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Chairman Todd Snitchler
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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Dear Chairman Snitchler,

On behalf of America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA), I wish to express our support for the Electric Security Plan stipulation filed September 9, 2011 by AEP Ohio and more than 20 organizations representing a broad range of active interests in the AEP Ohio proceeding. We understand these interests include residential, commercial and industrial customers, competitive retail electricity suppliers, environmental groups, communities and other key stakeholders including the Staff of the Commission.

ANGA is a non-profit association representing its 31 members who are among the largest and most active independent natural gas producers developing the nation's shale gas resource. Thus, our support and interest are driven by the stipulation's recognition of the value of Ohio natural gas to Ohio power generation.

This recognition in the AEP Ohio stipulation is in the form of a commitment to stimulate the development of shale gas in Ohio by entering into competitively priced long-term shale gas contracts with producers who commit to investment and employment growth in the state. AEP Ohio's commitment is anticipated to grow AEP Ohio's total annual natural gas volumes to approximately 60 BCF by mid-decade for their existing gas units, as well as a new combined cycle gas plant to replace a retired unit.

AEP Ohio has also contributed to the state's economic development efforts through the creation of the AEP Ohio Growth Fund. The fund is designed to significantly expand AEP Ohio's ongoing support of economic development and associated job growth across their service territory which includes much of Ohio's Shale play.

The agreement appears to support rate stability, and promote job growth and investment, while hastening Ohio's shale gas development, and ensuring competitive rates. ANGA recognizes that the stipulation resolves a large number of very complex issues. Thus, our support for the stipulation takes no specific position on any substantive issue other than the stimulation of shale-gas development discussed herein.

For these reasons as discussed above, please add my letter of support to the docket in case nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO.

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