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AEP Ohio

AEP Requests New Decoupling Mechanism Under HB 6 (Case No. 20-1099-EL-ATA)

Summary: On May 28, 2020, AEP filed an application with the PUCO requesting a new decoupling mechanism authorized by HB 6. The proposed new conservation rider is designed to true-up AEP's base distribution revenue to the corresponding base distribution revenue from 2018. The new rider would apply to customers taking service under GS-2, GS-3, or GS-4 rate schedules, except EHG (Electric Heating General). Rates would be charged on a \$/kW basis. HB 6 requires the PUCO to issue an order by July 28, 2020. If approved, the new rider would go into effect with the first billing cycle of August 2020 and continue until new distribution rates are approved (which AEP recently notified the PUCO of its intent to file a rate case this month). The rider will collect any revenue shortfalls AEP is experiencing due to the pandemic (up to 2018 revenue levels), which is in addition to AEP's recent request to defer for later recovery any lost revenues and costs associated with the pandemic that it has incurred. OMAEG will intervene to protect members' interests.

Duke Energy Ohio

OMAEG Submits Comments on Duke's New Emergency Cost Recovery Proposal (Case No. 20-1011-GE-AAM)

Summary: On May 27, 2020, OMAEG submitted [comments](#) on Duke's additional Application requesting deferral authority for later recovery of expenses and revenues resulting from its COVID-19 Plan plus carrying costs. OMAEG asserted that Duke's request does not meet the Commission's required criteria for deferral authority and therefore should be denied. OMAEG also expressed concerns about the uncertainty of the deferral amounts and the potential for double recovery – and explained that customers should not compensate Duke for actions it touted as goodwill.