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Statewide

PUCO Opens Application Period for Grid Resilience Formula Grant (GRIP) Funding (Case No. 22-755-AU-COI)

Summary: As you may recall, Governor DeWine announced in July that Ohio will receive \$14.2 million in federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's (IIJA) GRIP program to modernize the electric grid and reduce the impacts of extreme weather and natural disasters.

This week, the PUCO ordered those seeking GRIP funding to submit applications through the [Ohio Grants Portal](#) beginning Oct. 4, and continuing through Dec. 1.

Per the IIJA, eligible entities include: (1) electric grid operators, (2) electricity storage operators, (3) electricity generators, (4) transmission owner or operators, (5) distribution providers, and (6) fuel suppliers.

Additionally, the PUCO will hold a webinar on the sub-award application process on Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. Registration information can be found [here](#). The webinar will be recorded and available for later viewing.

AES

AES Increases Distribution Investment Rider (DIR) (Case No. 22-900-EL-RDR)

Summary: Effective Oct. 1, the DIR increased to 6.7986% of base distribution charges from 6.5866% of base distribution charges.

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AEP

AEP Decreases Default SSO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for AEP decreased to \$0.1091/kWh from \$0.1120/kWh, effective Oct. 1.

CenterPoint Energy (formerly Vectren)

CenterPoint Increases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for CenterPoint increased to \$0.39580/ccf from \$0.37349/ccf, effective Oct. 1.

Columbia

Evidentiary Hearing on PHMSA IRP Case (Case Nos. 23-46-GA-ALT, et al.)

Summary: This week, an evidentiary hearing was held on the unopposed settlement reached in Columbia's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) case.

After months of negotiations, the OMAEG agreed to the settlement to significantly reduce the nearly \$200 million that Columbia initially proposed to collect from customers – reducing that original proposal by \$118 million.

The settlement also imposes revenue caps for the General Sales (GS) and Large General Sales (LGS) rate classes; removes operational and maintenance expenses; decreases the amount that Columbia can collect from GS customers from \$21.9 million to \$8.9 million; decreases the amount that Columbia can collect from LGS customers from \$10.6 million to \$4.3 million; and decreases the PHMSA Rider term.

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Duke

Duke Decreases Default SSO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Duke decreased to \$0.0960/kWh from \$0.0994/kWh, effective Oct. 1.

FirstEnergy

FirstEnergy Adjusts Default Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rates

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rates for the three FirstEnergy utilities changed as follows: Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company's SSO rate decreased \$0.096000/kWh from \$0.096112/kWh; Ohio Edison's SSO rate increased to \$0.100600/kWh from \$0.098345/kWh; and Toledo Edison's SSO rate increased to \$0.09800/kWh from \$0.096657/kWh, effective Oct. 1.