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Community Improvement Corporation

November 17, 2011

Chairman Todd A. Snitchler Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

The Community Improvement Corporation of Tuscarawas County, a community economic development private non-profit corporation, has reviewed the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan and supports their efforts to improve the economy of Ohio.

AEP Ohio's continued support of economic development activity through financial support, the provision of technical support, the assistance of staff in work with county leadership for business and industry growth and attraction is vital to the growth and improvement of Ohio's economy.

The AEP Plan will stimulate and support the growth of business, industry, and jobs in Ohio and this meets the mission of the CIC of Tuscarawas County. We respectfully ask you to add these comments to the above cited docket.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Little
Executive Director

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Chairman Snitchler 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Endorsement of AEP Ohio's Proposed Settlement Agreement

As Mayor of the City of Chillicothe I support AEP Ohio's proposed settlement agreement.

It is my understanding that this agreement provides for a transition to a competitive electricity market while encouraging economic development and asset investment in the many communities within the AEP Ohio service territory.

I also understand that this agreement allows an appropriate transition to a fully competitive electricity generation environment, ensuring a fair and level playing field for competition in Ohio.

I further understand that AEP Ohio's settlement agreement does not cap shopping or the ability for customers to shop for a competitive retail electricity supplier, either through community aggregation or directly with a competitive retail electric supply provider.

My understanding is that AEP Ohio's settlement agreement is a compromise that enhances customer choice, promotes economic development, asset investment and an orderly transition to fully market-based generation rates; therefore, I would ask that you give favorable consideration to AEP Ohio's settlement agreement.

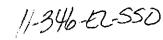
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph P. Sulzer

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 Attn: Chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler.

I write you today about American Electric Power's (AEP's) proposed Electric Security Plan (ESP), and I do so with conflicting thoughts.

The mission of the Port Authority is economic development. I serve as the chief economic development professional for Muskingum County. I have spent most of my career working in areas of Ohio that historically have had the lowest electricity rates. So I have been skeptical of electric deregulation from the outset. Unfortunately, since SB I passed in 1999, I have still not been convinced that deregulation was good for Ohio. That being said, hindsight is 20-20, and all any of us can do now is to balance competing demands and try to make the system work as well as possible.

In an imperfect world where we cannot undo electric deregulation, I think AEP's ESP is best option of which I am aware. The ESP will provide some rate protection to industries in the region as we march toward full deregulation. It also allows AEP to support alternative energy development and plan for replacing aging generation, transmission and distribution assets. All of the above are critical.

I am pleased to say that I think the PUCO and American Electric Power (AEP) have been responsive and responsible as the electric generation market has moved toward full deregulation. When I worked in Washington County with some of the states biggest industrial electricity users, AEP agreed to take over the Allegheny territory and provided incentive rates to energy-intensive industries. I truly appreciate that the PUCO and AEP have been cooperative.

Please add my comments to the docket. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Jacoby

Executive Director

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