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Chairman Todd A. Snitchler
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Columbus, OH 43215

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Re: In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Ohio Rev. Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan (Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO)

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing this letter in support of the Turning Point Solar Array project. I strongly believe that energy is the "calling card" which will transform Southeast Ohio into a significant economic asset for the state. Our region is one of the very best places in the country for the total energy package.

Turning Point, under the leadership of David Wilhelm, has led the way by creating a vision for economic growth through the planning and development of the solar array project. Mr. Wilhelm and his staff have also coordinated the efforts of legislators, business leaders, and educators to develop all facets of the energy sector.

I am confident that the Turning Point Solar Array project will produce cost effective production, transmission, and delivery of alternative energy sources that will be the "corner store" for other clean energy development within the region.

Leaders in Muskingum, Guernsey, and Noble counties are collaborating to ensure that the Turning Point Solar project becomes a reality. The project has brought new hope and excitement to the region. My organization has developed an Alternative Energy Technology program to train technicians in the application of photovoltaic technology.

Southeast Ohio, with the addition of the Turning Point Solar Array, is well positioned to contribute significantly to the success of a national priority to reduce U.S. dependency on foreign sources of energy.

Please docket this letter in PUCO Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Brown, Ed.D.
President

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