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

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing today in support of AEP's cases as referenced above. In terms of their support for community causes, allow me to share how the utility has assisted our affiliate in particular as we work to help low-income partner families find their way to homeownership.

Throughout the Company's service territory, AEP employees – with encouragement of the both senior and mid-level management - have volunteered countless hours helping build Habitat homes for partner families who would otherwise not be able to afford them.

Their combination of shareholder - not ratepayer - funded assistance and volunteer participation have helped the Columbus affiliate build seven houses in as many years, and a number of others throughout their service territory. AEP has financially supported our efforts to build greener homes and, most recently, has provided us with an incentive to retrofit our building with state-of-the-art energy efficient lighting. For all these reasons, AEP has been a significant player in the continued sustainability and growth of Habitat for Humanity in central and southern Ohio.

The success of not-for-profit organizations in the region clearly relies on a corporate philosophy that provides generous financial and volunteer support. And in that regard, AEP has enthusiastically stepped up year after year. For that reason many low-income families in Ohio are most appreciative. We at Habitat remain grateful for their ongoing and generous support, and respectfully request the Commission's favorable consideration of their requests, as stated in the cases submitted.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.J. Thomas".

E.J. Thomas, CEO
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