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Statewide

OPSB Seeks Stakeholder Input to Improve Siting Process

Summary: In March, the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) will hold informal stakeholder discussions to learn how to improve public participation in the siting process, technical application requirements, and construction compliance efforts. Next, OPSB will open a formal rulemaking docket and hold public workshops to solicit ideas from interested parties. OPSB will then issue draft rules and solicit formal public comments prior to issuing final rules. OMAEG will participate in the workshops and make recommendations for improvement to the rules as appropriate, including an improved transmission siting process in an attempt to control the costs of supplemental transmission projects being passed on to customers.

FirstEnergy

PUCO Staff Recommends Approval of Reduction to Rider NMB (Case Nos. 19-2120-EL-RDR, et. al)

Summary: On February 20, 2020, PUCO Staff recommended approval of a reduction to FirstEnergy's Non-market Based Services Rider (Rider NMB). The demand-based charge allows for recovery of transmission-based costs, such as Network Integration Transmission Service charges. Rider NMB for nonresidential customers will be reduced from \$5.3107 to \$5.2200 per kWh for GS customers and from \$7.2590 to \$6.3853 per kWh for GP customers. The reduced charges are proposed to become effective March 1, 2020.