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**RE: American Electric Power Electric Security Plan;
PUCO Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC**

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of P H Glatfelter Company – Chillicothe, Ohio Facility, I am writing to encourage upholding Ohio's market-based approach to assure affordable, reliable and inexpensive energy for all Ohioans. Recently, some utilities have attempted to limit shopping and a customer's choice in the provision of their electric generation. Efforts to institute government regulation and limitations on electric choice should be rejected as they will only serve to raise costs and destroy a vibrant market for energy.

Energy costs are a substantial part of our operating budget each year. We have an advantage in Ohio in that we are permitted to shop beyond the boundaries of our town for the best energy prices for our business. If Ohio begins to limit our right to choose our electric provider and, in turn, drive up our energy costs, we will have a difficult time sustaining our business model in this State. Each month that we are forced to pay above market for capacity costs our plant a substantial amount of money and makes us less competitive in our business.

The best policy for the State of Ohio is to encourage a healthy and vibrant market for electric choice. Please support an Ohio energy policy that encourages energy options for Ohio customers so that we can continue to invest and grow in our state.

Sincerely,

John R. Blind
VP Printing & Carbonless Papers

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