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AEP Ohio recognizes MORPC for Outstanding Contributions to Energy Efficiency

(Columbus – April 27, 2017) AEP Ohio, a utility subsidiary of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), honored 27 businesses, organizations and teachers from throughout the state at its Energy Efficiency Awards event held on April 19, 2017. The awards ceremony recognized AEP Ohio’s business customers and partners who have demonstrated a strong commitment to energy efficiency. Among the honorees was the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

MORPC was awarded the 2016 Energy Efficiency Champion for its leadership and innovation on the Community Assistance Program serving income-eligible households. Energy Efficiency Champions are those who have made outstanding contributions to increasing energy efficiency within their organizations, reducing their energy usage and positively impacting the environment. MORPC has maximized public and private sector funding to serve a greater number of families and is the leading organization in the weatherization services provided under AEP-Ohio’s program.

MORPC provides residential energy efficiency services year-round at no cost to income-eligible residents in Franklin County. The services are free thanks to support from Columbia Gas of Ohio’s WarmChoice® program, AEP-Ohio’s Community Assistance Program, the Federal Home Weatherization Assistance Program and the State of Ohio’s Electric Partnership Program.

“In the past three decades, MORPC has serviced nearly 20,000 households, making homes safer, more energy efficient and comfortable for families throughout the year,” states Christina O’Keeffe, MORPC Director of Energy and Air Quality. “The investments made by AEP-Ohio to eliminate the wasted energy for families is translating into income that can be put toward other needs such as food, health care, or transportation.”

MORPC’s professional staff performs home energy inspections and safety checks, and identifies energy-saving improvements and related health and safety hazards. The resulting work may include tune-up or replacement of the furnace or water heater, installation of insulation, air sealing, or replacement of refrigerators and light bulbs with more efficient models.

MORPC also hosts annually a Weatherization Showcase where a home is toured by community leaders and public officials to observe the process of MORPC’s residential energy efficiency service.

Visit www.morpc.org/EnergyServices for more information.

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