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November 17, 2014

Chairman Thomas W. Johnson
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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Dear Chairman Johnson,

On behalf of the Vinton County Commissioners, I urge you to approve AEP Ohio's proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as filed.

There are several factors that have caused the uncertainty of the supply of low-cost energy. Several including imperfect capacity markets that have created low market prices and increasingly difficult environmental regulations.

Since 2012, investor-owned utilities in Ohio have announced the retirement of over 5,500 MW of generation by mid-2015. This announcement is 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 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.

These plants represent significant economic benefits to Ohio and local economies in terms of employment, wages and taxes paid. These facilities provide approximately \$86 million in direct income and indirectly contribute to over \$173 million of income to the state by the more than 1,100 employees.. It is estimated the total economic benefit (both direct and indirect) to Ohio from these plants exceeds \$500 million annually.

AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal 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 I encourage you to

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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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Bledsoe, President

Vinton County Commissioner

Cc: Governor John Kasich, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215-6108



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

The Honorable John Kasich
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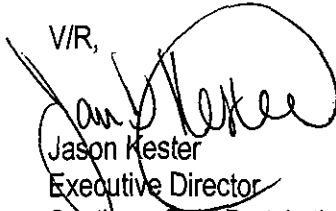
Dear Governor Kasich,

I am writing to express my support for AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) proposal. As the executive director of the Southern Ohio Port Authority (SOPA) this proposal is important to me for three reasons: (1) a reliable source of electricity is key to economic development; (2) three of the four plants and nearly 800 employees included in this plan are from southern and southeastern Ohio; and (3) AEP has provided significant support to my economic development efforts by providing financial assistance which has allowed us to complete a brownfield inventory, engineering of road access to our various river ports, and an economic development website. AEP is a key contributor to the success of Southern Ohio and we fully support their proposal.

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.

The loss of these facilities means the loss of jobs and taxes in Ohio. These plants represent significant economic benefits to Ohio and local economies in terms of employment, wages and taxes paid. More than 1,100 employees at these facilities, including many of the members we serve, provide approximately \$86 million in direct income and indirectly contribute to over \$173 million of income to the state. It is estimated the total economic benefit (both direct and indirect) to Ohio from these plants exceeds \$500 million annually. AEP's proposal 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.

I strongly encourage you and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to support AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal.

V/R,

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cc: Chairman Thomas Johnson, Ohio Public Utilities Commission



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November 17, 2014

Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Johnson:

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

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) works closely with sister economic development organizations to bring new enterprise to the area. We are equally concerned about the economic viability of industry already located here.

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. We are concerned that this could result in a significant spike in energy costs to local industries. This possibility, along with the potential power plant closings, are the catalysts for our forwarding this request for approval of AEP's Purchase Power Agreement. Plant closings could result in the loss of 1,100 jobs at these facilities, along with \$86 million in direct income. These plants indirectly contribute over \$173 million to the State.

The loss of these facilities that are efficient and environmentally compliant and provide reliable and affordable electricity is unacceptable. AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal is not a bailout as others would suggest. It 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 I 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,

Norm Blanchard
Economic Development Director

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cc: Governor John Kasich

Guernsey County Port Authority

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

Dear Chairman Johnson:

The Guernsey County Port Authority (GCPA) is positioned to have a significant impact on the economic viability of the area. We see the impact a successful business has on the community and the residents it serves. Good-paying jobs and support of a community tax base has a rippling effect that reaches many. However, we also see the devastating effect a business can have when it can no longer operate as intended. That is why we strongly encourage you and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to support AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal.

The plants listed in this proposal were originally built to serve Ohio load, and for decades have provided low-cost power to Ohio residents. It is appropriate for AEP Ohio to re-dedicate these plants to provide ongoing economic benefits to Ohio customers for their remaining life. This is even more important in light of several utilities in Ohio announcing the retirement of significant generation by the middle of next year. When combined with current market conditions for electricity, we will see viable, environmentally-compliant plants, which could run for years to come, be forced to shut down for economic reasons. This is unacceptable, and action needs to be taken now to secure our energy future in Ohio.

The GCPA works to bring new enterprise to the county, but is equally interested in the welfare of companies already located here. We are forwarding this request with the belief that we are acting to protect local industry from potential excessive rate increases that could result from failure to approve this agreement. Therefore, we encourage you to approve AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal. It is not a bailout as others would suggest, but a plan that protects Ohio's economy and shields AEP Ohio's customers from market volatility. Please docket this letter in support of AEP Ohio's plan and as part of the record in this proceeding (Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM).

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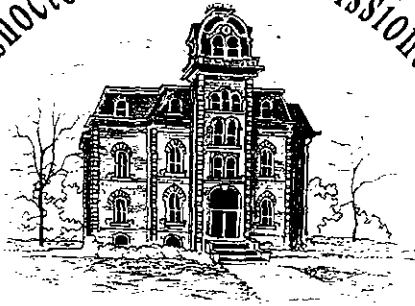


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cc: Governor John Kasich

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Chairman Thomas W. Johnson
PUCO
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RE: PUCO Case Numbers 14-1693-L-RDR and 14-1694-EL-AAM

Chairman Johnson:

The Coshocton County Commissioners would like to support American Electric Powers bid in the case numbers listed above to set a floor for the minimum price they will be permitted to sell at.

There are several key factors that we feel are beneficial to Coshocton County as a whole in our support of this issue. One of the plants to be affected is the Conesville Plant in Coshocton County. This plant provides employment and significant economic benefit to the community we serve. Last year alone, this plant employed 260 people and another 150 contractors and truck drivers, bringing in more than \$18,544,000 of income combined. Additionally, the loss of this plant with the 3.1 million dollars in property taxes paid would have a tremendous impact on several of our local school systems. This would also have a major impact on Township Government as well.

