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December 1, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Please allow me to add my support to the growing number of communities, organizations and individuals speaking out in favor of the AEP Ohio ESP Settlement Plan.

It is my understanding 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 (CRES) provider. The capability to shop has existed long before AEP introduced this Electric Security Plan (ESP) and is enhanced through the settlement.

AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner and works to help provide job growth and business retention in our community. With this settlement plan, AEP Ohio will contribute to the state's economic development efforts through the AEP Ohio Growth Fund. The fund is designed to significantly expand AEP Ohio's ongoing support of economic development to help attract new investment and associated job growth across Ohio.

The AEP Ohio's settlement agreement is a compromise that provides clarity and direction for the company and its customers, while providing much needed certainty around critical public policy. Overall, it is a plan that enhances retail shopping, promotes economic development, asset investment and an orderly transition to fully market - based generation rates.

Thank you for adding these sentiments to Docket No. 11-0346-EL-SSO

Sincerely,

Terri Burgess Sandu
Executive Director

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Chairman Todd A. Snitchler
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Goshen Township is in AEP Ohio's service area. As a community whose residents just voted to approve a governmental aggregation program, we are genuinely concerned that the proposed settlement of AEP's Electric Security Plan (ESP) will effectively bring this type of discount program to an end for the next few years.

The proposed settlement includes unreasonable provisions which serve as caps or limitations on shopping and will limit the number of residents allowed to switch electric suppliers each year. Once this cap is hit, our community – and others like ours – will be effectively shut out from enjoying any savings. Hundreds of other Ohio communities in neighboring utilities are receiving savings through their aggregation programs. Why are we being penalized for being AEP customers? And why should AEP be able to dictate which groups of residents and businesses are allowed to save money on their electric bills?

It is the policy of Ohio to ensure effective competition in the provision of electric service and it is the PUCO's mission to facilitate an environment that provides competitive choices. We ask that you encourage large-scale governmental aggregation as required by Ohio law by rejecting or significantly altering this settlement agreement to remove the caps. However, if the shopping caps are going to be implemented, we propose that governmental aggregation communities be exempted from the caps.

Our community can obtain significant savings on our electric generation supply because other generation suppliers are competing for the business. It's apparent that AEP is attempting to prevent competitive suppliers from serving customers in their service area. And if they are successful, the people and businesses in communities like Goshen Township will miss out on these savings. Other communities in Ohio have this opportunity to save and so should we.

Please docket this letter in AEP Ohio's ESP case number 11-346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Barrett
Trustee, Goshen Township

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Shirley Barrett
Fiscal Officer, Goshen Township

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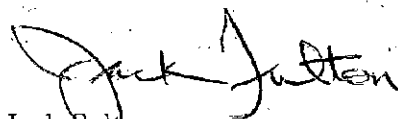
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Sincerely,



Jack Fulton
Trustee, Buck Township

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