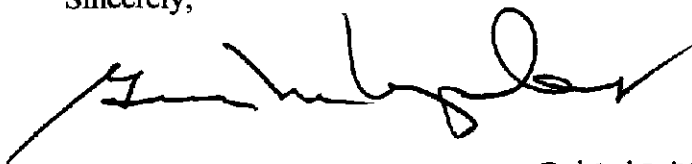
Dear Governor Strickland:

I am writing to express my support for AEP Ohio as a community partner in Delaware County. Donations from AEP Ohio are currently providing speech-language therapy for pediatric clients in our Delaware, Ohio Center. By 2010, their support will provide over 300 speech-language therapy sessions to the children in our community.

AEP Ohio is including plans for Delaware County's low-income population in their current ESP Filing. In their "Partnership with Ohio," they include continued collaboration with community organizations and targeted energy efficiency programs to assist low-income utility customers. Additional energy efficiency programs will assist all local customers by implementing new technologies and supporting environmentally conscious LEED and Energy Star standards.

I believe in AEP Ohio's commitment to our community because I see it first-hand in their commitment to our Center. The Delaware Speech and Hearing Center relies on support from a variety of community sources to maintain communication services for all Delaware County residents. Through their support of the Center, AEP Ohio is contributing to improved communication in our community. It is clear that AEP Ohio intends to continue working to improve all aspects of our community as they move forward with their "Partnership with Ohio."

Sincerely,



Guy M. Naples, M.A CCC-SLP/A
Executive Director

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