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OMAEG Asks for Reconsideration on 2020 OVEC Costs (Case No. 21-477-EL-RDR)

Summary: Following the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO) approval of the recovery of \$115 million from Ohio customers to subsidize two aging, uneconomic coal plants—one of which is in Indiana—OMAEG requested reconsideration of the PUCO's order on four issues: (1) the PUCO's exclusion of evidence demonstrating that the OVEC costs charged to customers were unreasonable and imprudent; (2) the PUCO's erroneous finding that the utilities demonstrated the reasonableness and prudence of their actions and the OVEC costs passed on to customers; (3) the PUCO's failure to disallow and refund the \$115 million coal plant subsidy; and (4) the PUCO's failure to find that OVEC's must-run commitment strategy is imprudent.

AEP

OMAEG Files Comments Regarding AEP's Distributed Automation Circuit Reconfiguration (DACR) Project Case (Case No. 24-787-EL-RDR)

Summary: OMAEG filed reply comments urging the PUCO to reject the proposed modifications to AEP's gridSMART Rider allocation and rate design, which were approved in previous settlements. Several other parties echoed OMAEG's arguments.

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OMAEG Asks for Reconsideration on 2018–2019 OVEC Costs Case (Case No. 18-1004-EL-RDR)

Summary: Following the approval for cost recovery of \$74.5 million in OVEC costs from customers through its old OVEC rider, OMAEG asked for reconsideration of three issues: (1) the determination that OVEC’s must-run commitment strategy is prudent; (2) the exclusion of testimony about the auditor changing her conclusion that running the OVEC plants is “not in the best interests of the ratepayers”; and (3) the exclusion of testimony regarding the Auditor’s lack of independence when she was asked to “tone down” language from the Audit Report.

AES

OMAEG Joins Settlement in Smart Grid Plan Phase 2 (SGP Phase 2) (Case No. 24-0112-EL-GRD)

Summary: As you may recall, in February 2024, AES requested approval of SGP Phase 2, which would have cost customers about \$755.5 million over ten years. Included in SGP Phase 2 were several costly programs that had not been demonstrated to improve grid reliability or benefit customers.

OMAEG and numerous other parties reached a settlement that significantly reduces the overall costs of the project, implements a more favorable rate design for manufacturers (a monthly per-bill charge instead of a percentage of base distribution), reduces the term of SGP Phase 2 from ten years to four years, requires AES to create and publish a hosting capacity map by June 2027, offsets expenses by estimated operational benefits, and establishes performance thresholds.

AES Increases Distribution Investment Rider (DIR) (Case No. 24-0472-EL-RDR)

Summary: Effective October 1, 2024, DIR will increase to 13.9181% of a customer’s distribution charges from 11.4790% of a customer’s distribution charges.

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FirstEnergy

The FirstEnergy Utilities Update Rider Rates (Case Nos. 89-6001-EL-TRF, et al.)

Summary: In accordance with the ESP V, the FirstEnergy Utilities filed updates to revise the rate design for each Delivery Capital Recovery Rider (Rider DCR). The FirstEnergy Utilities' also implemented quarterly updates to their Advanced Metering Infrastructure Rider (Rider AMI) rates, effective October 1, 2024. Effective October 1, 2024, the rates will be as follows:

The Cleveland Illuminating Company will:

- Revise the rate design for Rider DCR for all classes from a per kW billing demand charge to a percentage of base distribution charge. The charge will now be 44.2094% of the customer's distribution charges instead of a billing demand charge of \$1.2268/kW for General Service – Primary (GP), and a charge of 41.2047% of distribution charges instead of a billing demand charge of \$4.6974/kW for General Service – Secondary (GS); and
- Increase Rider AMI to \$157.970/month from \$138.639/month for GP, and to \$17.668/month from \$16.203/month for GS.

The Ohio Edison Company will:

- Revise the rate design for Rider DCR for all classes from a per kW billing demand charge to a percentage of base distribution charge. The charge will now be 30.4914% of the customer's distribution charges instead of a billing demand charge of \$2.4416/kW for GP, and a charge of 30.4806% of distribution charges instead of a billing demand charge of \$3.2420/kW for GS; and
- Increase Rider AMI to \$172.883/month from \$170.439/month for GP, and to \$9.006/month from \$8.930/month for GS.

The Toledo Edison Company will:

- Revise the rate design for Rider DCR for all classes from a per kW billing demand charge to a percentage of base distribution charge. The charge will now be 18.8807% of the customer's distribution charges instead of a billing demand charge of \$0.9447/kW for GP, and a charge of 18.0421% of distribution charges instead of a billing demand charge of \$2.7292/kW for GS; and
- Increase Rider AMI to \$102.142/month from \$88.528/month for GP, and to \$10.680/month from \$9.259/month for GS.