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Statewide

PUCO Submits Application for Grid Resilience Funding (Case No. 22-755-AU-COI)

Summary: As part of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is accepting applications for grants under the Grid Resilience Formula Grants (GRIP) program.

While any grant monies will ultimately be disbursed to various Ohio entities to fund grid resiliency projects, the PUCO has been designated as the sole entity that may apply for, receive, and administer GRIP awards.

This week, the PUCO submitted an application for GRIP funding. As part of the application, the PUCO created a program narrative outlining the objectives and supporting metrics necessary to receive the GRIP funds.

Among the revisions made to its draft program narrative in response to the OMAEG's comments, the PUCO will allow applicants to propose alternative reliability and resilience metrics, such as network service peak load.

AEP

PUCO Approves Updated Basic Transmission Cost Rider (BTCR) (Case No. 23-0057-EL-RDR)

Summary: The PUCO approved AEP's updated BTCR rates with the corrected rate calculation. (The error was discovered by the OMAEG.) New rates take effect April 1.

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**AEP Updates Economic Development Cost Recovery Rider (EDR)
(Case No. 23-102-EL-RDR)**

Summary: AEP decreased its EDR to 1.87650% of the customer's distribution charges from 3.77608% of the customer's distribution charges. This applies to all customers and will be effective April 1.

FirstEnergy

**PUCO Approves Updated Non-Market Based Services Rider (Rider NMB)
(Case No. 23-0051-EL-RDR)**

Summary: The PUCO approved FirstEnergy's updated Rider NMB rates with a revised rate calculation for one of its forecasted expenses. New rates become effective April 1.