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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 modified Electric Security Plan (ESP).

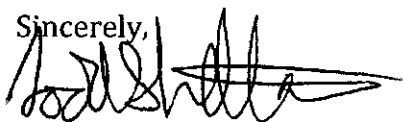
It is the mission of the Athens County Economic Development Council to promote economic growth through partnerships within Athens County. The ACEDC provides a catalyst in the community towards attracting new business, sustaining and growing existing businesses, and working with government entities to create an ideal climate for businesses so that they can add sustainable jobs. Facilitating economic growth in Athens County requires utilizing innovative resource building capacities as well as building and growing networks and relationships, all of which are core competencies of ACEDC.

AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner and works to help provide job growth and business retention in our community, both vital in assuring the health and vibrancy of each community they serve. The Athens County Economic Development Council is concerned about any potential job losses at AEP's Athens Service Center that could result if the company experiences a serious negative outcome with the modified Electric Security Plan (ESP) they have filed with the PUCO. We respectfully urge the commission to consider such potential negative ramifications, and the effect it could have on our local economy, as they review the company's plan going forward.

Therefore, the Athens County Economic Development Council is in favor of the AEP Ohio modified Electric Security Plan (ESP) as it insures job retention in the region.

Thank you for adding these sentiments to Docket No. 11-346-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,



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Director

Athens County Economic Development Council

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