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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attn: Chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Please accept this letter of support from Columbus2020!, Central Ohio's regional economic development organization, in favor of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan. Competitive, reliable energy within the Columbus region is critical to our economic growth strategy.

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Thank you for adding these sentiments to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

Kenny McDonald

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The Honorable Todd Snitchler
88 East Broad Street
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Dear Chairman Snitchler:

RJF International fully supports AEP's agreement with a wide range of stakeholders on its Electric Security Plan, Capacity and Merger cases that are before the Commission.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, RJF International manufactures vinyl wall covering and other engineered products for domestic and international customers. With the pressure on manufacturing to produce competitively priced products for world markets, stable and reasonable energy costs are very important.

The agreement has several significant provisions that will greatly benefit RJF and Ohio manufacturers. Eliminating several non-bypassable non-fuel generation related charges, provides customers with greater rate certainty and the ability to avoid potential rate increases. This agreement provides a smooth transition to a market based model for all AEP customers and helps retain established businesses as well as promote economic development. The agreement helps develop a robust competitive market with AEP agreeing to provide increasing quantities of its generation to marketers at deeply discounted rates. Furthermore, the stipulation protects Ohio consumers by allowing for dedicated, in-state generation to be built as a hedge against potentially volatile market prices.

The AEP Ohio Growth Fund and the investments in new distribution assets to maintain and improve reliability is a significant benefit for manufacturers. AEP's commitment to facilitate the development of shale gas by entering into long term contracts will also contribute to employment growth in Southeast Ohio.

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This stipulation was signed by more than 20 organizations representing a broad range of residential, commercial and industrial customers, competitive retail electricity suppliers, environmental groups, communities and other key stakeholders. This wide range of support reflects the hard work by those involved to produce an agreement that benefits all parties.

I hereby request the Commission to enter this letter into the docket in case #11-0346-EL-SSO, and respectfully request the Commission's approval of the stipulation, as filed, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Randy Marvel
Vice President

CC The Honorable John Kasich
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Shawn Starlin
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Findlay·Hancock County
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a division of the Findlay-Hancock County Alliance

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Sincerely,

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Defiance County
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nov. 8, 2011
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attention: Chairman Todd Snitchler

Docket # 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

Defiance County Economic Development would like to voice support of the proposed settlement between American Electric Power and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Defiance County is served jointly by AEP and First Energy. Our Enterprise Industrial Park is served entirely by American Electric Power and the Dietrich Industries Property, located at 761 W. High St. in Hicksville, is also served by AEP. The Dietrich Industries property is the location for the proposed steel structure manufacturing facility scheduled to employ 200 Ohioans by 2012. Enterprise Industrial Park is the location of a proposed $22 million rail shipment facility that could open by fall of 2012.

Economic development is and will remain a high priority for Defiance County. Projects like the two mentioned above and others will do much to improve the quality of life for northwest Ohio residents. Utility providers like AEP are often a deciding factor when a company considers investment in Defiance County compared to other states. Defiance County Economic Development believes that the proposed settlement will allow AEP to continue to provide the competitive rates, economic development assistance and other services that make Ohio competitive on a global scale.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hayes
Executive Director

Cc: Randy Payne

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November 4, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attn: Chairman Snitchler
Regarding: Docket # 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Dedicated to facilitating the growth and development of our local businesses, the members of the Fostoria Economic Development Corporation are pleased to hear about and support AEP Ohio's ESP Settlement Agreement.

Enhanced power generation resources and the increased reliability of the overall power distribution is an important quality in economic development. Prospective and existing businesses look to competitively priced products when planning for, sustaining and growing their current operations.

I believe this transaction is all about the consumers. AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner; they continually work with our partnering organizations large and small to provide a better quality of life.

Keeping up with the increased demands, having the capacity to serve and drive innovation while remaining competitively priced are all critical issues for area businesses.
Retaining those provisions will go a long way towards making Ohio more attractive when decisions are being made for future strategic investments and creation or retention of high-paying manufacturing jobs.

We applaud AEP Ohio's efforts to reach an agreement with innumerable stakeholders on its Electric Security Plan. We would be honored if you would include our letter of support into the docket for case # 11-0346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Reinhard

Joan M. Reinhard, Executive Director
Fostoria Economic Development Corporation

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October 29, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

The purpose of this communication is to lend our organization's strong support of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan.

