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Dr. Alan Schriber, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Schriber:

I am the Director of Environmental, Health, Safety & Security for Abbott Nutrition located in Columbus, Ohio. Our facilities employ over 2,000 people throughout Columbus. As a large employer, the Commission's recent ruling regarding AEP's Electric Security Plan will have a significant effect on us and we would like to ask for a rehearing.

Due to the current economic conditions, we have been closely following the AEP Electric Security Plan and we are concerned it will impact our business in the following manner:

1. For 2009, the stated range of impact for customers of Columbus Southern Power is projected to be 7%. However, after speaking with our AEP customer representative, and given the size of our operations and the approved rate structure, the actual impact for Abbott Nutrition will be closer to 14%.
2. Although I have contacted my AEP customer representative, he tells me that AEP cannot tell me what my increase will be in 2010 and beyond. That said, if I were to predict another double digit increase of 10%, which is highly likely, the impact to our business is over \$4,000,000 in higher electric rates by 2011, compared to the 2008 baseline.
3. Without the price predictability of the Electric Security Plan, we cannot effectively run our business, as utility costs (outside of labor) are our single largest expense.

Frankly, our Columbus facility is already the most expensive plant in the United States for Abbott Laboratories to produce nutritional products. Due to this unexpected financial challenge in utilities to Abbott Nutrition's plant in Columbus, we may soon find ourselves unable to continue to exist and provide the jobs that are so critical to the well being of the people who live in our community.

Therefore, we request a rehearing so we have an opportunity to openly communicate and enable us to find a solution that will be mutually beneficial for all. Please feel free to contact me at 614-624-6085, if I can provide you with additional information. I thank you, in advance, for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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