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## **AEP**

### **AEP Proposes Plan for Wind-Down of Its Energy Efficiency Program (Case No. 16-574-EL-POR)**

**Summary:** The wind-down of statutorily required energy efficiency programs is set to begin Sept. 30, 2020 with the programs terminating Dec. 31, 2020, per HB 6. On Aug. 10, 2020, AEP submitted a plan to the PUCO recommending how to address unresolved components of the wind-down, including approximately \$2.45 million in remaining costs for the Combined Heat and Power and Waste Energy Recovery (CHP) program. The CHP program encourages non-residential customers to utilize on-site installations for electric and process heating. AEP proposed the following options: (1.) Make early rebate payments to customers with CHP projects to be recovered through the Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Rider (EE/PDR Rider) in the next few months for 2021-2024 based on 12-months of energy generated September 2019 to September 2020, and incorporate a discount for the present value of the future revenue stream, eliminating the future requirement for rebates based on actual energy generated beyond 2020; or (2.) recover these estimated rebate costs in the EE/PDR Rider now, but hold the funds as a regulatory liability subject to final reconciliation to cover future customer rebates through 2024 based on the customer's actual energy production. When future rebates are made, AEP will reduce the regulatory liability as it incurs the expense. AEP will request recovery or refund the difference of any true up amount. Finally, AEP stated that if its requests are granted, AEP could file a final EE/PDR Rider true-up filing as early as Feb. 15, 2021.

### **PUCO Approves AEP's COVID-19 Transition Plan (Case Nos. 20-602-EL-UNC, et al.)**

**Summary:** On Aug. 12, 2020, the PUCO approved AEP's plan to resume pre-COVID-19 activities and operations. After providing advance notice on the July bill, **AEP will resume assessment of late fees as applicable effective with August bills.** If customers enter into a payment plan and make payments on time, no additional late fees will be assessed. Late payments made prior to the August bill will not trigger a deposit for that customer. Any late payments made after the August bill will trigger a deposit per AEP's regular practice. Starting with the September billing cycle, AEP plans on resuming disconnections for non-payment. During August through October 2020, AEP will offer non-residential customers subject to minimum billing demand provisions the following payment optional

plans: a 1/3 payment of commercial accounts requiring 25% of the past due amount to be paid prior to setting up an arrangement; or a 1/6 payment of commercial accounts requiring 50% of the current past due balance to be paid prior to setting up the arrangement. The PUCO stated that it expects that AEP will accommodate reasonable requests from non-residential customers for additional payment plan options on a case-by-case basis.

The PUCO further stated that the deferral will continue until the base case where the bad debt rider will be used to collect the cost of the deferrals. AEP must also track any net savings identified from COVID-19. Any late payment fees collected by customers will be credited to the balance. AEP will recover the incremental amounts above the pre-COVID-19 (February 2020) uncollectible costs of approximately \$25.2 million through its uncollectible rider.

## **Columbia**

### **Columbia Increases CEP Rider Rates (Case No. 20-49-GA-RDR)**

**Summary:** On Aug. 12, 2020, the PUCO approved Columbia's application to increase its Capital Expenditure Program (CEP) Rider rates. The rider recovers post-in-service carrying costs, incremental depreciation, expense, and property tax expense directly attributable to Columbia's Capital Expenditure Program. The CEP Rider also allows for a return on and of the assets included in the CEP program. Columbia will increase monthly charges for General Service (GS) customers from \$29.68 to \$35.29 and Large General Service (LGS) customers from \$652.26 to \$832.41. The increase becomes effective for bills rendered on or after Aug. 27, 2020.

## **DP&L**

### **PUCO Approves DP&L's COVID-19 Transition Plan (Case Nos. 20-650-EL-AAM, et al.)**

**Summary:** On Aug. 12, 2020, the PUCO approved DP&L's Transition Plan to resume pre-COVID-19 activities and operations. Under the plan, DP&L in August will begin to offer non-residential customers payment arrangements, up to six months in length, in order to allow customers to catch up on missed payments, stay current on bills, and avoid disconnection. Non-residential arrangements may also include customized payment terms based on unique situations of larger commercial and industrial customers. DP&L will also end its suspension of service disconnections with notifications beginning Aug. 17, 2020, and actual disconnections on Sept. 1, 2020. **Also on Sept. 1, 2020, DP&L will**

**resume assessing late fees.** But DP&L will not assess late fees on accounts that are current on established payment arrangements. Finally, DP&L will establish a regulatory asset for future recovery of costs associated with its Transition Plan.

### **The PUCO Grants DP&L's Request to Withdraw DMR Extension (Case No. 19-162-EL-RDR)**

**Summary:** The PUCO granted DP&L's request to withdraw its application to extend the Distribution Modernization Rider (DMR) due to prior PUCO decisions mandating removal of the DMR from DP&L's third electric security plan (ESP III) and approving DP&L's voluntary withdrawal and the subsequent termination of ESP III.

### **Duke**

#### **Duke to Increase Rider BTR Charges and RTEP Credits (Case No. 20-1151-EL-RDR)**

**Summary:** Duke filed an application for approval to increase its Base Transmission Rider (Rider BTR) charges and the regional transmission expansion plan (RTEP) credits. Rider BTR is a non-bypassable rider that is designed to recover all other costs billed to Duke through tariffs approved by FERC. Through its application, Duke is proposing to increase the following Rider BTR rates:

- **Primary Distribution Voltage (DP):** \$1.867900/kW to \$2.296900/kW
- **Secondary Distribution Service Small (DM):** \$0.00720/kWh to \$0.009205/kWh
- **Secondary Distribution Voltage (DS):** \$2.072100/kW to \$2.628300/kW

A stipulation approved by the PUCO in Case No. 11-2641-EL-RDR includes an agreement to credit customers for the first \$121 million in RTEP costs billed by PJM. Through its application, Duke is proposing to increase the following RTEP credits:

- **Primary Distribution Voltage (DP):** 0.000040/kWh to \$0.000552/kWh
  - **Secondary Distribution Service Small (DM):** From \$0.000040/kWh to \$0.000552/kWh
  - **Secondary Distribution Voltage (DS):** From \$0.000040/kWh to \$0.000552/kWh
- Duke is proposing that the updates to Rider BTR charges and the RTEP credits become effective Sept. 29, 2020.