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## APPALACHIAN PEACE AND JUSTICE NETWORK'S MOTION TO INTERVENE AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

The Appalachian Peace and Justice Network ("APJN") hereby respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for leave to intervene in the above-captioned cases pursuant to R.C. §4903.221 and Section 4901-1-11 of the Commission's Code of Rules and Regulations. The reasons for granting this motion are contained in the memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

The Appalachian Peace and Justice Network ("APJN") should be permitted to intervene in these applications pursuant to Section 4903.22.1, Revised Code, and the Commission's Rules and Regulations contained in Rule 4901-01-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The above-referenced applications were made by Ohio Power Company for authority to expand its proposed Power Plan (PPA) rider to include additional generation units not included in its pending electric security plan case and for approval of certain accounting authority. This proposed charge will affect the rates paid by Ohio Power's customers, including low-income residential customers in southeastern (Appalachian) Ohio.

In determining whether to permit intervention, the following criteria are to be considered: the nature of the person's interest; the extent to which that interest is represented by existing parties; the person's potential contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the proceeding;

and, whether granting the intervention will unduly delay or unjustly prejudice any existing party.

APJN meets all four criteria for intervention in these matters.

APJN is a nonprofit organization that empowers and challenges groups and individuals to work for peace and social justice. It has approximately 200 members in southeastern (Appalachian) Ohio; the majority of its members are low-income and many of its members are customers or consumers of electric service provided by the Ohio Power Company. APJN engages in a wide range of educational and advocacy efforts to promote peace, social justice, and consumer protections for low-income residents of Appalachian Ohio. It has one part-time paid director//organizer (and one grant-funded staff person working on sexual assault prevention project), and its principal office is located in Athens, Ohio.

APJN is already a party to – and has actively participated in – AEP (Ohio Power Company) pending electric security plan case ("AEP Ohio ESP III") Further, APJN previously intervened in and actively participated in the AEP 2009 SEET case, PUCO Case No. 10-1261-EL-UNC, in the Companies' ESP II case, PUCO Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO, and In the Companies' distribution rate case, PUCO Case Nos. 11-351-EL-AIR and 11-351-EL-AI, AND IN THE AEP Program Portfolio Plan case, PUCO Case Nos. 11-5568-EL-POR and 11-5569-EL-POR.

Further, APJN has been recognized by the Commission in the past as an advocate for low-income consumers in Appalachian Ohio, many of whom will be affected by the outcome of this application. APJN's primary interest in these cases is to protect the interests of low-income Ohioans and, particularly rural consumers and consumers in Appalachian Ohio.

For the above reasons, APJN has a direct, real and substantial interest in these matters. The disposition of these matters may impair or impede APJN's ability to protect its interests. No other

party to the matters will adequately represent the interests of APJN. APJN is the only intervenor

that primarily serves as an advocate for low-income residential consumers in rural and

Appalachian (Southeastern) Ohio residential consumers. APJN's participation in these matters

will not cause undue delay, will not unjustly prejudice any existing party, and will contribute to the

just and expeditious resolution of the issues raised by these proceedings. Additionally, this Motion

to Intervene is being filed with the PUCO before the Commission has issued its decision in the

Company's electric security rate plan case regarding the threshold issue of whether it has the legal

authority and jurisdiction to approve a PPA rider. Therefore, APJN's intervention in these

proceedings should be granted.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion to Intervene and Memorandum of

Support was served electronically on these parties on this 21st day of January 2015.

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