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## **Federal**

### **PUCO Submits Comments on FERC's Proposed Cybersecurity Incentives (Docket No. RM21-3-000)**

**Summary:** The PUCO submitted comments on FERC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to establish rules on incentives for voluntary cybersecurity investments related to transmission or the sale of electricity within FERC's jurisdiction. The comments advocated that the existing cybersecurity standards are adequate, but if FERC adopts an incentives framework it should: (1) involve state commissions and customers in the application process; (2) include annual audits; and (3) limit the duration of the incentives.

### **PUCO Submits Comments Following Conference on Offshore Wind Generation (Docket No. AD20-18-000)**

**Summary:** The PUCO submitted comments following a FERC technical conference on how RTOs/ISOs can accommodate anticipated growth in offshore wind generation. The comments advocated that FERC should not require Ohio customers to pay increased transmission charges that may result from other states' implementation of offshore wind generation and the associated upgrades to transmission infrastructure. The comments further stated that assigning costs to the developer of the generation resources will minimize congestion and unnecessary transmission investment.

## **Statewide**

### **PUCO Orders Audit of HB 6 OVEC Riders (Case No. 21-477-EL-RDR)**

**Summary:** The PUCO ordered an independent auditor to review the non-bypassable HB 6 Legacy Generation Resource Riders of AEP, Duke, and AES Ohio (formerly DP&L) which subsidize the uneconomic Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) coal plants. Ohio customers have already paid approximately \$150 million in OVEC

subsidies from 2012-2019, and are projected to pay an additional \$700 million through 2030 due to HB 6's extension of the subsidies.

## **AEP**

### **AEP Proposes a Decrease to Non-Bypassable DIR (Case No. 14-1629-EL-RDR)**

**Summary:** AEP proposed a decrease to its non-bypassable Distribution Investment Rider (DIR) charge from 45.51414% of a customer's distribution charges to 45.42147% of a customer's distribution charges. If approved, the decrease would become effective Aug. 1, 2021.