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AEP ENERGY, INC.,)

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Petition for Confidential Treatment of
AEP Energy, Inc.'s 2012 Annual
Answer Time/Abandon Call Report)

) Docket No.)

13-0176

PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

AEP ENERGY, INC., f/k/a BlueStar Energy Solutions ("BlueStar"), hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") to protect from disclosure for not less than two years highly confidential and proprietary information contained in AEPs report, pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm.Code §410.45, stating the total number of calls received, answered, abandoned, abandoned call rate, and average answering time of retail customers in 2012. In support of its Petition, AEP states as follows:

1. AEP is an ARES authorized to service all eligible retail electric customers in Illinois.
2. On or about February 28, 2013, AEP served by overnight mail its annual Answer Time/Abandon Call report with the Commission. This report contains trade information and market sensitive information regarding AEP's customers in Illinois. Disclosure of this information would reveal sensitive confidential and proprietary information regarding AEP's market share within the various utility footprints. Disclosure of this information would also cause AEP Energy competitive harm because this type of competitive data is used to formulate current and future business plans as well as give competitors information about AEP's operations that is not available in any other public forum.

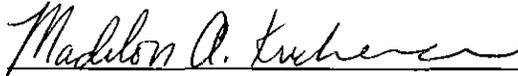
3. Section 451.60 of the Illinois Administrative Code provides for protection of such information. Similarly, disclosure of trade secrets is exempted from the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/7(g)).

4. AEP has submitted redacted versions of these documents to the Chief Clerk as well.

WHEREFORE, Applicant AEP Energy, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order protecting AEP's report filed pursuant to 83 Ill.Adm.Code §410.45 from public disclosure in any form for a period of not less than two years.

Respectfully submitted,

AEP ENERGY, INC.



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VERIFICATION

I, Madelon Kuchera, Associate General Counsel-V.P. Regulatory of AEP Energy Inc., hereby affirm that I have knowledge of the contents of this Petition and that the Petition is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
before me this 25th day
of February, 2013.

Stormy D. Nehmelman
NOTARY PUBLIC

