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AEP

OMAEG Intervenes in Distributed Automation Circuit Reconfiguration (DACR) Case (Case No. 24-787-EL-RDR)

Summary: In accordance with a previous settlement, AEP seeks to initiate Phase 3 of its DACR Project, which is part of its larger, ongoing gridSMART initiative. AEP seeks to recover an estimated \$350.7 million in costs through its gridSMART Rider over the course of the six years. Allocation and rate design have become an important issue in the case through filed comments.

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 \$2.130/Mcf from \$2.107/Mcf, effective September 11, 2024.

FirstEnergy

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Initiates Cease-and-Desist Proceedings (File No. 3-22111)

Summary: FirstEnergy Corp. has agreed to pay a \$100 million fine to settle civil fraud charges filed by the SEC in connection with FirstEnergy's involvement in the House Bill 6 bribery scandal, a significantly higher settlement payment than the \$20 million paid to settle the ongoing civil cases in Ohio *and* avoid state criminal prosecution.