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## **Statewide**

### **Attorney General Yost Attempts to Stay Order Unfreezing Randazzo's Assets (Case Nos. 20-CV-6281, et al.)**

**Summary:** As you may recall, in August 2021, AG Yost obtained a court order seizing up to \$8 million in assets from former PUCO Chairman Randazzo and freezing other assets to prevent further concealment or transfer of those assets pending the various HB6 civil and criminal trials. Randazzo appealed.

The appellate court reversed and vacated the trial court's order on a technicality, stating that the AG's office did not provide sufficient explanation for why it needed to freeze Randazzo's assets prior to affording him a full hearing on the issue. In response, AG Yost filed a motion to stay the appellate court's order pending the State's appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

## **AEP Ohio**

### **AEP Decreases its Economic Development Cost Recovery Rider (Case No. 89-6007-EL-TRF)**

**Summary:** AEP decreased its Economic Development Cost Recovery Rider to 3.77608% of the customer's distribution charges from 4.73099% of the customer's distribution charges.

### **AEP Increases Default SSO Rate**

**Summary:** AEP increased its SSO rate to \$0.0732/kWh from \$0.0723/kWh. Although the default rate is increasing, customers should continue to check their competitive supplier contracts before choosing not to shop and switching to the SSO.

## AES Ohio

### **OMAEG Intervenes in AES' Fourth Electric Security Plan (ESP IV) Case (Case Nos. 22-900-EL-SSO, et al.)**

**Summary:** OMAEG intervened in AES' ESP IV proceeding where AES seeks, among other things, approval to implement numerous new and continue existing riders to purportedly allow AES to recoup investments into its distribution and transmission systems.

Astonishingly, AES seeks approval for 12 above-market riders, including:

- Distribution Investment Rider (DIR) to recover distribution system investments;
- Infrastructure Investment Rider (IIR) to recover investments/expenses related to AES' Smart Grid Plan;
- Proactive Reliability Optimization (PRO) Rider to recover increased spending on vegetation management;
- Economic Development Incentive (EDI) Tariff to recover costs for various economic development programs;
- Regulatory Compliance Rider (RCR) to recover regulatory assets;
- Consumer Program Rider (CPR) to recover costs associated with the implementation of electric vehicle and demand side management programs;
- Green Energy Alternative (GEA) Tariff to recover costs associated with a program to install renewable energy resources;
- Distribution Decoupling Rider (DDR) to implement a decoupling mechanism;
- Energy Efficiency Rider (EER) to recover the costs of prior energy efficiency programs that still require final reconciliation;
- Storm Cost Recovery Rider (SCRR) to recover operation and maintenance costs related to restoring services and facilities after severe storms;
- Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR) to recover transmission-related costs charged by FERC or PJM (AES also wants to continue its opt-out pilot program); and
- Standard Offer Rate (SOR) to recover costs associated with the default service auctions.

### **AES Decreases its Storm Recovery Rider (Case No. 89-6004-EL-TRF)**

**Summary:** AES decreased its Storm Cost Recovery Rider to \$3.20/month from \$3.26/month for primary and secondary customers, primary substations, and high voltage customers.

## Duke

### **OMAEG Participates in Duke Rate Case Hearing (Case Nos. 21-887-EL-AIR, et al.)**

**Summary:** After agreeing to not oppose a settlement filed by almost all parties in the Duke rate case, the hearing on the settlement commenced this week. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) is the only party challenging the settlement that significantly reduces the rate increase proposed by Duke. The hearing continues next week.

## FirstEnergy

### **The FirstEnergy Utilities Update Delivery Capital Recovery Rider Rates (Case Nos. 89-6001-EL-TRF, et al.)**

**Summary:** The FirstEnergy utilities updated their Delivery Capital Recovery Riders (Rider DCR). The rider rates, which will become effective December 1, 2022, will be adjusted as follows:

- Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company will decrease Rider DCR to \$1.1667/kW from \$1.2007/kW for General Service – Primary (GP), and to \$4.7760/kW from \$4.8892/kW for General Service – Secondary (GS);
- Ohio Edison will increase Rider DCR to \$2.1508/kW from \$2.1314/kW for GP, and to \$3.2171/kW from \$3.1719/kW for GS; and
- Toledo Edison will decrease Rider DCR to \$0.9547/kW from \$0.9898/kW for GP, and to \$2.6893/kW from \$2.7923/kW for GS.

### **The FirstEnergy Utilities Decreases Default SSO Rates**

**Summary:** Based on recent auctions and market activity, the default service rates for the three FirstEnergy utilities were decreased: Toledo Edison's SSO rate decreased to \$0.057414/kWh from \$0.057619/kWh; the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company's SSO rate decreased to \$0.058437/kWh from \$0.059046/kWh; and Ohio Edison's SSO rate decreased to \$0.057077/kWh from \$0.057850/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.