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June 3, 2011**Mr. Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman**

c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

My name is Dick Stevens. I am a 65 year old lifetime resident of Hocking County and have been the Director of the Second Harvest Foodbank of Southeastern Ohio for over 27 years, serving a ten county region of Athens, Hocking, Perry, Jackson, Vinton, Gallia, Meigs, Morgan, Washington and Lawrence counties. Our Foodbank supplies the food resources to a network of over 140 food pantries that provide food assistance to over 10,000 families each month.

So as a long standing residential customer of AEP and as a representative of a non-profit organization that has benefited from a great partnership with that company, I am writing this letter to you to express support for AEP Ohio's Electric Security Plan for its customers during the period 2012 through May 2014.

I support the fact that the plan not only proposes to hold down the costs on generation rates for us as customers, but also will invest in the electrical infrastructure and consumer programs within the State.

I applaud the fact that the ESP will work in partnership with state and local agencies as well as private sector leaders to generate new jobs in our service area which unfortunately has some of the highest unemployment rates in Ohio. The Ohio Growth Fund can play a key role in providing direct support to the new Jobs Ohio program.

The ESP has definite strategies in place that will significantly cut AEP costs. The merger of the two operating companies – CSP and OPCo will play a major part in accomplishing this.

I have firsthand knowledge of the wonderful philanthropic support our Foodbank operation has enjoyed from AEP over the last several years. For the last few years we have received grants from AEP at nearly \$70,000 each year which has allowed us to make much needed food purchases for our food pantries when national food donations dropped off by nearly 60%.

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We have also been able to provide direct funding to our food pantries which are primarily operated by caring volunteers who have very little in terms of private funding to keep their doors open. Also through our agency many of the low income families we serve have directly received assistance with their electric bill through support of AEP programs.

We live in a highly competitive world today, which calls for a long-term perspective to our state's supply requirements. The customer deserves to be protected from shortsighted, volatile electricity markets that currently drive Ohio's electricity pricing.

I am very confident the AEP Ohio's Electric Security Plan has both the commitment to the customer and the foresight to our future energy needs to accomplish that purpose in the coming years ahead. For that reason, I express my full support for this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Stevens", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Dick Stevens

Food & Nutrition Division Director

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southeastern Ohio.