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February 13, 2006

Keary McCarthy
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05-376-EL-UNC

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and expressing your concerns regarding the cost recovery plan for American Electric Power's (AEP) proposed Meigs county power plant. Commissioner Schriber asked that I respond on his behalf.

On March 18, 2005, AEP filed an application with the PUCO for authority to recover costs associated with the construction and ultimate operation of an integrated gasification combined cycle electric generating facility (docket number 05-0376-EL-UNC). The PUCO is currently reviewing this application. Please be advised that a member of my staff has delivered a copy of your letter to the docketing division and they are now part of the docketed record.

Should you have any questions about regulated utilities, please contact the PUCO consumer hotline at (800) 686-PUCO (7826). You may also visit us on the web at www.PUCO.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Satterwhite
Legal Director
Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department

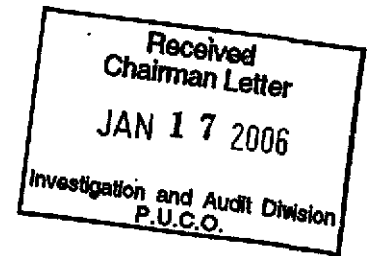
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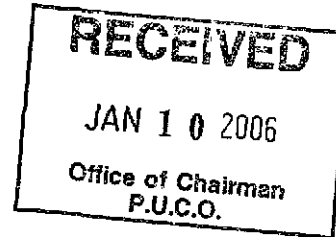
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Re: American Electric Power proposed Meigs County plant and cost recovery plan

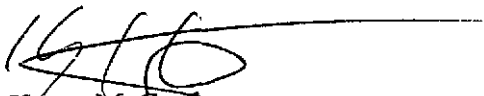
Dear Chairman Schriber:

I'm deeply concerned about AEP's proposal to build a power plant in Meigs County. As I understand it, the plant will be completely subsidized by Ohio ratepayers. I don't have to tell you, as an economist, that publicly subsidizing a privately held company contradicts the tenets of a free market economy.

Why has the PUCO given AEP the authority to do this? Ohioans have been paying some of the highest utility rates in the country. This action by the PUCO leads me to believe that the only interests your agency is concerned with are the AEP stockholders, not those of Ohioans and the many small and large businesses that fuel our economy.

I urge you to please reconsider your position on this matter as it will ultimately lead to greater injustice to AEP ratepayers, and indeed all Ohioans.

Respectfully submitted,


Keary McCarthy

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