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

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Please allow me to share with you the positive impact AEP Ohio has had in Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties in East Central Ohio.

In addition to their continued support of our annual campaign, AEP Ohio has awarded a Partnership with Ohio (PWO) grant to the United Way of Tuscarawas County for each of the last four years. The United Way of Tuscarawas County has utilized these PWO funds to assist low-income residents facing housing emergencies as well as to provide women in rural areas with access to health screenings.

From 2009 to 2011 the United Way of Tuscarawas County received a total of \$34,391 in PWO funding. With these funds, United Way was able to assist 116 low-income households facing eviction or foreclosure by providing rent and mortgage assistance.

In 2012, the United Way received a \$10,000 grant to provide emergency housing assistance and an additional \$10,000 grant to provide health screenings to low-income women living in Carroll County, Ohio.

For their commitment to assisting those in need, AEP Ohio has been recognized by the United Way of Tuscarawas as our "Emergency Needs Care Area Partner of the Year" in 2010 and 2011.

In conclusion, funding from the Partnership with Ohio program has been vital in stabilizing area families impacted by the economic downturn and local housing crisis of the last few years. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to share the positive impact we have achieved with the help of AEP Ohio.

AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner and works to help provide job growth and business retention in our community, both vital in assuring the health and vibrancy of each community they serve.

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

Sincerely,

Alison Kerns
President/CEO
United Way of Tuscarawas County, Inc.

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May 1, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

On behalf of the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) representing 16 counties in Eastern Ohio, President Tracy Drake and I add our 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 our 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.

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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.

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Sincerely,

EASTERN OHIO DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE


Tracy Drake
President


Dale Hileman
Executive Director



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Dear Chairman Snitchler,

AEP Ohio is a strong supporter of Freestore Foodbank. We serve about 300 food pantries and soup kitchens in our service area, including many in AEP Ohio's business area. The company has made significant donations that have included funds and CFL light bulbs for us to distribute to our needy clients. These donations have helped us work to stabilize the lives of our clients, creating stronger communities and a stronger economy.

AEP Ohio certainly understands the needs of our clients and has played an important part in helping them move to self-sufficiency.

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

Sincerely,

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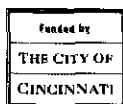
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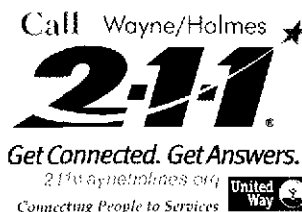


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Dear Chairman Snitchler,

As AEP Ohio makes its request for its modified Electric Security Plan (ESP), I would like to add our testimony concerning the company's relationship with its community partners.

Public Private Partnerships are the life blood of United Ways. The partnership United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties has enjoyed with American Electric Power is certainly no exception.

While most people think only in terms of this company funding our annual campaign, which by the way, since 2006 they have reinvested in our community to the tune of some \$37,000, but in terms of grants which have enabled our community partners to help low income residents in both Wayne and Holmes Counties.

Year before last, People to People Ministries, one of Wayne Counties Largest Emergency Support Agencies received some \$11,386 in two grants which combined were able to help 59 families maintain a roof over their head. Last year, AEP released an additional \$5,314 which again went to People to People Ministries to assist individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless

We also received \$1,406 dollars to share with the Holmes County Health Department which was able to provide primary and urgent health care to more than 30 people. Last year, we were awarded an additional \$1,246 to be used in the same way in Holmes County.

Finally, a request to AEP for grant funding for the expansion of our two-county information and referral program was rewarded with \$2,500 which was utilized to transform our five day a week, 8-5 operation to a 24/7, 365 days a year, 2-1-1 program.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share information about our collaborative endeavors with American Electric Power.

AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner both in the not-for-profit world as well as our industrial/business community. They are engaged in helping maintain the vibrancy of our community.

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Sincerely,

Brenda P. Linnick, Executive Director, United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties, Inc.