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

Dear Chairman Johnson:

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We write in support of AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal that is before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Please docket this letter of support as part of the record in this proceeding (Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM).

We are persuaded that the PPA will protect AEP Oho electricity consumers from upward spikes in the cost of electricity. This is important at a time when coal-fired electricity generating plants are being taken off line because they cannot meet new, higher standards imposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or because they are only marginally economical to run.

The plants listed in the AEP proposal are environmentally viable. We hope to see these assets remain in operation to benefit Ohioans. They employ about 1,100 people and contribute about \$500 million annually to the Ohio economy in wages, other business benefits and taxes.

We encourage members of the PUCO to approve AEP's Power Purchase Agreement proposal.

Sincerely, Dennis P. Saunier.

President & CEO

David C. Kaminski Vice President for Public Policy

CC: Gov. John Kasich PUCO Commissioner Steven D. Lesser PUCO Commissioner Asim Z. Haque PUCO Commissioner Lynn Slaby PUCO Commissioner M. Beth Trombold

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