



FILE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Monitoring marketplaces and enforcing rules to assure safe, adequate, and reliable utility services

Bob Taft, Governor
Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

Commissioners
Ronda Hartman Fergus
Judy A. Jones
Donald L. Mason
Clarence D. Rogers, Jr.

May 25, 2005

Lenny Eliason, President
Athens County Commissioners
15 So. Court Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

RECEIVED - DOCKETING DIV
2005 MAY 25 AM 10:35
PUCO

RE: American Electric Power (AEP)
600 MW / Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) Facility
Case No. 05-0376-EL-UNC

Dear Mr. Eliason:

Thank you for your letter concerning the American Electric Power Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) Facility. American Electric Power has filed for a revenue recovery mechanism for the proposed 600 MW generation facility in Meigs County, Ohio.

Currently, the Commission staff is reviewing American Electric Power's application. Your letter will be placed in the official docket for this case. Once our review is complete, the applicant is required to publish appropriate notice of all hearings in local newspapers of general circulation in the area. Should you wish to view activity involving this application, please visit our web site at www.puc.state.oh.gov/puco/docketing/index/cfm and type in the case number referenced above.

As part of the Commission process, there will be an evidentiary hearing held on August 8, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. at the Commission Offices, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Again, the Commission thanks you for your interest.

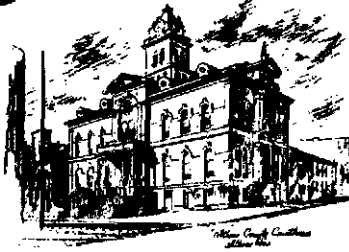
Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Deputy Director
Utilities Department

KW: dgd

This is to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business
Technician JH Date Processed MAY 25 2005

Athens County Commissioners



Lenny Eliason
Mark Sullivan
Bill Theisen

JoAnn Sikorski
Clerk/Admin. Assistant
Telephone (740) 592-3292
Fax (740) 594-8010

May 16, 2005


Kim Wissman
The Public Utility of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Case # 05-376-EL-UNC

The Athens County Board of County Commissioners express our support for the Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) clean-coal technology plant in Meigs County.

This is a 600 megawatt, \$1 billion clean coal plant proposed by American Electric Power. We recognize that West Virginia is in direct competition for this project. This project has the potential to combat the high unemployment, low per capita income and high poverty rates in the entire region surrounding Meigs County.

Sincerely,


Lenny Eliason, President


Mark Sullivan, Vice-President


William H. (Bill) Theisen

ACC:js

15 So. Court St.
Athens, Ohio 45701