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Mr. Andre T. Porter, Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Porter:

Ohio's electric power generating utilities face many challenges to provide affordable and dependable base load electric power to their customers. There now are many uncertainties with generation cost. We must insure that Ohio's electric generating facilities continue to provide the sound dependable services that provides a vast array of economic benefits across the state.

American Electric Power's Ohio generating facilities provides thousands of jobs to our membership that build and maintain these plants. AEP's proposed Purchase Power Agreement provides their Ohio customers long term reliability and guards against price spikes. Without some type of stabilization, Ohio could become a power importer shipping the many jobs this industry provides to neighboring states.

On behalf of the 20,000 members of our 53 affiliated local construction trade unions, we fully support AEP's Purchase Power Agreement proposal. It develops additional renewable energy along with maintaining existing facilities that provides many family sustaining jobs with benefits in struggling Appalachian communities.

Respectively submitted,

Mark Johnson

Business Manager

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clean energy development

Dear PUCO,

Dear Ohio Public Utilities Commission,

I was pleased to hear AEP's new plan calls for the transition of more than 1500 megawatts of generation beyond coal, and the development in the next five years of 900 megawatts of new wind and solar. I am further pleased this plan prioritizes having those new solar panel and wind turbine components built right here in Ohio.

This represents a long term breakthrough for Ohio's growing clean energy economy. What's more, the preference for creating these sustainable jobs and industry in Appalachian Ohio provides tremendous new benefits for the region. The further preference for hiring Ohio veterans helps serve those Ohioans that have already given so much and we owe not just thanks, but opportunities.

It is my hope the PUCO Commissioners will prioritize clean energy development, and hold AEP to its clean energy and coal transition commitments.

Sincerely, Jean Holmes

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