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November 21, 2014

Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 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.

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 Cardinal Unit 1 in Jefferson County. This plant provides valuable employment and significant economic benefit to the communities I serve. Last year alone, this plant employed 350 people, bringing in more than \$25,133,600 of income combined. In addition, it provided an economic benefit of \$1.8 million in property taxes while generating more than 3.6 MWh 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. 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,

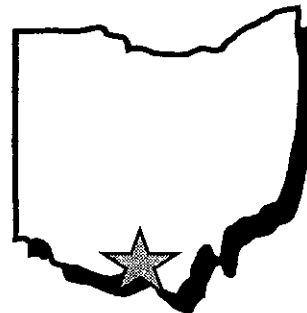
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cc - Governor Kasich

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# **PORTSMOUTH AREA** **Chamber** *of* **Commerce**



November 17, 2014

Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Chairman Johnson,

On behalf of the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, I urge 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.

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 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 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Carver". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lisa Carver  
Executive Director

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

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November 25, 2014

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

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I write to you today as the head of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority, the lead economic development organization in Muskingum County in support of AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) proposal (Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM). It is my understanding that when combined with AEP's electric service plan, the proposed PPA should result in lower electric rates for consumers and businesses, but this savings is a secondary consideration.

I support the PPA proposal because the statutory deregulation of electric generation appears to have missed the mark and created a new set of challenges. The promised cost savings have certainly not materialized in our region, and energy-intensive industries, which are economic engines, have been penalized. More troubling, our electricity is becoming more vulnerable to disruption and market swings.

Returning some stability through the PPA to the electric market will benefit the regional economy and guard against the unpredictability that could cause needed base-load power to be unavailable in the future. It is my understanding that utilities in Ohio have recently announced the closure of 5,500 megawatts of generating capacity in Ohio. Our state will become an electricity importer. While much of the retirements are because of EPA regulations, market fluctuations could cause even more shut downs.

It seems nonsensical to me that environmentally compliant, low-cost generating units like 4, 5 & 6 at the Conesville plant could be shut down when market volatility or another Polar Vortex could put the cost and reliability of our electricity at risk. Pure market forces do a lousy job of long-term planning and protecting citizens. I ask that the PUCO do what it can to bring sensible regulation wherever it can back to the electric market.

Sincerely,

Mike Jacoby  
Executive Director

Cc: Governor Kasich  
PUCO Commissioners

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November 7, 2014

Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Chairman Johnson,

On behalf of Adams County Economic & Community Development, 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.

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Holly Johnson, Director  
Adams County Economic & Community Development

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



November 7, 2014

Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Chairman Johnson,

On behalf of Adams County Economic & Community Development, 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.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Holly Johnson, Director  
Adams County Economic & Community Development

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



**COSHOCOTON COUNTY CAREER CENTER**  
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November 19, 2014

Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
C/O Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad St  
Columbus, OH 43215

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

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.

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 the Conesville plant in Coshocton County. This plant provides valuable employment and significant economic benefit to the communities the Coshocton County Career Center serves. 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. 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.

The loss of this facility that is efficient and environmentally compliant and provides 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,

Rick Raach  
Superintendent

cc: The Honorable Governor John Kasich; Commissioner Steven D. Lesser; Commissioner Asim Z. Hague; Commissioner Lynn Slaby; and Commissioner M. Beth Trombold



November 25, 2014

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

Dear Chairman Johnson,

The Wayne Economic Development Council supports AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement Proposal.

The plants listed in the proposal were built to serve Ohio, its residents and its businesses. It is appropriate to utilize these plants for their remaining life to protect Ohio's economy and to protect AEP Ohio's customers from price 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. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney A. Crider'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rodney A. Crider  
President