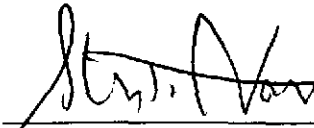




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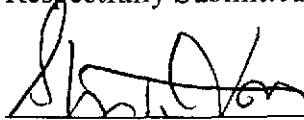
## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On January 27, 2011, AEP Ohio submitted an application for approval of a proposed electric security plan for its standard service offer electric generation supply, in the above-captioned proceeding. By entry dated February 9, 2011, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule setting a date for an evidentiary hearing to commence on July 13, 2011. Most recently, the hearing was rescheduled through an August 25, 2011 Entry to commence on August 31, 2011.

The parties, including numerous intervenors in this proceeding, have been engaged in productive settlement negotiations for several weeks, and those negotiations are continuing. Applicants respectfully requests a final three-day continuance so that the hearing date will commence September 6, 2011. In addition to support from the undersigned signatory parties, counsel is authorized to represent that the OCC takes no position on the continuance request and the Appalachian Peace and Justice Association does not oppose the request. If the continuance is granted, movants propose that the new September 6, 2011 start date be used to discuss the process and schedule for the Commission to consider adopting a Stipulation and Recommendation presuming that such a settlement agreement is filed prior to the rescheduled hearing date. If no Stipulation and Recommendation is filed prior to the rescheduled hearing date, the evidentiary hearing will commence with the first witness on September 6, 2011.

O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C) allows a party to request that the Commission consider a motion on an expedited basis. Accordingly, AEP Ohio and the above named parties respectfully request an expedited ruling that the hearing date in the proceeding be continued until September 6, 2011.

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