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Re: Columbus Southern Power Co., Docket No. 99-1729-EL-ETP;
Ohio Power Co., Docket No. 99-1730-EL-ETP

Dear Ms. Crockron:

In order to eliminate confusion which appears to have arisen regarding witnesses to be cross examined during the hearings set to begin on June 7, 2000 in the referenced proceeding, Shell Energy Services Company, LLC ("Shell Energy") hereby gives notice that it intends at this time to cross examine the following individuals who previously have filed testimony in support of the Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company transition plans: William R. Forrester, Laura J. Thomas, David M. Roush, Jeffrey L. Laine, Edward P. Kahn, John H. Landon, Oliver J. Sever, and Hugh E. McCoy.

At the May 9 prehearing conference, parties were directed to file on May 15, 2000 an initial list of transition plan witnesses for whom cross examination would not be sought. Shell Energy understood that the parties were to then supplement that list on May 23, thereby affording AEP a "final" list of witnesses to be cross examined at the hearings. On May 15, by letter filed with the Commission and served on all parties, Shell Energy identified Dennis Bethel, Mark Pyle, Gerald R. Knorr, Armando A. Pena, Melinda S. Ackerman, John M. McManus, Jeffrey B. Bartsch, Philip J. Nelson, and Craig J. Baker as AEP witnesses that it would not cross examine. As of May 23, Shell Energy had not identified additional witnesses that could be excused from cross examination. Consequently, there was no reason to supplement the May 15 letter, and Shell Energy's final list of witnesses to be cross examined remained unchanged from that implicit in the May 15 letter, i.e., those individuals specified in the first paragraph of this letter.

Today Shell Energy has received from AEP a letter indicating that, in light of having not received any correspondence regarding witness cross examination on May 23, it will be

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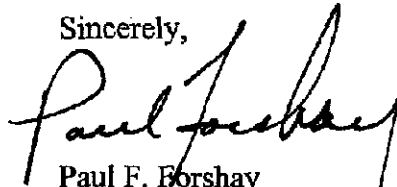
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informing the bulk of its transition plan witnesses that they need not hold open their schedules for testifying. By this letter, Shell Energy seeks to dispel any confusion concerning its intent to cross examine AEP witnesses. While Shell Energy ultimately may excuse additional AEP witnesses from cross examination, as of this time Shell Energy intends to cross examine the individuals listed in the first paragraph of this letter, as well as those witnesses who submitted supplemental testimony on May 23, 2000.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Gretchen Petrucci
Honorable Steven Deerwester
All Parties