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The Honorable Jonathan J. Tauber
Attorney Examiner
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus Ohio 43215-3793

Re: *In the Matter of the Commission's Review of Customer Rate Impacts from Ohio Power Company's Transition to Market Based Rates*, Case No. 13-1530-EL-UNC

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Examiner Tauber:

On July 26, 2013, Staff filed a motion seeking an extension of the comment cycle in this case. Less than an hour later, the Attorney Examiner granted the request. While such efficiency is impressive and AEP Ohio understands that Staff's requests are often given priority, the Company would like to briefly be heard in response to the request and ask that, consistent with the Commission's own procedural rules, consideration also be given to the Company's response. AEP Ohio does not oppose an extension of the comment cycle, but requests that the deadline for reply comments be moved back to September 6, 2013. The Company would appreciate having extra time for potential reply comments in this docket, particularly since (1) AEP Ohio already has major litigation deadlines involving Commission cases and related Supreme Court appeals that straddle the Labor Day weekend, (2) the Company has no way of estimating the scope and breadth of initial comments to be filed, and (3) there is no apparent urgency to consider the longer-term issues presented in this docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Parties of Record

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Summary: Correspondence to Examiner Tauber electronically filed by Mr. Steven T Nourse on behalf of Ohio Power Company