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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 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 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.

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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Dear Chairman Snitchler,

I write today to express sincere appreciation for the work that American Electric Power does in central Ohio to support our community.

From its support for the City of Columbus' redevelopment of downtown and the Scioto Mile project, to the countless partnerships with non-profit organizations providing essential human service, educational and cultural support throughout the region, AEP is a respected leader in Columbus philanthropy.

AEP is helping lead efforts at COSI to educate the public about critical energy issues facing society today such as monitoring usage and enhancing conservation, technological advancements in energy production, alternatives to traditional sources of energy, and the like. AEP leadership in this area is not only assisting COSI in researching the best ways to support better public understanding around energy, but also helping us share our best practices with other science center colleagues around the globe.

Thank you for the opportunity to share some of the ways in which AEP supports the Columbus community and COSI through its significant support and partnerships with many non-profit and public colleagues. COSI and the community have benefited and will continue to benefit with a strong and healthy AEP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David E. Chesebrough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "D" and "C".

David E. Chesebrough
President and CEO

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