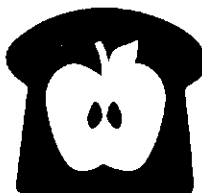


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June 9, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing to you in support of AEP's Ohio Electric Security Plan Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO. The Partnership With Ohio, established in the previous ESP filing, provides assistance to Ohio's most vulnerable citizens and has made a significant impact on individuals served by the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

Since 2009, AEP Ohio has contributed \$86,997 to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank as a part of the Partnership With Ohio program. During this time frame, the Foodbank has faced its highest demand in its nearly 30-year history, and last year distributed 19.2 million pounds of emergency food. Support from AEP Ohio came at a significant time as the *Great Recession* began to take its toll on Northeast Ohio. Job losses contributed to a large increase in poverty, and in 2009, the Ohio poverty rate was 15.2%, the 16th highest in the nation.

Because of the Partnership with Ohio Program, AEP Ohio helped the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank distribute nearly 119,000 pounds of highly nutritious, emergency food free to member agencies in 2009 and 2010. This support provided a critical source of food for hot meal sites and pantries in Stark, Wayne, Holmes, Carroll and Tuscarawas counties.

As you consider the proposed Electric Security Plan, please consider the impact The Partnership With Ohio program has had on our state's low-income AEP Ohio customers. Since 2009, the company has provided more than \$9 million to communities to provide for Ohioans' most basic needs. I can attest to the fact that these dollars have made an enormous impact, and I ask you to continue The Partnership With Ohio fund, especially as we anticipate the rising costs of food and fuel.

Respectfully submitted by:

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