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> American Electric Power 1 Riverside Plaza Columbus, OH 43215-2373

May 17, 2011

Renee Jenkins **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio** 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

2011 MAY 25 PH 4: 2 Columbus Southern Power and Ohio Power Company (collectively "AEP tion") request public disclosure of a document that should already be reflected in the Commission's docketing system. Specifically, AEP Ohio requests a copy of the Report of the Commission's consultant regarding FirstEnergy's 2009 Standard Service Offer Auction filed in Commission docket 09-22-EL-AEM on May 14, 2009. The Commission issued an entry on that same day issuing a protective order concerning the document.

According to O.A.C. 4901-1-24 a document is considered confidential for 18 months from the date of approval. The document requested was declared protected on May 14, 2009, meaning that the protective order expired on November 14, 2010. The applicable code provision states:

(F) Unless otherwise ordered, any order prohibiting public disclosure pursuant to paragraph (D) of this rule shall automatically expire eighteen months after the date of its issuance, and such information may then be included in the public record of the proceeding. A party wishing to extend a protective order beyond eighteen months shall file an appropriate motion at least forty-five days in advance of the expiration date of the existing order. The motion shall include a detailed discussion of the need for continued protection from disclosure.

No motion was filed in the September/October timeframe to extend the confidentiality. The Finding and Order declared a shorter time for some of the information in the report but did not declare a specific time period for the remainder of the report. That leaves the timeframe the 18 months included in the rule as the appropriate time period.

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Cordially,

//ss// Matthew J. Satterhwhite

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cc: William Wright, Attorney General's Office