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PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson 180 East Broad St Columbus, OH 43215

Subject: Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM

Dear Chairman Johnson:

We are aware that Ohio is facing a period of unprecedented uncertainty related to the future supply of low-cost reliable energy. It is our understanding that several key factors have drastically changed the generation landscape, including flawed capacity markets that have created depressed market prices and increasingly difficult environmental regulations.

We have learned that since 2012, investor-owned utilities in Ohio have announced the retirement of over 5,500 MW of generation by mid-2015. The majority of these retirements were announced in response to several new regulations imposed by the EPA. However, current market conditions are such that even plants that will be environmentally compliant and are equipped to run reliably for many more years may be forced to shutter for economic reasons. As a result, Ohio will be a large importer of energy for the foreseeable future.

One of those plants is our local AEP Conesville facility in Coshocton County. This plant provides valuable employment and significant economic benefit to our community. According to our information, last year this plant employed 260 people and another 150 contractors and truck drivers, bringing in more than \$18,544,000 of income combined. In addition, it provided an economic benefit of \$3.1 million in property taxes while generating more than 4.7 MWh of electricity for Ohio residents and businesses. AEP Conesville plant is vital to our community.

Conesville AEP is efficient, environmentally compliant, and provides reliable and affordable electricity. The possible loss of this plant is totally unacceptable to our community. We believe

AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal is not a "bailout." It actually is a plan that protects Ohio's economy by keeping hundreds of Ohioans employed and millions of dollars of annual economic benefit in place while helping shield AEP Ohio's customers from market volatility. It is a good plan and we encourage you to approve the plan as it is filed in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM. Please docket this letter in support of AEP Ohio's plan and as part of the record in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Larry Boal - Franklin Township Trustee

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cc: Governor John Kasich