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Dr. Alan R. Schriber
PUCO – Chairman
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Dr. Schriber:

I have been directed by the Board of Stark County Commissioners to forward this resolution to your attention.

On October 30, 2008 the Board unanimously voted to pass a resolution to object to an AEP fee increase. It is their belief that the citizens and businesses of Stark County would be severely affected by such an upsurge in expenses and they ask the Commission to please take this into consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 330 451-7581.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Hanke
Stark County Administrator

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Resolution

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Adopted October 30, 2008

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Subject

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO AEP FEE INCREASE

Commissioner Bosley moved the adoption of the following resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Vignos.

Whereas, American Electric Power, which services most residences and businesses in Stark County, has requested that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approve increasing its electricity rates each of the next three years, and

Whereas, the AEP rate increase proposal calls for a 15 percent residential rate increase in each of those three years, which, when compounded, will increase the electricity rates of Stark County residents by 52 percent by 2011, and

Whereas, the compounded rate of increase for large industrial customers would amount to a 62 percent increase, and

Whereas, the AEP proposal does not cover any additional transmission cost increases, which may be requested separately, and

Whereas AEP also requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) authorize various riders and surcharges over and above the 15 percent annual increases for future cost recovery, and

Whereas, Stark County citizens and businesses, facing uncertain economic times fraught with increased expenses and declining pay and revenue, should not be burdened by excessive costs caused by this proposed rate increase.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Board of Stark County Commissioners opposes this unreasonable rate increase being proposed for its residents and businesses, and requests the PUCO to require and ensure that any rate increase granted is logically derived, reasonable, justified, necessary and in the best interests of utility users in Stark County and the State of Ohio.

Upon roll call the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Harmon - yes

Mr. Bosley - yes

Ms. Vignos - yes

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, County Administrator of the Board of Stark County Commissioners, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board.

Marsha L. E. Hanke

County Administrator