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Chairman Thomas W. Johnson
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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Dear Chairman Johnson,

On behalf of the Sprigg Township Trustees (Adams County, Ohio), I (we) urge you to approve AEP Ohio's proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as filed.

Ohio is facing a period of unprecedented uncertainty related to the future supply of low-cost reliable energy. Several key factors have drastically changed the generation landscape, including flawed capacity markets that have created depressed market prices and increasingly difficult environmental regulations.

Since 2012, investor-owned utilities in Ohio have announced the retirement of over 5,500 MW of generation by mid-2015. The majority of these retirements were announced in response to several new regulations imposed by the EPA. However, current market conditions are such that even plants that will be environmentally compliant and are equipped to run reliably for many more years may be forced to shutter for economic reasons. As a result, Ohio will be a large importer of energy for the foreseeable future.

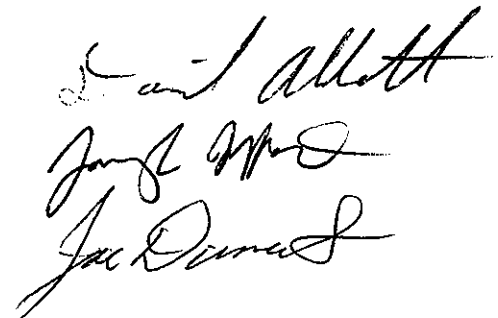
One of those plants that may be at risk is the Stuart Plant located here in Sprigg Township. This plant provides valuable employment and significant economic benefit to our township and county. In 2013 the plant, 26% owned by AEP, employed 375 people. In addition, from AEP's interest alone, it provided \$1.6M in property taxes for the county and the generation of 3,500,000 MWh. The additional risk to this efficient and environmentally compliant plant is unacceptable.

AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal is not a bailout as others would suggest. It is a plan that protects Ohio's economy by keeping hundreds of Ohioans employed and millions of dollars of annual economic benefit in place while helping shield AEP Ohio's customers from market volatility. It is a good plan and I encourage you to approve the plan as it is filed in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM. Please docket this letter in support of AEP Ohio's plan and as part of the record in this proceeding.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tommy Meford, Mr. David Abbott, Mr. Joseph Daniels
Sprigg Township Trustees
Cc: The Honorable John Kasich



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