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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

February 7, 2013

Mr. Snitchler:

I was deeply disappointed by the decision by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to reject an agreement by American Electric Power and Turning Point Solar to build what would have been the biggest solar array east of the Rocky Mountains. The PUCO overrode the recommendations of its own staff in rejecting the Turning Point project. This was the wrong move for Ohio, and I urge you to reverse your decision and approve the Turning Point solar facility.

The Turning Point project would develop some 750 acres of reclaimed land once mined for coal in Noble County, creating more than 600 jobs in an area that continues to suffer a high rate of unemployment. Not only that, but it will ensure that solar energy company Isofoton, which will supply the photovoltaic panels for the facility, follows through with plans to build a factory in Ohio as announced, employing more than 300 people in the Toledo area.

Furthermore, the Turning Point project would supply clean energy to 25,000 homes, preventing 70,000 tons of pollution responsible for climate change from being released into the atmosphere on an annual basis. It would help AEP meet the "25 by 25" standard of providing 25% renewable power by 2025.

Please support the creation of jobs for Ohioans and our commitment to cleaner power sources by supporting the Turning Point solar facility.

Sincerely,

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