AEP Ohio, through its Partnership with Ohio Fund, has helped Andrews House greatly in assisting individuals and families who are disadvantaged, disenfranchised, unlucky and sometimes forgotten. In particular, it has aided us with nutrition programs for children and additional programming for families with limited means. Since the majority of the clients we serve are low-income, it has been important for us to stay current and understand utility rate matters. We believe that the AEP Settlement Plan does not set a limit on rate shopping nor affect the ability of customers to shop for a competitive retail electricity supplier – either through community aggregation or directly with a retail electricity supplier other than AEP. The ability to do such shopping has existed for some time before the AEP Settlement Plan was framed. The Settlement Plan facilitates rate shopping as opposed to impeding it.

Our organization spoke in favor of the original Electric Security Plan proposed by AEP Ohio earlier this summer and we support the Settlement Plan that has resulted. The Settlement Plan is a compromise with several advantages. It provides clarity and direction for both the company and those is serves. It aids retail shopping and promotes needed economic development, while still keeping the company's rates among the lowest in the state. And, based on the number of organizations that have signed off on the plan, it has gained broad support.

Please share our endorsement of the Settlement Plan with the rest of the Commissioners. Thank you for letting us comment on what we believe is a fair and reasonable proposal for AEP Ohio, its customers, and the communities it serves.

Sincerely yours,

Donald G. Chenoweth, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Carroll County

October 31st, 2001

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
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AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner and works with our organizations to help provide a better quality of life to local residents. We look forward to continuing our community focused efforts with AEP Ohio through their Partnership With Ohio Fund, helping many of the less fortunate in our community.

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Thank you for adding these sentiments to the docket.

Sincerely,

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Date: November 1, 2011

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AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner and works with our Belmont and Monroe County Division of Wheeling Health Right to help provide a better quality of life to local residents of Belmont and Monroe Counties. Many patients in these two counties have benefited greatly from the community partnership that our organization enjoys with AEP, Ohio by receiving much needed quality health care and life-sustaining medications. We look forward to continuing our community focused efforts with AEP Ohio through their Partnership With Ohio Fund, helping many of the less fortunate in our community.

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Thank you for adding these sentiments to the docket.

Sincerely,

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Gallia County

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ~ COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

November 4, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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Attn: Chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

The Gallia County Chamber of Commerce is requesting to add their support to the growing number of communities, organizations and individuals, who are speaking out in favor of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan.

According to our information and understanding, AEP Ohio's settlement agreement does not cap shopping or the ability for customers to look for a competitive retail electricity supplier, either through community aggregation or directly with a competitive retail electric supply (CRES) provider. Long before AEP introduced this Electric Security Plan (ESP), the capability to shop existed. In fact, it is enhanced through the settlement.

AEP has long been a strong community partner, clearly focused on job growth and business retention in our community. Through the AEP Ohio Growth Fund, utilizing this settlement plan, AEP Ohio will contribute to the State's economic development efforts. Designed to significantly expand AEP Ohio's ongoing support of economic development, the Fund will be most useful in attracting new investment and associated job growth across Ohio.

Providing clarity and direction for AEP Ohio and its customers, the settlement agreement is a compromise, affording much needed certainty around critical public policy. Overall, the plan enhances retail shopping, promotes economic development, asset development and an orderly transition to fully market-based generation rates.

Thank you for adding these sentiments from the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Wiseman, President

Lorie Neal, IOM, Executive Director

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November 7, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bill W Dingus

Bill Dingus, PhD.
Executive Director

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CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

David J. Berger, Mayor

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November 3, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attention: Chairman Todd Snitchler

Re: Docket # 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing to state strong support for the proposed settlement between American Electric Power and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The City of Lima is served in its entirety by AEP. Thus, our citizens, commercial businesses and industries, as well as local governmental operations are very dependent upon the quality, reliability and pricing of that service. We consider that service an asset and aggressively pursue economic development opportunities with AEP as a collaborative partner.

