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December 1, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Van Wert County Commissioners authored and sent to you a letter, taking issue with and opposing AEP's Electricity Security Plan (ESP). We have recently discovered some new information that changes our position. Therefore, we respectfully withdraw our letter of objection, and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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November 29, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

We, the Allen County Commissions, recently sent you a letter outlining concerns about the provisions in AEP's Electricity Security Plan (ESP) proposed settlement that effectively caps or limits shopping. In addition, we thought the timing of the provisions would likely shut out our consumers in Allen County from any savings.

We now believe we overstated our concerns in that previous letter. Upon reflection we cite the following exceptions to our concerns: first, we cite AEP's provisions for substantial resources dedicated to economic development investments; second, we note the opportunity to consider local aggregation and solicit among multiple providers; and third we recognize the significant resources for assisting low income households within AEP's service territory through the Partnership for Ohio Fund. Finally, we now recogize that the proposed settlement does not in fact cap, nor does it effectively shut out consumers in Allen County from any savings.

We believe that our active participation in the competitive process will provide us savings from competitive generation suppliers.

Consequently, please allow us to amend our previous letter of concern as describe in this letter.

Sincerely

W. Dan Reiff

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