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Federal

PUCO Files Comments on Proposed Pipeline Regulations

Summary: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a proposal to update its certification process for interstate natural gas pipelines. Under the proposal, FERC would consider greenhouse gas emissions, including those from end-users, impacts to “environmental justice communities,” the basis of need for a project, and proposed environmental mitigation measures. The PUCO has filed comments opposing FERC’s proposed policy change, referring to it as among “the most significant regulatory encroachment upon individual liberty and state sovereignty in American history.” Reply comments are due May 25, 2022. For a full review of FERC’s proposal, see the [memorandum](#) titled *FERC Environmental Proposals* prepared by Carpenter Lipps & Leland LLP.

Columbia

Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Pricing Increases

Summary: The PUCO approved the auction results for Columbia’s SCO, which will increase prices due to recent increases in energy costs. SCO pricing is the price for default service for customers who do not shop and receive the natural gas commodity from a competitive retail natural gas supplier. Customers should check their competitive supplier contracts before switching to the SCO.

FirstEnergy

FirstEnergy Seeks to Update Rider GEN (Case No. 22-340-EL-RDR)

Summary: Due to recent increases in energy costs and the results of its Standard Service Offer (SSO) auction, FirstEnergy seeks to update its Rider GEN, which is a per kWh charge that applies to customers who do not take generation service from a competitive supplier. Customers should check their competitive supplier contracts before choosing not to shop and switching to the SSO.