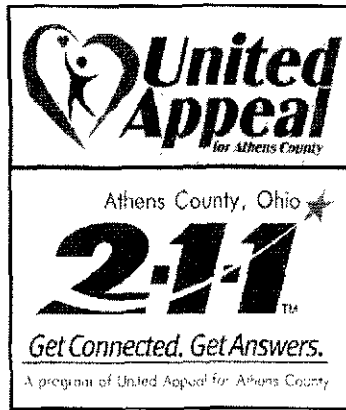


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Chairman Snitchler  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Please allow me to add my support to the growing number of communities, organizations and individuals speaking out in favor of the AEP Ohio modified Electric Security Plan (ESP).

It is my understanding that AEP Ohio's plan does not restrict the ability of customers to shop for a retail electricity supplier, either through community aggregation or directly with a competitive retail electric supply (CRES) provider. The capability to shop has existed long before AEP Ohio introduced its ESP and is supported by the plan. If the goal is to establish a truly competitive marketplace, AEP Ohio will need to be able to fully compete, which is best guaranteed through a predictable and orderly transition to market.

AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner with United Appeal for Athens County. Each year, their employees contribute individually and with corporate matching dollars to help people in Athens County meet their basic needs. In recent years, AEP Ohio Partnership with Ohio Fund provided United Appeal over \$45,000. These funds directly helped 125 families stay in their homes through mortgage and rental financial assistance.

The company's recent ESP is a compromise that provides clarity and direction for the company and its customers, while providing much needed certainty around critical public policy. Overall, it is a plan that enhances retail shopping, promotes economic development, asset investment and an orderly transition to fully market-based generation rates.

Thank you for adding these sentiments to Docket No. 11-346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

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