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AEP Ohio

AEP Increases Default SSO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for AEP's electric service increased to \$0.0749/kWh from \$0.0674/kWh, effective April 1.

Centerpoint Energy (formerly Vectren)

Centerpoint Decreases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Centerpoint's SCO rate decreased to \$0.31304/ccf from \$0.36926/ccf.

Although the default rate decreased, customers should continue to check their competitive supplier contracts before choosing not to shop and switching to the SCO.

Duke

Duke Decreases Default SSO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Duke's electric service decreased to \$0.0644/kWh from \$0.0659/kWh.

Although the default rates are decreasing, customers should continue to check their competitive supplier contracts before choosing not to shop and switching to the SSO.

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FirstEnergy

FirstEnergy Seeks to Continue Discriminatory Access to Economic Load Response Rider (Rider ELR) in Fifth Electric Security Plan (ESP V) (Case No. 23-301-EL-SSO)

Summary: FirstEnergy's ESP V – with a term of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2032 – proposes new and increased above-market charges totaling nearly \$200 million in the first year alone. The proposed ESP also reinstates energy efficiency programs *and* continues discriminatory access to Rider ELR by only allowing access to customers or groups that signed the last ESP Stipulation eight years ago, or who have a reasonable arrangement.

The proposed increase in the Delivery Capital Recovery Rider cap would result in an aggregate increase between \$120 and \$168 million over the ESP term, and FirstEnergy seeks to establish several new riders that would recover nearly \$900 million dollars over the ESP term.

FirstEnergy also proposes a voluntary portfolio of energy efficiency and demand response programs directed towards all customers, which contradicts the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO) previous rulings limiting such programs to those targeted towards low-income customers.

FirstEnergy Utilities Increase Default Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rates

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rates for the three FirstEnergy utilities' electric service increased: Toledo Edison's SSO rate increased to \$0.059383/kWh from \$0.054353/kWh; the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company's SSO rate increased to \$0.059039/kWh from \$0.054695/kWh; and Ohio Edison's SSO rate increased to \$0.058766/kWh from \$0.053829/kWh.