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### **AEP Ohio**

#### **AEP Decreases Default Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rate**

**Summary:** Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for AEP decreased to \$0.07610/kWh from \$0.0770/kWh, effective October 1, 2024.

### **Enbridge (formerly Dominion Gas)**

#### **Enbridge Increases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate**

**Summary:** Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Enbridge increased to \$2.785/Mcf from \$2.130/Mcf, effective October 10, 2024.

### **FirstEnergy**

#### **Evidentiary Hearing on FirstEnergy's Corporate Separation Violations Held (Case No. 17-974-EL-UNC)**

**Summary:** As you may recall, following the revelation of FirstEnergy's integral role in passing the corrupt House Bill 6 (HB 6), the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) ordered a second corporate separation audit to determine whether FirstEnergy violated Ohio's corporate separation laws and rules while carrying out the HB 6 bribery scheme. The two Audit Reports filed in this case identified several areas where FirstEnergy was not in compliance with numerous Ohio corporate separation laws and rules.

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# OMA ENERGY GROUP WEEKLY BRIEFING

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The hearing on the two audits regarding FirstEnergy's actions from 2012 through October 2020 was held this week. OMAEG's cross-examination of the first auditor revealed his failure to properly review the law and rules governing corporate separation, and OMAEG's cross-examination of the second auditor revealed her persistent "unease" about FirstEnergy's lack of transparency during the audit. Emails between PUCO Staff, the second auditor, and FirstEnergy also revealed that Staff effectively shut down the auditor's attempts to obtain and review the records of FirstEnergy's then-chief ethics officer, who was in charge of ensuring compliance with Ohio's corporate separation laws during the years leading up to HB 6.

The Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) also refused to strike the testimony of FirstEnergy's expert witness despite that testimony relating to matters almost entirely outside of the audit period. Simultaneously, the ALJs struck large portions of intervenor testimony related to consulting agreements with former PUCO Chairman Randazzo, which represented clear corporate separation violations as customers paid for consulting costs related to FirstEnergy's affiliates