

Volume 10, Issue 40 • October 8, 2021

**This Summary Contains Confidential and Privileged Information Pursuant to a Confidentiality Agreement and the Attorney-Client Privilege.
DO NOT DISTRIBUTE OR SHARE WITH NON-MEMBERS.**

Statewide

OMAEG to Submit Comments on Transmission Planning and Cost Management Report (Case No. 21-796-EL-UNC)

Summary: OMAEG will submit comments today on the Ohio Power Siting Board's (OPSB) draft report regarding the planning and cost management of transmission investment in Ohio, the final version of which will be provided to the Ohio General Assembly by December 1, 2021. OMAEG's comments advocate that the draft report overstated federal and regional oversight of transmission projects and that OPSB should use its authority to curtail unnecessary and costly transmission-related investment. The comments further recommend a requirement that projects before OPSB be competitively bid and that if transmission is to remain non-market based, OPSB's jurisdiction should be expanded to provide checks and balances on transmission owners' monopoly power and costly transmission investment.

FirstEnergy

OMAEG Submits Comments in H.B. 6-Related Audit of FirstEnergy's Rider DCR (Case No. 20-1629-EL-RDR)

Summary: An audit report was filed in one of the four ongoing H.B. 6-related PUCO audits detailing how FirstEnergy did the following: unlawfully charged customers at least \$6.6 million for various improper transactions over a ten-year period; recorded \$7.4 million as capital costs without supporting documentation; and otherwise misallocated funds to its Ohio utilities to bribe public officials and profit at customers' expense through its Delivery Capital Recovery Rider (Rider DCR), distribution rates, and other recovery mechanisms. OMAEG filed [comments](#) on the audit report recommending that customers be refunded all amounts collected to pay vendors that lack supporting documentation (not just costs that impacted rates) and that the \$7.4 million recorded as "capital costs" be excluded from future rate base in any PUCO distribution rate case. The comments also advocated overhauling FirstEnergy's accounting and corporate separation

practices and recommended that the PUCO issue FirstEnergy \$10,000 in forfeitures per violation.

FirstEnergy Proposes a Decrease to its Rider DCR
(Case No. 21-1022-EL-RDR)

Summary: FirstEnergy requested a decrease to the following nonbypassable Rider DCR rates. If approved, the new rates will become effective for bills rendered beginning December 1, 2021.

- GS: \$2.0844/kW, a decrease from \$2.6926/kW.
- GP: \$1.1102/kW, a decrease from \$1.5789/kW.
- GSU: \$0.5035/kVa, a decrease from \$0.6929/kVa.