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November 9, 2008

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

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Office of Chairman
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Dear Mr. Schriber:

I am writing to express the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's support for the AEP Ohio's Electric Security Plan (Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO and 08-918-EL-SSO). Our support is based on the economic development opportunities that the plan brings to Southeastern Ohio.

The basis of our support is focused on AEP's \$75 million, shareholder funded, "Partnership with Ohio" proposal which will assist:

- Low Income Customers
- Economic Development Efforts
- Energy efficiency and advanced technology development and deployment

Specifically, the additional funding for local economic development organizations and financial assistance for projects that create and retain jobs and investment in Ohio means that we can continue to expand on our successes.

Our region is also extremely strong in the areas of energy efficiency and advanced technology. Some of our Chamber members are making massive inroads into these sectors such as Third Sun Solar & Wind, Dovetail Solar, Sunpower, Global Cooling, American Hydrogen and Stirling Technology. In addition, research at Ohio University is leading to major advances in fuel cells, algae bioreactors and clean coal technology just to name a few.

If you have any questions about our support, please contact me at 740/594-2251.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Simon
CEO

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