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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO  
Consumer Service Division  
Memorandum**

**CASE ID:** 00655775  
**COMPANY:** The Village of Pomeroy (Meigs Co.)  
**CUSTOMER:** Don Anderson  
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**AIQ:** Ohio Power Company  
**NIQ:**

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**DOCKETING CASE #:** 19-1475-EL-RDR

**SUBJECT:** Ohio Power Company - Smart Grid

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Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

It has come to my attention that AEP Ohio has submitted a proposal to help provide for expanded broadband access in rural areas of the state such as Meigs County, where I reside. This proposal is part of AEP's GridSmart Phase 3 application. The need for broadband access has been quite evident during this past year as the schools were forced into virtual learning by the pandemic. The lack of widespread broadband forces students to try to find other sources of internet access away from their homes.

Obviously not the best of circumstances for learning. The continued need for access after the pandemic is also critical. Rural areas such as ours have always been short-changed when it comes to extending services. Economic development depends on the extension of broadband services throughout the county. For a minimal cost, internet providers would have access to the fiber optic network that AEP is currently building. This is an excellent opportunity for broadband expansion at bargain basement prices. Why not "kill two birds with one stone" when the opportunity presents itself? Meigs County and other rural areas in Ohio deserve the same opportunity for success as other areas of the state.

Please approve AEP Ohio's request and help promote equal opportunity for all Ohio residents.

Sincerely,  
Don M. Anderson  
Mayor, Village of Pomeroy

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