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May 25, 2012

Mr. Todd Snitchler Chairman The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Ohio Rev. Code, in the Form of Electric Security Plan (Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

I am writing on behalf of the Morgan County Improvement Corporation concerning the status of the Turning Point Solar Project in Noble County.

The Morgan CIC believes strongly this project should move forward for these reasons: 1. Job Creation: This project would create more than 300 construction and installation jobs in an adjoining county and would provide jobs to people living in Morgan County. 2. Re-Purpose of Land: This project would turn vacant land into productive use by generating electricity and creating additional income tax revenues for Ohio. 3. New Era Energy: This project is an important extension of our national ability to be energy self-sufficient in the coming decades and less dependent on foreign oil. Yes, it is only a fraction of what we need for energy independence but it is an important start.

Our request is that you please do everything in your power to keep the Turning Point Solar Project moving ahead. Your kind consideration is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DOCKET THIS LETTER IN PUCO CASE NOS. 11-346-EL-SSO AND 11-348-EL-SSO

Warmest regards,

Mike Workman **Executive Director** Morgan County Improvement Corporation