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Federal

PUCO Opposes Delay to PJM's Capacity Auction (Docket No. ER21-2877)

Summary: PJM is seeking to delay its Dec. 1 Base Residual Auction (BRA) by 55 days because of a recent FERC order requiring PJM's independent market monitor to perform a higher number of unit-specific reviews to protect against market manipulation. In a filing with FERC, the PUCO argued that Ohio's default service auctions rely on wholesale price signals from the BRA and delaying the BRA could impact the Ohio auction prices that serve as a competitive benchmark against which other offers in the retail marketplace can be measured.

Statewide

OPSB Issues Transmission Planning Report (Case No. 21-796-GE-UNC)

Summary: The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) issued a preliminary [report](#) examining the cost effectiveness of transmission planning in Ohio, a final version of which will be submitted to the General Assembly by Dec. 1.

The report found that the General Assembly could increase OPSB's oversight over transmission facilities by expanding OPSB's jurisdiction to transmission facilities at 69 kV – but such an expansion would not eliminate the need for regional transmission planning done by PJM. The report also found that increased oversight from OPSB would not change cost allocation for transmission projects, which is within FERC's jurisdiction.

The report further noted that there is a pending rulemaking proceeding where stakeholders can address ways to increase transparency of the project certification process; however, the report did not offer any substantive proposals. Finally, the report recommended that in its approval process, OPSB should have the authority to consider whether a project was competitively bid.

OPSB has solicited comments on the report. OMAEG will submit comments to protect Ohio manufacturers from any unnecessary transmission-related costs.

Duke

PUCO Approves an Increase to Duke's Rider BTR (Case Nos. 21-713-EL-RDR)

Summary: The PUCO approved an increase to Duke's non-bypassable Base Transmission Rate Rider (Rider BTR), which recovers transmission-related costs imposed on or charged to Duke from FERC or PJM. Under a settlement, Duke agreed to credit customers for the first \$121 million in regional transmission expansion plan (RTEP) costs billed to it by PJM.

The new Rider BTR rates and RTEP credits will become effective on Sept. 30 on a bills-rendered basis as follows:

Rider BTR Rates

- **Secondary Distribution (DS):** \$2.9062/kW, an increase from \$2.6826/kW.
- **Primary Distribution (DP):** \$2.7491/kW, an increase from \$2.3437/kW.

RTEP Credits

- **Secondary Distribution (DS):** \$0.000559/kWh, an increase from 0.000549/kWh.
- **Primary Distribution (DP):** \$0.000559/kWh, an increase from 0.000549/kWh.