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January 25, 2016

Andre Porter, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: AEP Ohio Power Purchase Agreement Proposed Settlement

Dear Chairman Porter,

We write to express our support for AEP Ohio's proposed PPA Settlement, which was recently reached by AEP and Commission staff, as well as a diverse group of interested parties that include industrial and commercial customers, competitive energy suppliers, and the Sierra Club.

A multi-faceted resource for power generation and conservation, GEM Energy is a trusted adviser to leading organizations in the institutional, industrial, governmental and commercial sectors. Our company provides comprehensive energy services and technologies that allow our clients to optimize efficiency and reduce operating costs. These services include the integration of power generation, advanced heating and cooling systems, supply side procurement and management, demand-side load reduction, and building control systems for our clients' various commercial, industrial, institutional, and mission critical facilities.

As a leading provider of energy efficiency and renewable energy services in Ohio, we believe AEP's proposed settlement will help reinvigorate Ohio's clean energy economy. AEP's commitment to develop 900 MW of wind and solar, as well as its pledge to retire or convert three of its coal-fired generators to natural gas, will undoubtedly lead to a significant reduction in carbon pollution in Ohio. In addition, the proposed settlement reflects a pragmatic, reasonable compromise between a variety of different and competing energy, industrial and consumer interests.

We urge the Commission to approve this settlement for the benefit of Ohio and its citizens. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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