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Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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Dear Chairman Johnson,

On behalf of the Village of Middleport, I am urging you to approve AEP Ohio's proposed Power Purchase Agreement as filed. Ohio is facing a time of uncertainty in our supply of low cost and reliable energy. Since 2012, investor-owned utilities in Ohio have announced drastic cuts in generation by mid-2015. A majority of these cuts are in response to new regulations by the EPA. Even plants that are compliant and could run for many years may be forced to close. Ohio will become a major energy importer.

The Power Purchase Agreement can provide AEP Ohio customers with a real financial benefit from the sale of this electric power at reasonable rates and partially shield customers from market volatility. The plan will still provide a net decrease beginning June 2015 for an average customer using 1000 kWh per month from AEP Ohio.

AEP Ohio's plan protects our economy by keeping hundreds of Ohioans employed and millions of dollars of economic benefit on the table while shielding customers from the market's volatility. I encourage you to approve this plan as 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 Gerlach, Mayor

Village of Middleport

Cc: Governor John Kasich

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