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

Dear Mr. Snitchler,

Re: PUCO case # 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO

Southern Ohio Growth Partnership is a private-sector economic development organization in southern Ohio. SOGP is committed to job creation and retention. Because of its economic development benefits, we are pleased to lend our support to AEP Ohio's electric Security Plan.

It is our belief that the economic development benefits will support continued investment in Ohio and spur job growth. In addition to the economic development benefits, the ESP benefits consumers in a positive way that will allow our entire community to prosper.

AEP is an excellent community partner and we look forward to working with them for years to come. Please feel free to call with any questions concerning our endorsement of AEP's ESP.

Regards,

Robert D. Huff President and CEO

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