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**OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS WELCOMES FLOYD W. NICKERSON  
OF COLUMBUS AS NEWEST MEMBER**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, October 18, 2001** – Floyd W. Nickerson of Columbus, State President-Ohio for American Electric Power since June 2000, joins the Ohio Board of Regents today as the board's newest member.

Governor Bob Taft appointed Nickerson to the Board of Regents in July 2001. The Ohio Senate confirmed his appointment earlier this month.

Nickerson has held numerous board positions in Texas, including chairman and vice chairman of the Texas State University System Board of Regents. Since moving to Ohio last year, he has joined the boards of Prevent Blindness, The Ohio Electric Utility Institute, The Ohio Public Expenditures Council, The United Negro College Fund, Homeless Families Foundation and the Franklin Park Conservatory.

“Floyd Nickerson brings a stellar record of public service to the state of Ohio,” said Board Chair Jeanette Grasselli Brown. “We are so pleased to have him as a member of the Ohio Board of Regents. Ohio's system of higher education is fortunate to have such a champion on the Board.”

In his capacity as State President-Ohio for AEP, Nickerson's strategic focus is on public policy matters in the state, particularly as they affect AEP's business in the increasingly competitive electricity industry and community relations. He is responsible for building and maintaining external relationships with regulators, legislators, consumers and other stakeholders who have an impact on AEP activities in the state. Nickerson has held this position since AEP finalized its merger in 2000 with Dallas-based Central and South West Corporation (CSW).

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Nickerson also held numerous positions at CSW, most recently as Vice President-Corporate Resources for subsidiary CSW Energy/International in Dallas.

He began his career at CSW in 1979 as a management trainee in human resources for West Texas Utilities (WTU) in Abilene, Tex. After serving in various areas of human resources and customer operations, in 1992 Nickerson was named Vice President-Corporate Resources for Transok Inc., CSW's gas pipeline and transmission operation in Tulsa, Okla. He returned to West Texas Utilities as President in 1996.

He received a bachelor's degree in management and an M.B.A. in finance from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Nickerson and his wife of 14 years, Margaret, have two children.

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