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Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: AEP Ohio ESP-Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

I am writing this letter in regard to AEP Ohio's Energy Security Plan. Over the years, Eastern Gateway Community College has directly benefitted from AEP Ohio's generosity as a recipient of scholarship funds for students to attend two-year community colleges. On July 7, 2010, our college was awarded \$25,000 to fund scholarships for qualifying applicants. We, along with the other two-year community and technical colleges, helped our students benefit from a total scholarship donation of \$225,000.

This year, Eastern Gateway Community College also received from AEP Ohio a \$35,000 training grant to upgrade our Programmable Logic Controllers, equipment that is at the heart of the degrees and certificates currently offered for emerging electrical/electronic curricula. In addition to the Power Plant Operator program offered at EGCC through Youngstown State University, we also provide certificates and degrees in the following areas: Electric Utilities Technician, Electrical, Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology, Electronics and Programmable Logic Controllers.

Even more importantly, AEP hires our graduates. As of March 1, 2011, we identified 31 of our recent graduates employed by American Electric Power. Listening to our community job development and keeping our families here in Jefferson County is a number one need.

The Energy Security Plan rate filing will include support for post-secondary education and this letter is written to verify that in my experience American Electric Power of Ohio will support the commitment to education described in the AEP Ohio Electric Security Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura M. Meeks", is written over the typed name.

Laura M. Meeks, Ph.D.
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