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**AMP-Ohio attorneys threaten citizen leaders, who promise to defend their rights
“vigorously”**

CLEVELAND -- Today, two leading opponents of the proposed AMP Ohio coal plant in Meigs County promised to defend their rights “vigorously.” Elisa Young and Sandy Buchanan replied to letters sent in January to each woman by Columbus attorney Charles Saxbe, threatening legal action over their statements against the proposed plant.

Elisa Young is the founder of Meigs Citizens Action Now, and Sandy Buchanan is the Executive Director of Ohio Citizen Action. In her reply, Buchanan said, “Although Ms. Young and I will make every effort to avoid false statements and provide accurate information regarding this proposal, we will not relinquish our right to question the proposed plant and we will continue to make information available to ratepayers, taxpayers, public officials, the news media, our members, and the general public. We will vigorously defend this right in court if necessary, including our right to call

AMP-Ohio senior managers under oath regarding their plans for this plant.”

Young, founder of Meigs Citizens Action Now, is a 7th generation Appalachian. The grassroots group is already living with four coal-fired power plants in a approximate 10-mile radius in Ohio and West Virginia, and is actively resisting the threat to create up to 5 more proposed coal-fired plants in the area.

"Our only hope of beating this," says Young, "is to make the communities that would be receiving the electricity aware of our objections to this assault on our health and environment. To take away our voice to speak out violates our most basic constitutional and civil rights. We will not sit by and allow this to happen."

Attachments:

Letter from Charles R. Saxbe to Elisa Young, January 15, 2009

Letter from Elisa Young to Charles R. Saxbe, February 10, 2009

Letter from Charles R. Saxbe to Sandy Buchanan, January 27, 2009

Letter from Sandy Buchanan to Charles R. Saxbe, February 10, 2009