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## **Statewide**

### **PUCO Opens Case to Review FirstEnergy HB 6 Spending (Case No. 20-1502-EL-UNC)**

**Summary:** On September 8, 2020, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) requested that the PUCO launch an investigation into the political spending of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company's (collectively, FirstEnergy); hire an independent auditor; re-open the Distribution Modernization Rider (DMR) audit case; and require FirstEnergy to demonstrate that it did not improperly use money collected from consumers or otherwise violate the law in its activities associated with House Bill 6.

On September 15, 2020, the PUCO opened a case to review – not formally investigate – FirstEnergy's political and charitable spending related to HB 6 and the subsequent referendum effort, which was more limited in scope than the OCC request. The PUCO directed FirstEnergy to show cause by September 30, 2020 that the cost of these activities were not included, directly or indirectly, in any rates or charges paid by customers. The PUCO did not issue a ruling on OCC's other motions, including the request to re-open the DMR audit case.

Interested parties will have an opportunity to file comments on FirstEnergy's response by October 29, 2020 and reply comments by November 13, 2020.

### **OPSB Authorizes Construction of OSU'S CHP Facility (Case No. 19-1641-EL-BGN)**

**Summary:** On September 17, 2020, the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) approved The Ohio State University's (OSU) application to construct a natural gas-powered combined heat and power (CHP) facility on its Columbus campus. OPSB ordered OSU to comply with ten general, ecological, and public service conditions during the construction and operation of the facility, including a requirement to not have a physical/electrical connection with the transmission system.

In a concurring opinion, Chairman Randazzo commended OSU for maintaining its CHP proposal in the face of opposition and noted that the CHP facility “will allow for credible and significant emissions reductions and put waste heat (a renewable resource in Ohio) to useful work.”

## **DP&L**

### **DP&L Proposes to Decrease EDR Rates (Case No. 20-1471-EL-RDR)**

**Summary:** DP&L proposed to decrease its Economic Development Rider (EDR) rates. If approved, the following rates will become effective on a bills-rendered basis for the first billing cycle of November 2020.

- **Secondary:** \$0.0001095/kWh, decreased from \$0.0002022/kWh
- **Primary:** \$0.0000449/kWh, decreased from \$0.0000846/kWh
- **Primary-Substation:** \$0.0000120/kWh, decreased from \$0.0000215/kWh

### **PUCO Staff Approves DP&L’s Request to Re-Allocate EE Budget for Non-Residential Programs (Case No. 17-1398-EL-POR)**

**Summary:** On September 16, 2020, the PUCO staff approved DP&L’s request to re-allocate dollars within its energy efficiency (EE) budget. Specifically, DP&L requested to re-allocate \$445,000 within the non-residential customer class from the Small Business Direct Install program (\$375,000) and the Mercantile Self Direct program (\$70,000) to the Prescriptive Rebate Program. DP&L stated that the re-allocations were necessary to maximize benefits to business customers who have applied for Prescriptive Rebates through September 30, 2020.