Upon reviewing the proposed settlement, the City of Lima is impressed by a number of features: First, because economic development is at the top of everyone's priority list, the provision for substantial resources being dedicated to economic development investments must be applauded. Competition between states is fierce and the many differentiated ways that utility services are evaluated by prospective business enterprises, particularly manufacturing industries, necessitate resources that can address systemic improvements and keep Ohio competitive. Second, the opportunity to consider community aggregation and solicit among multiple providers, including AEP's discounted generation, is important to creating market forces that can assure the lowest possible price to consumers. Third, the Partnership for Ohio Fund is a significant resources for assisting low income households within AEP's service territory. Increasing poverty rates create a demand for lifeline services that must be anticipated and provided. And, finally, the opportunity to pursue energy efficiency infrastructure projects under this settlement matches up with the immediate and long-term needs of communities to provide public services while reducing costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input to the process of moving this proposed settlement to final approval and implementation.

Sincerely,

David J. Berger
Mayor

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October 31, 2011

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Thank you for adding these sentiments to the docket.

Serving those in need,

Kevin James Crowley
Executive Director

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November 8, 2011

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Dear Chairman Snitchler,

I am writing to you in support the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan which I think is a good idea because of the reasons below. I hope you will add my ideas to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO.

1) The agreement does not prevent customers from shopping for a competitive retail electricity supplier, but actually enhances this option.
2) AEP is a great community partner, working both with social service agencies and the arts, to make Ohio a better place for everyone.
3) The agreement is a compromise that will give direction to the company and provide clarity on this important public policy.

Finally, on a personal note, AEP has been a great community partner to the arts in Stark County. We have run a learning experiment in certain schools for the last three years called the SmArts Program. It has demonstrated once again that integrating the arts into the curriculum makes "smarter kids"—higher tests scores. We are now expanding this program across Stark County and stressing math and science and reading as its key components. AEP has been bold and innovative in its support of this effort. In short, they are a company who cares about their communities.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Hankins (Robb)
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TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 1, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Robinson

Scott Robinson, President
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Jackson County
Economic Development Board

November 8, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Jacobs

Jennifer Jacobs, Executive Director
Jackson County Economic Development Board

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11/8/11

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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Attn: chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Please know that my previous testimony before your committee remains unchanged. My support of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan continues.

The customer's ability to shop for a competitive retail electricity supplier has existed for a long time. AEP's ESP Settlement Plan does not hinder that ability but actually causes it to be enhanced.

AEP Ohio has always been a strong partner with communities and has worked diligently to help provide job opportunities and to retain job creating businesses in our area. The proposed settlement plan will provide critical assistance to economic development efforts through the AEP Ohio Growth Fund. At a time when local, state and federal funding sources are shrinking, AEP Ohio offers a resource that is not only critical, but otherwise unavailable.

The settlement plan offers stability for customers and communities in a very unstable era. We emphatically encourage support of AEP Ohio's ESP Settlement Plan.

Please add these sentiments to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

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Economic Development Director

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November 10, 2011

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Attn: Chairman Snitchler

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Thank you for adding these sentiments to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO

Sincerely,

Patricia J. DeMonte

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November 14, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attn: Chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Please accept this letter of support from Columbus2020!, Central Ohio's regional economic development organization, in favor of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan. Competitive, reliable energy within the Columbus region is critical to our economic growth strategy.

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Sincerely,

Kenny McDonald

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Date: 11/10/11

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Sincerely,

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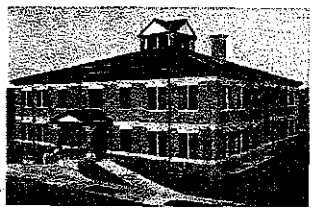

Auglaize County

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November 3, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

During the summer Auglaize County determined it wanted to place opt-out governmental aggregation on the November ballot for the voters' consideration. Furthermore our community decided to participate in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) program. From our conversations with the CCAO, townships and cities in eight different counties representing 45,000 to 50,000 residential and small commercial consumers are on the November 1st ballot in AEP's distribution service territory. If the voters agree ratify opt-out governmental aggregation, our community would become part of the CCAO's current nine-county program that already has 70,000 residential and small commercial consumers working together.

Yet despite the effort and the voters' expectations, provisions in AEP's Electricity Security Plan (ESP) proposed settlement effectively caps or limits shopping. Worse yet, the timing of the provisions are very likely to shut out our consumers from enjoying any savings. No settlement should eliminate the opportunity for governmental aggregation to capture savings for consumers after it has already been placed on the ballot.

