



## Hilliard City School District

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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RE: Hilliard City School District's Opposition to American Electric Power Company's Electric Security Plan; PUCO Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler and Commissioners:

I write on behalf of the Hilliard City School District to urge you to reject or modify American Electric Power's application for an electric security plan. As you likely are aware, Ohio's public primary and secondary schools have undergone funding cuts at the state and federal levels for the current biennium. In fact, our District is experiencing almost \$14 million in total funding losses over the 2012-2013 biennium. These funding cuts have caused our district to reduce staffing levels (both teaching and non-teaching positions). We fear that increases to our already sizeable electric bills will lead to more staff reductions and compromise our ability to provide students with a quality education.

We believe it is unreasonable that AEP is attempting to implement a capacity charge that is more than *fifteen* times the current market-based charge; is proposing to discount that charge to competitive retail electric service providers; and is asking all of its customers (including the schools) to pay a Retail Stability Rider to compensate it for the discount. We're aware that AEP is in the process of transitioning to a competitive market, but our District should not be placed in a position to "bail out" AEP during the three-year transition period, especially during a time when our own limited taxpayer resources have been so dramatically cut. We simply cannot afford it.

Respectfully yours,

Brian W. Wilson  
Treasurer/CFO  
Hilliard City School District

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