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May 1, 2012

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

RE: In the matter of long-term forecast reports of Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company and related matters (PUCO Case Nos. 10-501-EL-FOR and 10-502-EL-FOR)

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

We are a near-neighbor to the Turning Point solar opportunity and strongly supportive.

While immersed in a tradition of coal and natural gas (and hopefully a reemerging oil revival) we can anticipate both the energy diversity contained in the Noble County project and also the chance to stimulate work force training in areas which readily translate into work for many not suited to the contemporary knowledge economy but readily adaptable to the knowledge/common sense economy of past generations and needed for our economic rejuvenation.

We in Washington County have benefited from the opportunity to cooperate with AEP in the production of power. We have witnessed the capacity of the company to respond to adversity by demonstrating a willingness to shepherd resources, respect environmental and ecological realities and reinforce its leadership role in the regional economy.

The Turning Point concept is a valuable element in the maintenance of southeast Ohio as a prime producer of power and a powerful producer of hope for Ohio.

Sincerely,

Terry Tamburini
Executive Director

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