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Statewide

PUCO to Determine Whether Customers Funded Costs of FirstEnergy Stadium's Naming Rights (Case No. 20-1629-EL-RDR)

Summary: The PUCO has expanded the scope of one of its four existing HB 6-related audits to determine whether FirstEnergy recovered the costs of FirstEnergy Stadium's naming rights from customers.

In 2013, the Cleveland Browns sold the naming rights for the taxpayer-owned football stadium to FirstEnergy in a 17-year, \$102 million deal. Institutional and promotional advertising does not provide a direct primary benefit to customers, and it would be unlawful if FirstEnergy included the costs of such advertising in its customers' rates.

A supplemental audit report addressing the issue will be issued by Nov. 19.

AEP

AEP Requests Increase to DIR Charge (Case No. 14-1696-EL-RDR)

Summary: AEP proposed to increase its non-bypassable Distribution Investment Rider (DIR) charge to 48.55427% of customers' distribution charges from 48.28929% of customers' distribution charges. If approved, the increase will become effective beginning the first billing cycle of November 2021.