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Statewide

OMAEG Files Reply Comments on PUCO Staff's Proposal for New HB 6 Rider (Case No. 20-1143-EL-UNC)

Summary: On July 27, 2020, OMAEG filed [reply comments](#) on the PUCO Staff's proposal for the allocation of the collection of HB 6's \$170 million annual subsidies from customers. OMAEG advocated that the annual revenue requirement be allocated in a way that avoids charging similar non-residential customers different rates based on which electric distribution utility service territory they operate in or the number of residential customers within that service territory. OMAEG further explained that grossing-up the rider to include Commercial Activity Taxes (CAT) would be inappropriate because typically only sales to customers are subject to the CAT. Additionally, OMAEG disagreed with FirstEnergy's proposal to shift costs to other utilities' customers because HB 6 imposed a cost increase on FirstEnergy's customers associated with OVEC costs. OMAEG asserted that HB 6 as a whole resulted in excessive costs for all customers and is bad public policy, but FirstEnergy provided no legal basis to support its proposal.

PUCO Modifies ESP Rules at Request of FirstEnergy (Case No. 18-1188-EL-ORD)

Summary: On July 29, 2020, the PUCO partially granted FirstEnergy's request for reconsideration of the PUCO's June 3 entry regarding its electric security plan (ESP) rules. The PUCO adopted FirstEnergy's request to amend the rules to include both the quantitative and qualitative impacts of all reliability improvements in distribution infrastructure modernization plan filings. The PUCO denied all other arguments.

Duke

The PUCO Approves Duke's COVID-19 Transition Plan (Case No. 20-599-GE-UNC)

Summary: On July 29, 2020, the PUCO determined that Duke's plan to resume certain pre-COVID-19 activities and operations was reasonable. Duke will offer optional payment plans to nonresidential customers with minimum billing demand provisions, allowing customers up to six months to eliminate any accumulated arrearages. **Effective August**

10, 2020, Duke will resume normal billing processes, including assessing late payment fees during the regular billing cycles and issuing disconnection notices to customers. Duke estimated that disconnections for non-payment will begin during September for non-residential customers.