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

*Re: In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company to  
Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to §4928.143,  
Ohio Rev. Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan,  
Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO et al.*

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

On August 8, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) issued its Opinion and Order in the above-captioned cases involving the Electric Security Plan for Ohio Power Company (dba AEP Ohio). On page 40 of the Opinion and Order, the Commission directed AEP Ohio to file a proposed competitive bidding process (CBP) relating to the SSO energy auctions by December 31, 2012. The Commission also directed the Company to initiate a stakeholder process within 30 days regarding the Standard Service Offer (SSO) energy auctions adopted in the Opinion and Order. Through this letter (which is being filed in the docket and served on all parties of record), AEP Ohio is initiating the CBP stakeholder process relating to the SSO energy auctions.

While a more detailed schedule will be forthcoming soon, the Company wanted to take the initial step of soliciting interest from the parties of record to determine who would like to participate in the CBP stakeholder process as it moves forward. To that end, any interested party should send an expression of interest that lists individual email addresses for persons that wish to be involved on behalf of the party to the following email address: [ohiocbp@aep.com](mailto:ohiocbp@aep.com). That registration will ensure that such parties will be notified of information associated with the CBP stakeholder process. In order to allow for parties to express interest and maximize participation prior to discussing substantive issues in the CBP stakeholder process, the Company will not conduct the first meeting for at least 14 days from today. Ultimately, AEP Ohio plans to use the listserve to distribute information regarding meetings and agendas/topics to stakeholder participants.

Regarding the list of issues to be discussed by the CBP stakeholder group, I am advised by counsel that there may be applications for rehearing filed today that involve issues related to the SSO energy auctions. Consequently, the stakeholder group will initially discuss CBP issues

relating to issues not addressed in any application for rehearing that is filed. Any related issues that are raised on rehearing will be deferred until the Commission issues its rehearing decision and further addresses those matters.

The Company is not requesting further action by the Commission through this letter but is simply filing this communication as a measure of transparency and to provide public notice that the CBP stakeholder process is being initiated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elyse Sim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elyse" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Sim".

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the *Correspondence* was served by electronic mail upon counsel for all other parties of record in this case on this 7th day of September, 2012.

//s/ Steven T. Nourse

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Summary: Correspondence to Hon. Chairman Todd Snitchler electronically filed by Mr. Steven T Nourse on behalf of American Electric Power Service Corporation