The Appalachian region of Ohio has seen significant plant closures over the past several years. Our community cannot continue to endure these types of potential losses.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

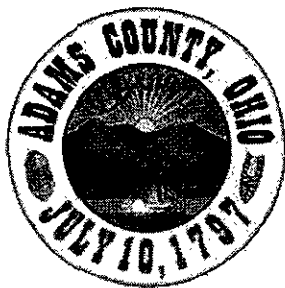
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THE BOARD OF COSHOCTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Chairman Johnson,

On behalf of the Adams County Commission, I am urging you to approve AEP Ohio's proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as filed.

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

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 that may be at risk is the Stuart Plant located here in Adams County. This plant provides valuable employment and significant economic benefit to our county. In 2013 the plant, 26% owned by AEP, employed 375 people. In addition, from AEP's interest alone, it provided \$1.6M in property taxes for the county and the generation of 3,500,000 MWH. The additional risk to this efficient and environmentally compliant plant is unacceptable.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Caraway
President
Adams County Commission

Cc: The Honorable John Kasich

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Prepared October 6, 2014

Introduction

- AEP Ohio on Oct. 3, 2014, filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) an expanded Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) designed to provide customers with more stable electricity prices during periods of market volatility while continuing the economic viability of Ohio's generation.
- Ohio is facing a period of unprecedented uncertainty related to the future supply of low-cost reliable energy.
- By mid-2015, approximately 20 percent of investor-owned Ohio generation will be retired making this state a large importer of electricity to meet demand.
- In addition, current market conditions are such that even viable plants that are environmentally compliant may be forced to shutter for economic reasons causing our reliance for power from others to grow.
- The proposed PPA is designed to provide AEP Ohio customers long-term reliability and protect them from the impacts of significant price spikes, while preserving jobs and mitigating a shrinking tax base.

The Company's proposal

- AEP Ohio is proposing an agreement involving approximately 2,700 megawatts of generation located in Ohio that has long-served residents and businesses in the state. Through the agreement, AEP Ohio will be entitled to the capacity, energy and ancillary service output of AEP's ownership share of nine units:
 - Cardinal Unit 1 in Brilliant (Jefferson County)
 - Conesville Units 4, 5 & 6 in Conesville (Coshocton County)
 - Stuart Units 1-4 in Aberdeen (Brown County)
 - Zimmer Unit 1 in Moscow (Clermont County)
- AEP Ohio would bid all of the energy, capacity and ancillary services associated with these units into the PJM market and pass along the resulting net benefits or cost to customers through the proposed non-bypassable PPA rider.
- The recovery mechanism for this rider was proposed as part of the company's latest Electric Security Plan (ESP) that remains pending before the PUCO.

AEP Ohio asks PUCO for expanded purchase power agreement

Issue Summary

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Proposal does not impact auctions, CRES providers

- This proposal does not change the auctions supplying AEP Ohio's Standard Service Offering (SSO) load.
- The energy and capacity will be sold into the PJM market, and because the rider is non- bypassable it will have no adverse impact on CRES providers to compete for customers on a level playing field.
- The PPA proposal allows customers to take advantage of market opportunities while providing added price stability.

Customer impacts

- AEP Ohio is proposing the term of the agreement for the remaining life of the units.
- The PPA rider, when combined with the projected rate decrease from the company's current ESP proposal, will still result in a net decrease beginning June 2015 for the average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month and receiving their generation through AEP Ohio.
- This rate structure will act as a hedge to partially shield customers from the impacts of market volatility. If market prices remain low, the rider would be a minimal net charge to customers while the customers also benefit from the low market prices. If market prices increase, the PPA rider would be a net credit to customers.
- Based on a 10-year projection, this PPA will provide an incremental customer benefit of \$224 million.

Economic benefits

- The proposed PPA also would ensure the continued economic viability of Ohio generation and the associated benefits to the state and local economies in terms of employment, wages and taxes paid.
- The company estimates the total economic benefit to Ohio from these plants exceeds \$500 million annually while supporting nearly 4,600 direct and indirect jobs.



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One of those plants is the AEP-Conesville Plant located in Coshocton, Ohio. This facility provides valuable employment and significant economic benefit to our community. Last year alone, this plant employed 260 people bringing in more than \$18,544,000 of income combined. In addition, it provided an economic benefit of \$3,100,000 in property taxes while generating more than 4,700,000 of electricity for Ohio residents and businesses.

The loss of this facility that is efficient and environmentally compliant and provides reliable and affordable electricity is unacceptable. We ask that you carefully consider the economic impact the possible closing of this plant will have on our local community as well as our Appalachian Region. Our community has lost thousands of jobs and several industries in the past 10-15 years. Our local economy cannot take another plant closing and loss of employment. We truly appreciate AEP's continued investment in our region, and I encourage you to carefully weigh all the pros and cons of Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM before making your final decision.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Skowrunski
Executive Director
Coshocton Port Authority

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Commissioner Asim Z. Haque
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

As a supplier for the electric utility industry and American Electric Power, I am writing to express my concerns about the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan, which I understand will raise the cost of electricity and threaten the reliable supply of electricity that our economy depends upon.

I urge the EPA to develop more realistic emission reduction requirements and a more reasonable timeline for compliance that will keep energy prices as low as possible. We need regulations that strike the appropriate balance between improving the environment, allowing businesses such as ours to compete, and keeping electricity affordable for working Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



James E Durkin
General Manager

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