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Re: 10-1261-EL-UNC Status Filing on Turning Point Investment

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

As the Commission is aware Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) plans to invest \$20 million dollars in the development of a solar project in Cumberland, Ohio referred to in multiple dockets as the Turning Point Project. The commitment to invest the \$20 million was first generated in Commission Case No. 10-1261-EL-UNC (2009 SEET case). In the context of that case was some discussion about the schedule for investing those dollars. The Commission initially ordered the dollars invested in calendar year 2012 in the January 1, 2011 Opinion and Order in the 2009 SEET case. Based on the March 9, 2011 Entry on Rehearing, and a request for clarification raised by AEP Ohio, the Commission recognized on rehearing that the requirement should be met by developing a more definitive schedule for the expenditure on the Turning Point or a similar project as part of the next ESP filing.

The Company included the commitment of the investment in its 2011 ESP II filing, its September 9, 2011 settlement agreement, and then again later in the March 2012 modified ESP filing (collectively the "11-346 proceedings"). The investment in the Turning Point project has been diligently pursued by the Company, including pursuit and approval of

the Generation Resource Rider (GRR) as part of the 11-346 proceedings -- an issue that currently remains pending on rehearing. The Company also included the project in its 2010 supplement to its long-term forecast review filing to comply with Commission rules to consider plant additions ("10-501 and 10-502-EL-FOR" or "2010 LTFR proceeding"). Circumstances that the Commission fully understands did not lead to quick resolution of the 11-346 proceedings or the 2010 LTFR proceeding. Therefore while a plan was proposed and a path to move forward is defined, these matters await the Commission's rehearing in the 11-346 proceedings and a decision in the 2010 LTFR proceeding. In addition, there will be a separate proceeding to establish a rate for the GRR after the Commission's approval of the proposed agreements associated with the Turning Point project.

As 2012 draws to a close, this letter is being filed on behalf of AEP Ohio to ensure this docket is updated on the pending nature of the circumstances that underlie the Company's continued commitment to the investment approved by the Commission. The Company is moving forward under the plan as developed and modified by the 2010 LTFR proceeding and the 11-346 proceedings.

Cordially,

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