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AEP Ohio

OMAEG Continues to Oppose Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) Subsidization (Case No. 18-1004-EL-RDR)

Summary: OMAEG filed its post-hearing reply brief in the above-captioned case, objecting to AEP Ohio's continued subsidization of the uneconomic, aging OVEC dirty coal plants through the Power Purchase Agreement Rider (PPA Rider). OMAEG's reply brief responded to the post-hearing brief filed by AEP Ohio and argued that AEP Ohio's "must-run" strategy of operating the plants was unreasonable, that the PUCO should not allow AEP Ohio to pass through nearly \$74.5 million to customers through the Rider, and that continued operation of the OVEC plants is not in the best interests of customers.

AES Ohio

Standard Service Offer (SSO) Pricing Increases

Summary: Similar to other Ohio utilities, AES Ohio's SSO pricing has increased due to recent increases in energy costs. SSO pricing is the price for default service for customers who do not take generation service from a competitive supplier. Customers should check their competitive supplier contracts before switching to the SSO.

FirstEnergy

OMAEG Appeals Discovery Period Deadline (Case No. 17-974-EL-UNC)

Summary: OMAEG and other parties filed an interlocutory appeal of the PUCO's decision not to extend the deadline for issuing new discovery in the proceeding regarding the PUCO's review of FirstEnergy's corporate separation plan. Despite continuing the evidentiary hearing date to August 22, 2022, the PUCO declined the request of OMAEG and other parties to extend the deadline for issuing discovery. Although FirstEnergy will continue to respond to outstanding discovery, including

depositions and thousands of requested documents, the PUCO's ruling would prevent the parties from issuing further discovery based on new information uncovered through the ongoing production of documents and deposition schedule.

PUCO Hears Arguments Regarding Timeline for Discovery of FERC Audit Materials (Case No. 20-1502-EL-UNC)

Summary: On March 11, 2022, the PUCO granted a motion to compel FirstEnergy to produce documents related to FirstEnergy's FERC audit and directed FirstEnergy to provide the requested documents by April 11, 2022. However, several days before the deadline, FirstEnergy informed the parties that it would not be able to provide the requested documents by the deadline and proposed a "rolling" discovery schedule allowing FirstEnergy to provide the documents over an extended period of time. The PUCO held a prehearing conference and asked the parties to file briefs on the subject. OMAEG argued that FirstEnergy had already attempted to delay discovery, that FirstEnergy had already had adequate time to prepare the document production, and that any rolling discovery schedule must come with definitive deadlines.