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Duke Energy Ohio

Duke Files Application to Adjust Base Transmission Rate Rider (Rider BTR) (Case No. 22-617-EL-RDR)

Summary: Duke seeks to increase its Rider BTR, which is a non-bypassable rider that recovers transmission costs billed to Duke under tariffs approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Rider BTR contains two components: A per-kWh BTR charge and a per-kWh regional transmission expansion plan (RTEP) credit. Duke proposes increasing the BTR charge from \$2.9062 per kWh to \$3.4496 per kWh for the secondary rate class, and from \$0.010093 per kWh to \$0.011946 per kWh for the primary rate class. Duke also proposes decreasing the RTEP credit from \$0.000559 to \$0.000417 for both the secondary and primary rate classes.

FirstEnergy

Parties Depose Former FirstEnergy Chief Ethics Officer (Case No. 17-0974-EL-UNC)

Summary: The parties participated in day one of a two-day deposition of former FirstEnergy Chief Ethics Officer Ebony Yeboah-Amankwah in the FirstEnergy Utilities' corporate separation audit proceeding. Ms. Yeboah-Amankwah served in the lead compliance role for the utilities from 2017-2020. She was responsible for maintaining records of employee and stakeholder complaints regarding corporate separation practices during the House Bill 6 scandal, which the auditor claimed no longer existed. Conveniently for FirstEnergy, its former chief ethics officer claimed she could not recall much information about her job duties and actions while employed, including during HB 6 implementation.

FirstEnergy Utilities File Phase Two of Grid Modernization Plan (Case No. 22-704-EL-UNC)

Summary: FirstEnergy filed an application to implement Phase Two of its Grid Modernization Plan (Grid Mod II). FirstEnergy proposed implementing Grid Mod II over

a four-year period with estimated capital investments of \$626.4 million. Grid Mod II would involve deployment of advanced meters, distribution automation, integrated volt/var control, an advanced distribution management system, and various pilot programs – such as EV charging rebates. FirstEnergy would recover costs for Grid Mod II through Rider AMI.