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## **Statewide**

### **PUCO States That Payment to Regulator Had No Impact on Approval of FE-Linked Broker**

#### ***In RE the Application of Suvon, LLC (Case No. 2020-1009)***

**Summary:** In April 2020, the PUCO authorized FirstEnergy subsidiary Suvon to operate as an energy broker and aggregator under the moniker FirstEnergy Advisors – a move the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) appealed.

Subsequently, NOPEC asked the Supreme Court of Ohio to take notice of FirstEnergy's disclosures regarding a \$4.3 million payment to an unnamed regulator acting at the request or benefit of the company. NOPEC stated that FirstEnergy and former PUCO Chair Sam Randazzo maintained a "corrupt relationship," which may have influenced the authorization. The PUCO responded that NOPEC's allegation is unsupported by evidence and the PUCO lawfully used its discretion to approve Suvon's application. Suvon asserted, even if true, four PUCO commissioners and staff independently determined that the application met the proper legal standards.

Oral arguments are scheduled for June.