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## **Statewide**

### **Standard Service Offer (SSO) Pricing Increases**

**Summary:** Due to recent increases in energy costs, SSO pricing for Ohio utilities is increasing. 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.

## **AEP**

### **PUCO Holds Hearing on Settlement of AEP SEET Cases (Case Nos. 20-1006-EL-UNC, et al.)**

**Summary:** This week, the PUCO held a hearing regarding the nearly unanimous settlement – filed by AEP, the OMAEG, the PUCO staff, and others – that resolves various AEP Significantly Excessive Earnings Test (SEET) cases. The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), the only party not to join the stipulation, agreed to not oppose the settlement. In addition to avoiding litigation that is unlikely to result in customer refunds, the settlement specifies that the OMAEG and other signatory parties are not bound by AEP's SEET methodology in future cases.

## **AES Ohio**

### **OMAEG Continues to Argue in Favor of AES Ohio Base Distribution Rate Freeze (Case Nos. 20-1651-EL-AIR, et al.)**

**Summary:** This week, the OMAEG filed its reply brief in the AES Ohio (formerly known as DP&L) rate case. The OMAEG, along with other parties, including PUCO staff, argued that AES Ohio's current electric security plan imposes a rate freeze on AES Ohio, which prohibits it from raising its base distribution rates at this time. On March 31, the PUCO scheduled an oral argument on the issue at AES Ohio's request.

## FirstEnergy

### **FirstEnergy Continues to Seek to Limit Audit (Case No. 17-974-EL-UNC)**

**Summary:** In the PUCO review of FirstEnergy's corporate separation plan, FirstEnergy filed another pleading this week seeking to limit the scope of the proceedings and audit. FirstEnergy also sought to prohibit the deposition of former FirstEnergy Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer Ebony Yeboah-Amankwah. Ms. Yeboah-Amankwah, who is no longer an employee of FirstEnergy, previously filed her own motion to quash the subpoena.