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

RE: AEP 11-346-EL-SSO & 11-348-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

As a member of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority and as President of Zane State College, I have had the good fortune to work with officials at AEP. They are having a major impact on resource development and job creation in our region. This letter is in support of American Electric Power's Ohio Electric Security Plan.

American Electric Power is one of Zane State College's most valued partners as together we strive to provide quality of life opportunities for citizens of our region. I have had the opportunity to work in partnership with AEP to establish a tri-state partnership that trains technicians in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia for jobs in the utility industry; and in developing alternative sources of energy through the Turning Point Solar Array project that is locating in Noble County, Ohio.

It is evident by the internships AEP offers Zane State College students and the number of our graduates who are hired by American Electric Power annually, that AEP values the quality of postsecondary education provided by Zane State College, particularly in the College's Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology Program (EET).

American Electric Power's investment in helping Zane State College achieve high standards is demonstrated by the volunteer service of several AEP employees to the College's program advisory committees, which ensures that our curricula are current, rigorous, and appropriate to the region's current and future workforce needs.

Zane State College has been the benefactor of AEP's philanthropic investment in the Advanced Science and Technology Center. This facility will be LEED certified and will support education and training programs for jobs in traditional and alternative sources in electric, natural gas, coal, petroleum, biomass, solar, and sustainable agriculture. Further, in 2010, AEP initiated a scholarship to provide financial support to several students pursuing an engineering technology degree at Zane State College.

If I can provide any additional information please feel free to contact me at (740) 588-1200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul R. Brown'.

Paul R. Brown, Ed.D.  
President

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