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AEP

OMAEG Opposes AEP's Attempt to Limit Discovery in OVEC Rider Audit (Case Nos. 18-1004-EL-RDR, et al.)

Summary: The OMAEG responded to AEP's attempt to limit the scope of the PUCO's audit of its Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) Rider and the methods of discovery available to participating parties. Specifically, the OMAEG challenged AEP's claims that depositions are unduly burdensome and explained that Ohio law grants parties ample discovery rights once the PUCO opens a proceeding.

FirstEnergy

Environmental Groups Seek to Expand, Consolidate FirstEnergy HB 6 Cases (Case No. 20-1502-EL-UNC)

Summary: Environmental groups requested that the PUCO expand its review of FirstEnergy's involvement in the HB 6 scandal. More specifically, the groups asked the PUCO to investigate FirstEnergy's participation in the HB 6 legislative process and whether former PUCO Chairman Sam Randazzo was involved in the drafting of HB 6 or was otherwise improperly influenced by FirstEnergy.

The groups further requested that the PUCO consolidate its three pending HB 6 investigations, which include:

- a review of FirstEnergy's political and charitable spending in support of HB 6;
- an audit of FirstEnergy's compliance with Ohio's corporate separation laws; and
- an audit of FirstEnergy's Distribution Modernization Rider revenues.