The policy of this state to ensure effective competition in the provision of electric service – 4928.02 of the Ohio Revised Code – and it is the PUCO's mission to facilitate an environment that provides competitive choices. The reason our community's consumers have the potential for saving money on our electric generation supply is because a competitive generation supplier is competing for our business. It's apparent that the cap in AEP's proposed settlement is an attempt to prevent competitive suppliers from serving all the customers in their service area that want to save money.

Right now, hundreds of thousands of consumers living in hundreds of other Ohio communities are saving money through their aggregation programs. Why are we being penalized for being AEP customers? And why should AEP be able to dictate which groups of residents and businesses are allowed to save money on their electric bills?

If the PUCO approves the caps, the people and businesses in communities like Auglaize County will miss out on these savings. Other communities in Ohio have this opportunity to save and so should we.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Bergman

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Board of County Commissioners
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO

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CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

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November 3, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attention: Chairman Todd Snitchler

Re: Docket # 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing to state strong support for the proposed settlement between American Electric Power and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The City of Lima is served in its entirety by AEP. Thus, our citizens, commercial businesses and industries, as well as local governmental operations are very dependent upon the quality, reliability and pricing of that service. We consider that service an asset and aggressively pursue economic development opportunities with AEP as a collaborative partner.

Upon reviewing the proposed settlement, the City of Lima is impressed by a number of features: First, because economic development is at the top of everyone's priority list, the provision for substantial resources being dedicated to economic development investments must be applauded. Competition between states is fierce and the many differentiated ways that utility services are evaluated by prospective business enterprises, particularly manufacturing industries, necessitate resources that can address systemic improvements and keep Ohio competitive. Second, the opportunity to consider community aggregation and solicit among multiple providers, including AEP's discounted generation, is important to creating market forces that can assure the lowest possible price to consumers. Third, the Partnership for Ohio Fund is a significant resources for assisting low income households within AEP's service territory. Increasing poverty rates create a demand for lifeline services that must be anticipated and provided. And, finally, the opportunity to pursue energy efficiency infrastructure projects under this settlement matches up with the immediate and long-term needs of communities to provide public services while reducing costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input to the process of moving this proposed settlement to final approval and implementation.

Sincerely,

David J. Berger
Mayor

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Gallia County

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ~ COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

November 4, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Attn: Chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

The Gallia County Chamber of Commerce is requesting to add their support to the growing number of communities, organizations and individuals, who are speaking out in favor of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan.

According to our information and understanding, AEP Ohio's settlement agreement does not cap shopping or the ability for customers to look for a competitive retail electricity supplier, either through community aggregation or directly with a competitive retail electric supply (CRES) provider. Long before AEP introduced this Electric Security Plan (ESP), the capability to shop existed. In fact, it is enhanced through the settlement.

AEP has long been a strong community partner, clearly focused on job growth and business retention in our community. Through the AEP Ohio Growth Fund, utilizing this settlement plan, AEP Ohio will contribute to the State's economic development efforts. Designed to significantly expand AEP Ohio's ongoing support of economic development, the Fund will be most useful in attracting new investment and associated job growth across Ohio.

Providing clarity and direction for AEP Ohio and its customers, the settlement agreement is a compromise, affording much needed certainty around critical public policy. Overall, the plan enhances retail shopping, promotes economic development, asset development and an orderly transition to fully market-based generation rates.

Thank you for adding these sentiments from the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

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November 7, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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November 7, 2011

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Huff

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President and CEO

County of Scioto

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11/8/11

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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Attn: chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Please know that my previous testimony before your committee remains unchanged. My support of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan continues.

The customer's ability to shop for a competitive retail electricity supplier has existed for a long time. AEP's ESP Settlement Plan does not hinder that ability but actually causes it to be enhanced.

AEP Ohio has always been a strong partner with communities and has worked diligently to help provide job opportunities and to retain job creating businesses in our area. The proposed settlement plan will provide critical assistance to economic development efforts through the AEP Ohio Growth Fund. At a time when local, state and federal funding sources are shrinking, AEP Ohio offers a resource that is not only critical, but otherwise unavailable.

