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November 14, 2014

Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Johnson:

The North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to look favorably on AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal.

The economic benefits for the areas surrounding the nine units should be taken into account when making your decision. As a Chamber of Commerce we know the impact on a city and county facing the loss of hundreds of jobs and property tax and any actions taken to stabilize employment should be considered in a positive light. Outside of those immediate areas all AEP Ohio customers should benefit from long-term reliability and the impacts of price spikes as utilities retire local generation and resort to importing electricity to meet demand.

The re-dedication of the nine plants and adoption of AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement are designed to provide ongoing economic benefits to Ohio customers, including those in our North Canton area, for the remaining life of the plants.

Please docket this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM.)

Sincerely,

Doug Lane

President

North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce

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November 13, 2014

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Reference Case Numbers: 14-1693-EL-RDR and 14-1694-EL-AAM

Dear Chairman Johnson,

Please accept this letter from the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce in support of AEP Ohio's recently submitted Purchase Power Agreement involving four generating plants in Jefferson, Coshocton, Brown and Clermont counties. We ask that it be included on the docket and recorded in the proceedings of the cases named above.

We strongly urge the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to approve this proposal as it will save nearly 1,100 jobs in areas that can least afford to lose them while maintaining a total economic impact of nearly a half-billion dollars. Our chamber also believes this PPA is designed to provide AEP Ohio customers with long-term reliability and to protect them from the impact of significant price spikes.

The four plants identified in this filing have supplied electric to residents and businesses in the state for many years. We see no reason why these plants should be shuttered which, in turn, would cause our state to become a large importer of electricity to meet current demand. More than 1,100 jobs, a half-billion dollars of economic impact, and electric rate savings for Ohio residents depend on your decision. We again urge you to support the above-mentioned proposals that AEP Ohio has put before the commission.

Sincerely,

Scott Robinson  
President/CEO

Cc: Commissioner Steven D. Lesser  
Commissioner Asim Z. Haque  
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**Knox County**

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Dear Chairman Johnson:

As the local Economic Development Director for Knox County, I see the impact a successful business has on the community and the residents it serves. Good paying jobs and support of a community tax base has a rippling effect that reaches many. However, I also see the devastating effect a business can have when it can no longer operate as intended. That is why I strongly encourage you and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to support AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal.

The plants listed in this proposal were originally built to serve Ohio load and for decades have provided low-cost power to Ohio residents. It is appropriate for AEP Ohio to re-dedicate these plants to provide ongoing economic benefits to Ohio customers for their remaining life.

This is even more important in light of several utilities in Ohio announcing the retirement of significant generation by the middle of next year. When combined with current market conditions for electricity, we will see viable, environmentally compliant plants, which could run for years to come, be forced to shut down for economic reasons. This is unacceptable and action needs to be taken now to secure our energy future in Ohio.

I encourage you to approve AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal. It is not a bailout as others would suggest, but a plan that protects Ohio's economy and shields AEP Ohio's customers from market volatility. Please docket this letter in support of AEP Ohio's plan and as part of the record in this proceeding (Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM).

Kindest Regards,

Steve Waers, President

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## Community Improvement Corporation

November 14, 2014

Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman  
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180 East Broad Street  
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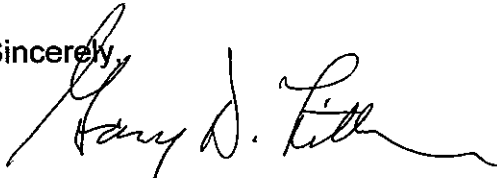
Dear Chairman Johnson,

The economy of Ohio and our region has been greatly supported for many years by Ohio Power, AEP Ohio and AEP. AEP Ohio now has a proposal before the PUCO to keep Ohio power plants operational, including the near-by Conesville Plant.

The facilities can provide much needed, self-reliant power to Ohio's growing economy and also keep our local workforce strong.

The CIC of Tuscarawas County is in support of AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal. Please docket this letter in support of AEP Ohio's plan and as part of the record in this proceeding (Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM).

Sincerely,



Gary D. Little  
Executive Director

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Honorable Chairman Johnson,

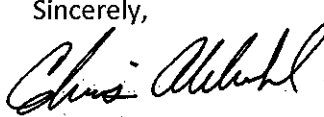
The Tuscarawas County Commissioners strongly encourage you and the Public Utilities Commission to support AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal. With all of the changes in the country as it relates to energy, discussions on what is best for the environment and the effects that it has on the local economy is certainly something that we should be watching very closely. That is why we believe that it is important to support AEP Ohio's PPA proposal because it not only protects electric customers from the impacts of significant price spikes, it also preserves much needed jobs in our communities and mitigates a shrinking tax base.

In the agreement AEP Ohio is proposing to continue to utilize 4 power plants that have served Ohio residents and businesses well for a number of years producing approximately 2,700 megawatts of generation. The energy, capacity and ancillary services associated with these plants would go into the PJM market and AEP would pass the resulting net benefits or cost to the customers through the proposed non-bypassable PPA rider.

When combined with AEP Ohio's projected rate decrease from the company's current ESP proposal along with the PPA rider there will be a net decrease beginning June 2015 for the average customer using 1,000 kWh per month and receiving their generation through AEP Ohio. Based on a 10 year-projection, the PPA will provide an incremental customer benefit of \$224 million.

We believe that it is important to continue the economic viability of Ohio generation and the associated benefits that support our local communities by providing employment to Ohio residents. It is vital that good community business partners like AEP Ohio continue to have the ability to create and retain jobs while providing an overall economic benefit to state and local communities. Please docket this letter in support of AEP Ohio's plan and as part of the record in this proceeding Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM

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