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AEP

AEP Increases Various Riders (Case No. 89-6007-EL-TRF)

Summary: AEP increased its gridSmart Rider, Distribution Investment Rider (DIR), and Smart City Rider (SCR). The riders will increase as follows:

- The gridSmart Rider increased to \$14.77 per month from \$14.52 per month for all customers;
- The DIR increased to 7.61628% of the customer's distribution charges from 7.47404% of the customer's distribution charges for all customers; and
- The SCR increased to \$1.22 per month from \$0.91 per month for all customers.

FirstEnergy

FirstEnergy Updates Various Riders (Case Nos. 89-6001-EL-TRF, 89-6006-EL-TRF, and 89-6008-EL-TRF)

Summary: Each of the FirstEnergy utilities will update several riders to new rates that are identical for each utility. Each of the utilities will:

- Increase the Generation Cost Reconciliation (GCR) Rider to \$0.0762/kWh from \$0.0571/kWh for General Service – Primary (GP), and to \$0.0790/kWh from \$0.0591/kWh for General Service – Secondary (GS); and
- Decrease the Delta Revenue Recovery (DRR) Rider to \$(0.0005)/kWh from \$(0.0001)/kWh for GP, and to \$(0.0014)/kWh from \$(0.0003)/kWh for GS.

Furthermore, each of the FirstEnergy utilities will update several riders to new rates, which will differ between the utilities.

The Cleveland Illuminating Company will:

- Increase its Distribution Uncollectible (DUN) Rider to \$0.0180/kWh from \$(0.0133)/kWh for all customers;
- Decrease its PIPP Uncollectible Rider (PUR) to \$0.0015/kWh from \$0.0025/kWh for all customers;
- Increase its Economic Developer Rider (EDR) to \$0.3984/kWh from \$0.3586/kWh for GP, and to \$0.2406/kWh from \$0.2158/kWh for GS; and
- Increase its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Rider to \$208.232 per month from \$170.329 per month for GP, and to \$23.143 per month from \$18.432 per month for GS.

The Ohio Edison Company will:

- Decrease its DUN Rider to \$(0.0329)/kWh from \$(0.0232)/kWh for all customers;
- Decrease its PUR Rider to \$0.0013/kWh from \$0.0018/kWh for all customers;
- Increase its EDR Rider to \$0.2341/kWh from \$0.2105/kWh for GP, and to \$0.2518 from \$0.2259/kWh for GS; and
- Increase its AMI Rider to \$257.628 per month from \$207.312 per month for GP, and to \$13.729 per month from \$11.145 per month for GS.

Lastly, the Toledo Edison Company will:

- Decrease its DUN Rider to \$(0.0348)/kWh from \$(0.0278)/kWh for all customers;
- Increase its PUR Rider to \$0.0009/kWh from \$(0.0004)/kWh for all customers;
- Increase its EDR Rider to \$0.5053/kWh from \$0.4533/kWh for GP, and to \$0.1136/kWh from \$0.1194/kWh for GS; and
- Increase its AMI Rider to \$148.325 per month from \$117.302 per month for GP, and to \$14.599 per month from \$11.882 per month for GS.

FirstEnergy Utilities Decreases SSO Rates

Summary: Based on recent auctions and market activity, the default service rates for the three FirstEnergy operating utilities have decreased: Toledo Edison's SSO rate decreased to \$0.057619/kWh from \$0.066441/kWh; the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company's SSO rate decreased to \$0.059046/kWh from \$0.067868/kWh; and Ohio Edison's SSO rate decreased to \$0.057850/kWh from \$0.066672/kWh.

Although the default rates are decreasing, customers should continue to check their competitive supplier contracts before choosing not to shop and switching to the SSO.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

OMAEG Submits Comments on Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Case No. 22-0755-AU-COI)

Summary: The OMAEG filed comments on the PUCO's implementation of the IIJA's Grid Grants. The OMAEG recommended that proposed projects substantially reduce grid peaks, customer costs, the number of outages and their duration, and prioritize improving the resiliency of electric facilities critical for public health and safety.

The OMAEG also emphasized that the PUCO should ensure that grant recipients use their funding to measurably improve grid resilience in a way that benefits all Ohio electric customers, including manufacturers.

In addition to the OMAEG, many other stakeholders filed comments recommending that projects should focus on reducing the number of outages and their duration.

Both utilities and consumer advocates supported investing in projects that increased community benefits and programs to create and fund training for utility sector jobs. However, consumer advocates focused on customer benefits – like lower rates and prioritizing disadvantaged communities – while utilities focused on benefits from building the grid via pilot programs and high-investment projects.