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Todd Snitchler
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: AEP Ohio ESP-Case Nos.11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348- EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is aware that AEP had filed an Electric Security Plan with the PUCO earlier this year. Our organization hasn't evaluated the economics of that request and hasn't established a position.

We would like to comment however on AEP's role in our community. The company is a significant employer and is an active participant in many activities involving the business and general community. AEP's local General Manager is a member of our Board of Directors and chairs a significant committee charged with downtown visioning called Canton Tomorrow. Other AEP personnel are involved in leadership positions on other chamber committees and programs as well.

AEP is always ready to assist with our economic development efforts. The company will quickly respond to inquiries involving electric service and related issues. AEP is an important partner when we have the opportunity to work with out of town companies considering locating here or with existing companies considering an expansion.

We know AEP is involved in other community and charitable activities as well. The fabric of our community is strengthened when local companies volunteer their time and resources to make our area a better place to live, work and to operate a business. In our view AEP participates at that level. We consider them as an excellent corporate citizen.

Regards,

George W. Lemon
Chairman

Dennis P. Saunier
President & CEO

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