







Chairman Todd Snitchler The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

October 21, 2011

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

We write to you on behalf of our coalition members who represent surface mining, readymix concrete, asphalt manufacturing, and forestry interests to express our concerns over the proposed AEP rate increase for GS 2 customers. Taken together, our coalition members represent a significant number of small to medium size businesses in Ohio that provide materials necessary for building Ohio's future. A great number of our member companies stand to be adversely affected by the rate increase presently before the Commission.

Within the past week we have learned that the rate structure presently being considered by the Commission will dramatically raise the rates for GS 2 customers such as our members. For one of our members we believe that this rate increase will amount to approximately \$30,000 per month.

As you are well aware, there are many nuances associated with any rate case so we will not go into great detail in this letter as to why we have serious concerns with the proposed structure of the GS 2 rate other than to say that it disproportionately favors the GS 4 customer base at the expense of GS 2 customers. While we realize the lateness of the hour, we would nevertheless like an opportunity to discuss our concerns in detail with your staff before the Commission rules on the proposal reached by AEP and the industrial customer group.

For future contact, please call Patrick A. Jacomet at 614-428-7954 or at pati@oaima.org. We stand ready to meet with your staff at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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