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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attention: Chairman Snitchler,

I would like to take a moment of your time to let you know that The Heat and Frost Insulators Local 8 are joining in with other organizations in full support of the AEP Ohio modified Electric Security Plan.

It is our belief that AEP Ohio's plan does not restrict the ability of customers to shop for a retail electric supplier, either through community aggregation or directly with a competitive retail electric supply (CRES) provider. The capability to shop has existed long before AEP Ohio introduced its ESP and is supported by the plan. If the goals are to establish a truly competitive marketplace, AEP Ohio will need to be able to fully complete, which is best guaranteed through a predictable and orderly transition to market.

AEP Ohio has been a strong community partner and works to help provide job growth and business retention in Ohio. I know in our region it is my opinion that AEP is the best utility and I think they have the best interest of the residents of Ohio.

The company'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. Overall, it is a plan that enhances retail shopping, promotes economic development, asset investment and an orderly transition to fully market-based generation rates.

With kind regards,

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