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Statewide

OMAEG Submits Reply Comments on the Remand of the Solar Generation Fund Rider (Rider SGF) Appeal (Case No. 21-447-EL-UNC)

Summary: On remand from the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) was ordered to address whether the Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) applies to Rider SGF and whether those tax amounts should be recovered from customers. Initial [comments](#) were filed on May 5, 2023 by OMAEG and other parties, and this week, OMAEG filed reply [comments](#).

Arguing against the utilities' assertion that, if Rider SGF amounts are subject to the CAT, then such expenses should be recovered from customers, OMAEG reiterated that the applicable statute places the burden of paying any CAT amounts on those *receiving* Rider SGF funds, not those paying them.

OMAEG Submits Reply Comments on an Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) Audit (Case No. 21-477-EL-UNC)

Summary: Initial [comments](#) regarding whether OVEC-related costs incurred by Duke, AES, and AEP for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (Audit Period) were reasonable and prudent were submitted by OMAEG and other parties on May 8, 2023, and this week, OMAEG filed reply [comments](#).

OMAEG argued that the utilities failed to demonstrate the prudence and reasonableness of passing OVEC costs through to customers. The utilities' claim that they cannot improve OVEC coal plant operations only proves that the resulting costs are unreasonable and imprudent and that the utilities themselves acted imprudently by not pursuing any changes. OMAEG reiterated that customers should not continue subsidizing OVEC plants and urged the PUCO to disallow the costs or, alternatively, hold an evidentiary hearing on this matter.

Unsurprisingly, the utilities argued that there is no statutory basis for denying cost recovery, while all other commenters agreed with OMAEG and urged the PUCO to disallow the costs or hold an evidentiary hearing.

Duke

Duke Decreases Electric Service Reliability Rider (ESRR) (Case Nos. 23-26-EL-RDR, et al.)

Summary: Effective June 1, 2023, the ESRR will decrease to a charge of 0.17% of a customer's applicable base distribution charges from a charge of 2.19% of a customer's applicable base distribution charges.

Duke Increases Distribution Capital Investment Rider (DCI) (Case Nos. 22-911-EL-RDR)

Summary: Effective July 1, 2023, the DCI will increase to a charge of 4.726% of a customer's applicable base distribution charges from a charge of 2.690% of a customer's applicable base distribution charges.

Columbia

Columbia Decreases Infrastructure Development Rider (IDR) (Case Nos. 22-521-EL-RDR)

Summary: Effective May 31, 2023, the IDR will decrease to \$0.00 per account per month from \$0.11 per account per month.