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Statewide

PUCO and OPSB Issue Emergency Procedures (COVID-19 State of Emergency)

Summary: As you are aware, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19. The Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) continues to hold special meetings and issue orders to address issues related to the declared emergency. On March 12, 2020, the PUCO and the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) ordered the suspension of paper and facsimile filing of documents. The PUCO and OPSB also tolled any time period in an order, statute, or rule requiring PUCO or OPSB to act upon a pending application or filing during the declared emergency and fourteen days after. The tolling does not apply to automatic approval of filings to suspend service disconnection or reconnection requirements.

PUCO Extends Utility Reconnect Order (COVID-19 State of Emergency)

Summary: On March 13, 2020, PUCO extended the Winter Reconnect Order (WRO) through May 1, 2020. WRO allows Ohioans to reconnect or avoid disconnection of their utilities from October 14 to April 15 and does not apply to municipal-owned utilities. In addition, PUCO encouraged regulated utilities to review policies that may create hardship or unnecessary contact during the COVID-19 state of emergency. While not under PUCO jurisdiction, the Commission recommended that municipal utilities take similar actions. The PUCO's Order does not eliminate customers' payment obligations.

PUCO Suspends Utilities' Non-Essential Activities (COVID-19 State of Emergency)

Summary: On March 20, 2020, the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) ordered the suspension of utilities' non-essential activities during the COVID-19 emergency. Regulatory obligations for periodic inspections associated with objects in homes, such as gas lines, are suspended to minimize social contact. The Order does not relieve utilities of the obligation to address safety concerns.

OPSB Cancels March 25 Stakeholder Meeting (COVID-19 State of Emergency)

Summary: The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) canceled its March 25, 2020 stakeholder meeting which was to include the Governor's office and siting review

agencies. OPSB stated it will soon publish comments that stakeholders made during the March 10 and March 11 meetings. COVID-19 may affect OPSB's initial timeline of 12 months to update its rules.

In the Matter of the Commission's Review of Chapter 4901:1-22 of the OAC Regarding Interconnection Services (Case No. 18-0885-EL-ORD)

Summary: On March 13, 2020, OMAEG filed comments with the PUCO on interconnection of distributed energy resources (DERs). The comments addressed costs, access to data, and the formation of a stakeholder group on DERs.

AEP Ohio

Application to Implement COVID-19 State of Emergency Plan (Case No. 20-602-EL-UNC)

Summary: In light of the PUCO's directives associated with the declared emergency, AEP filed an application to implement a COVID-19 State of Emergency Plan. AEP stated that it will temporarily eliminate the minimum billing demand charges, in order to help those customers avoid demand ratchet charges as a consequence of operational curtailments during the declared emergency, and is requesting to defer avoided charges to customers for later recovery. AEP also stated that it has temporarily suspended all disconnections for non-residential customers (but because of IT systems in place, customers still may receive a disconnection notice--the notices should be disregarded). AEP is also foregoing customer deposits and reconnection fees for all customers that have been recently disconnected. AEP will not charge late fees to commercial and industrial customers during the declared emergency. Lastly, AEP has requested deferral authority to defer costs associated with implementing its Plan and for certain relief sought. Except for deferral authority for various costs, the Plan is deemed effective upon filing.

Duke Energy Ohio

Application to Implement COVID-19 State of Emergency Plan (Case No. 20-599-GE-UNC)

Summary: On March 20, 2020, Duke filed an application with the PUCO to suspend certain PUCO rule requirements during the COVID-19 emergency. Among these requirements include rules that require Duke to make corrections when voltage levels fall below a certain threshold amount, meet minimum customer service levels, and

meter testing, inspection, and meter reading rules. The Plan is deemed effective upon filing.

DP&L

DP&L Files Application to Increase Transmission Cost Recovery Rider-Non-Bypassable (Case No. 20-0547-EL-RDR)

Summary: On March 16, 2020, DP&L filed an application to update its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider-Non-Bypassable (“TCRR-N”). The rider is intended to allow DP&L to recover transmission-related costs such as the Network Integration Transmission Service. If approved, the update would result in the following increases.

Secondary Customers:

- Demand charge = \$0.9530470 (instead of \$0.5369603) per kW
- Energy charge = \$0.0003246 (instead of \$0.0002485) per kWh
- Maximum charge of \$0.0071314 (instead of \$0.00041302) per kWh for qualifying customers in lieu of the preceding demand and energy charges.

Primary Customers:

- Demand charge = \$0.8985920 (instead of \$0.5335326) per kW
- Energy charge = \$0.003246 (instead of \$0.0002485) per kWh
- Maximum charge of \$0.0059975 (instead of \$0.0035748) per kWh for qualifying customers in lieu of the preceding demand energy charges.

Primary-Substation Customers:

- Demand charge = \$1.0705436 per kW for all kW
- Energy charge of \$0.0003246 (instead of \$0.0002485) per kWh