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Statewide Cases

State's HB 6 Civil Case Stayed (Case No. 20-CV-6281)

Summary: Following the state criminal indictments of former FirstEnergy CEO Charles Jones and former Vice President Michael Dowling, Attorney General Yost sought to stay all civil proceedings until the criminal cases are resolved so as to not thwart discovery in the civil cases due to self-incrimination. This week, the Court granted the stay of the civil case until the federal and state criminal proceedings against Jones, Dowling, and former Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Chair Samuel Randazzo conclude.

AEP

Staff Recommends Approval of Updated Basic Transmission Cost Rider (BTCR) (Case No. 24-0042-EL-RDR)

Summary: As you may recall, last year, OMAEG discovered that AEP miscalculated its 2023 BTCR rates, which resulted in a significant over-collection from customers. After OMAEG filed comments raising the error, AEP corrected its 2023 application and was directed by the PUCO "to review all BTCR rate filings since the inception of the BTCR pilot" to determine if this error has occurred before."

As part of its 2024 BTCR update, AEP admitted that the calculation error has been occurring since 2018 and caused \$2.55 million in overcharges to the BTCR Pilot Customers. AEP calculated the amount overcharged to each individual Pilot Customer and "will make a one-time credit to each customer's bill." In its recommendation urging the PUCO to approve AEP's updated BTCR rates, Staff said that these additional costs will not cause any significant impacts to the calculated rates.

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Dominion Gas

Dominion Decreases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Dominion decreased to \$2.005/Mcf from \$2.880/Mcf, effective March 13, 2024.