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Re: Salvatore Chilia
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Mr. Alan R. Schriber
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RE: American Electric Power, Electrical Security Plan

Dear Sir;

As a Representative of over twenty- thousand members of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) in the State of Ohio, most of whom are directly affected by the viability of the Utility industry in the State, I am writing to strongly encourage the immediate approval of the Electric Security Plan (ESP) submitted by American Electric Power, for the Operating Companies of AEP Ohio. We believe that further delays, or major changes to the plan will have lasting negative effects on the State of Ohio, it's citizens, business's, and economic future. Those beliefs are partially based upon the following facts:

- AEP Ohio's ESP will allow investment in critical infrastructure. This will create jobs in the short and long-term;
- AEP Ohio is an industry leader in the development and implementation of renewable energy, alternative energy, energy efficiency and clean coal technologies. This leadership position has, and will continue to create new and high paying jobs;
- The ESP creates unprecedented commitments to economic development, weatherization and energy efficiency. The creation of the Partnership with Ohio Fund will spread an additional \$75 million (over 3 years) across the service territory. This money will leverage state and local resources to create new industries and jobs. It will also help existing Ohio businesses expand thus retaining and adding jobs in existing industries;
- AEP Ohio is a good corporate citizen. They do a great deal to have productive and cooperative relationships with our communities, their customers, the state of Ohio and all of their employees. They have been recognized as one of the best employers for working mothers and members of the military. They are also appreciated in many communities (they serve 920) as the single biggest employer and source of economic value;

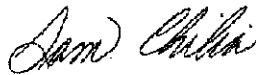
- AEP Ohio's rates, even with a satisfactory ESP outcome, will continue to be among the lowest rates in the state, region and nation. The value proposition offered by their ESP (investment, jobs, energy efficiency, improved reliability, ample supply) is a good one.

It is also critical to point out that these commitments - job creation, infrastructure improvement, renewable/alternative energy, energy efficiency and economic development - all align exactly with the priorities of the Strickland Administration.

The ability for AEP to borrow money for its day to day operations has greatly, if not completely, diminished with the loan crisis in our economy today. Over forty percent of AEP's operating capital is derived in the state of Ohio. It is unfair for a company with the responsibilities AEP has to consumers and employees, not to be able to know how to plan for the future. Further hesitation on this issue will result in loss of good jobs for construction and may eventually affect the employment of AEP staff that will certainly have an adverse impact on reliability.

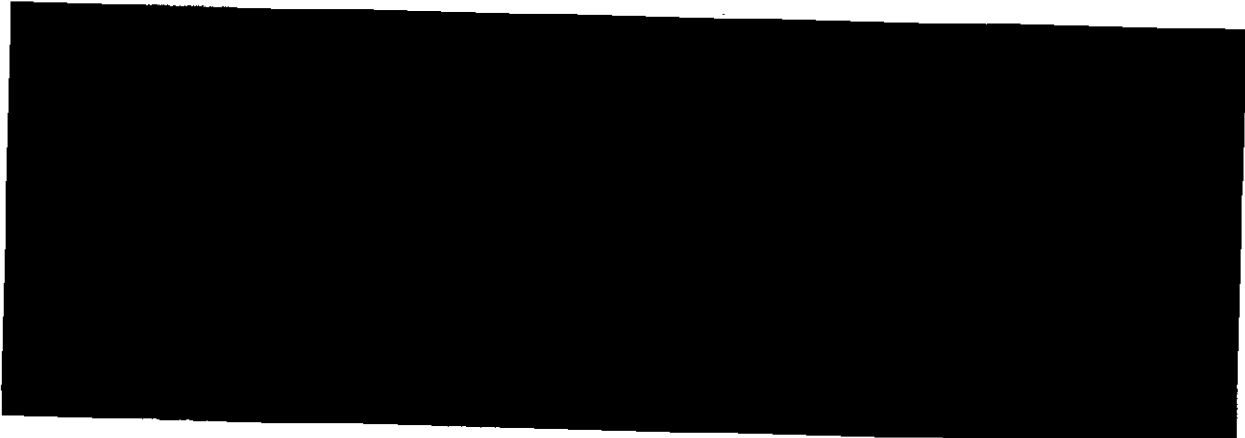
I thank you for your time in this issue and if you should need any further information regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



Salvatore (Sam) J. Chilia
International Vice President
IBEW Fourth District

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