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## **Statewide**

### **PUCO Holds Special Meeting; Issues Order in Response to Coronavirus (Case No. 20-591-AU-UNC)**

PUCO directed public utilities to review their disconnection policies and other practices and promptly seek approval to suspend any requirements that might impose a "service continuity hardship" on customers or create unnecessary risks associated with spreading the virus. The PUCO also encouraged municipalities and cooperatives that are beyond their jurisdiction to take similar actions.

The order also empowered Chair Sam Randazzo and Vice Chair Beth Trombold to act individually on behalf of the full five-member commission for the duration of the emergency.

Additionally, the order suspended paper and facsimile filings in ongoing cases until further notice.

The order also encourages the public to provide suggestions on how to handle the evolving situation by [email](mailto:ContactthePUCO@puc.ohio.gov) at [ContactthePUCO@puc.ohio.gov](mailto:ContactthePUCO@puc.ohio.gov) or by mail at 180 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Correspondence should reference Case No. 20-591-AU-UNC.

Finally, the PUCO canceled its planned forum on natural gas this week.

## **AEP Ohio**

### **PUCO Staff Recommends Modifications to AEP's BTCR Rider**

Staff filed its staff report recommending that any charges related to service provided under the bypassable TCRR rider be removed from the BTCR Rider and recovered on a bypassable basis through the Auction Cost Reconciliation Rider. Staff also verified that the 2019 pilot participants' load did not exceed the MW load limit and recommended approval of the BTCR Rider (as modified), effective with the first billing cycle of April 2020.