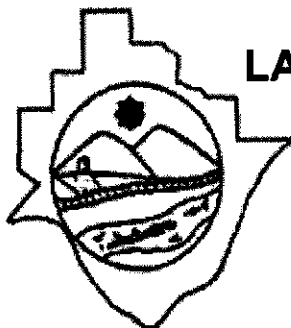


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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attn: Chairman Snitchler

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Please accept this letter as a note of my support to an AEP Ohio's ESP Settlement Plan; however, with a slight modification. Currently, rates in the former Ohio Power region have a rate advantage over those regions where rates are more dependent on nuclear or other more expensive generation systems, and we do believe that that same percentage of rate advantage should be maintained; however, a strong backbone of energy generation and supply for our State is important. Therefore, we go on record in support of the ESP plan with slight modifications that recognize the pre-existing rate advantage of those communities near the Ohio River where coal fired plants provide less expensive generation, while providing possibly even a larger across the board increase allowing AEP to be a strong partner with the State of Ohio in economic development and growth.

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. If the goal is to establish a truly competitive marketplace, AEP Ohio will need to be able to fully compete, which is best guaranteed through a predictable and orderly transition to market; however, those companies marketing AEP generated electric through CRES should accept the same responsibility to financially contribute to the future economic growth of Ohio to have that privilege of marketing AEP generated power.

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. It would be my wish that the rate increase fund greater utilization through economic development support; however, those elements of contributing to the social

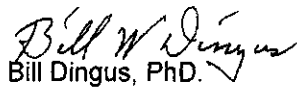
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network of Ohio should be left to the tax dollars as they are ongoing costs that should be the responsibility of the State rather than one time for public good.

The AEP Ohio's recent ESP is a compromise that provides clarity and direction for the company and its customers, while providing much needed certainty around critical public policy by doing a common sense business process of giving a multi-year rate where they can look into the future. Overall, it is a plan that enhances retail shopping, promotes economic development, asset investment and an orderly transition to fully market-based generation rates and with the slight modifications should assist the Great State of Ohio in being All that She should be.

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

Sincerely,


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