The settlement plan offers stability for customers and communities in a very unstable era. We emphatically encourage support of AEP Ohio's ESP Settlement Plan.

Please add these sentiments to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

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Economic Development Director

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Defiance County
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nov. 8, 2011
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attention: Chairman Todd Snitchler

Docket # 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

Defiance County Economic Development would like to voice support of the proposed settlement between American Electric Power and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Defiance County is served jointly by AEP and First Energy. Our Enterprise Industrial Park is served entirely by American Electric Power and the Dietrich Industries Property, located at 761 W. High St. in Hicksville, is also served by AEP. The Dietrich Industries property is the location for the proposed steel structure manufacturing facility scheduled to employ 200 Ohioans by 2012. Enterprise Industrial Park is the location of a proposed $22 million rail shipment facility that could open by fall of 2012.

Economic development is and will remain a high priority for Defiance County. Projects like the two mentioned above and others will do much to improve the quality of life for northwest Ohio residents. Utility providers like AEP are often a deciding factor when a company considers investment in Defiance County compared to other states. Defiance County Economic Development believes that the proposed settlement will allow AEP to continue to provide the competitive rates, economic development assistance and other services that make Ohio competitive on a global scale.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hayes

Jerry Hayes
Executive Director

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

John Davoli, Mayor
City of Fostoria, Ohio

Carroll County OHIO

October 31st, 2001

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Thank you for adding these sentiments to the docket.

Sincerely,

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November 4, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attn: Chairman Snitchler
Regarding: Docket # 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Dedicated to facilitating the growth and development of our local businesses, the members of the Fostoria Economic Development Corporation are pleased to hear about and support AEP Ohio's ESP Settlement Agreement.

Enhanced power generation resources and the increased reliability of the overall power distribution is an important quality in economic development. Prospective and existing businesses look to competitively priced products when planning for, sustaining and growing their current operations.

I believe this transaction is all about the consumers. AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner; they continually work with our partnering organizations large and small to provide a better quality of life.

Keeping up with the increased demands, having the capacity to serve and drive innovation while remaining competitively priced are all critical issues for area businesses.
Retaining those provisions will go a long way towards making Ohio more attractive when decisions are being made for future strategic investments and creation or retention of high-paying manufacturing jobs.

We applaud AEP Ohio's efforts to reach an agreement with innumerable stakeholders on its Electric Security Plan. We would be honored if you would include our letter of support into the docket for case # 11-0346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Reinhard

Joan M. Reinhard, Executive Director
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October 25, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

St. Clair Township is in AEP Ohio's service area. As a community who has the opportunity to provide its residents and small businesses with discounted electricity through a governmental aggregation program, we are genuinely concerned that the proposed settlement on AEP's Electric Security Plan (ESP) will effectively bring this type of discount program to an end for the next few years.

The proposed settlement includes unreasonable provisions which serve as caps or limitations on shopping and will limit the number of residents allowed to switch electric suppliers each year. Once this cap is hit, our community – and others like ours – will be effectively shut out from enjoying any savings. Hundreds of other Ohio communities in neighboring utilities are receiving savings through their aggregation programs. Why are we being penalized for being AEP customers? And why should AEP be able to dictate which groups of residents and businesses are allowed to save money on their electric bills?

It is the policy of this state to ensure effective competition in the provision of electric service – 4928.02 of the Ohio Revised Code – and it is the PUCO's mission to facilitate and environment that provides competitive choices. We ask that you encourage large scale governmental aggregation as required by Ohio law – 4928.20(K) – by rejecting or significantly altering this settlement agreement to remove the caps. However, if the shopping caps are going to be implemented, we propose that governmental aggregation communities be exempted from the caps.

The reason our community has the potential for saving money on our electric generation supply is because a competitive generation supplier is completing for our business. It's apparent that AEP is attempting to prevent competitive suppliers from serving the customers in their service area. And if they are successful, the people and businesses in communities like St. Clair Township will miss out on these savings. Other communities in Ohio have this opportunity to save and so should we.

Sincerely,

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TUSCARAWAS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 1, 2011

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attn: Chairman Snitchler
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Sincerely,

Scott Robinson

Scott Robinson, President
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