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## **AEP**

### **AEP Files Inflammatory and Misleading Testimony in Data Center Case (Case No. 24-508-EL-RDR)**

**Summary:** As you may recall, earlier this month, OMAEG and numerous other customers and suppliers reached a settlement (Customer Coalition Settlement) that does not discriminate against a particular business type and treats all new large energy-intensive customers over 50 MW the same if those customers are trying to locate new load in transmission constrained areas, requires new customers to pay their fair share for required transmission upgrades and infrastructure required to serve the new customers, encourages transparency in AEP Ohio's interconnection process, and holds AEP Ohio accountable to demonstrate the need for constructing any claimed transmission infrastructure as customers have already given AEP Ohio billions to upgrade the transmission system through supplemental transmission projects. The Customer Coalition Settlement also adheres to corporate separation principles by requiring any funds collected under the new tariff by the distribution utility (AEP Ohio) to offset existing transmission charges or be returned to customers. A summary of the Customer Coalition Settlement can be found [here](#).

This week, AEP Ohio filed testimony opposing the Customer Coalition Settlement, which included numerous false and inflammatory statements against OMAEG and one of the other customer groups that signed the Customer Coalition Settlement. Notably, AEP Ohio falsely claimed that OMAEG was furthering the interests of data centers instead of manufacturing customers simply because AEP Ohio disagrees with OMAEG's support of a reasonable and non-discriminatory solution to AEP Ohio's claimed problem that requires AEP Ohio to actually prove a transmission constraint before charging customers more.

### **AEP Ohio Decreases Storm Damage Recovery (SDR) Rider (Case No. 89-6007-EL-TRF)**

**Summary:** Effective November 1, the SDR Rider charge will decrease to \$4.84/month from \$5.83/month for non-residential customers.

**FirstEnergy**

**FirstEnergy Utilities Withdrew its Fifth Electric Service Plan (ESP V)  
 (Case No. 23-301-EL-SSO)**

**Summary:** This week, the FirstEnergy Utilities announced their withdrawal of ESP V, which has already been fully litigated and ruled on by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). The withdrawal of ESP V requires the utility to revert to its prior ESP (ESP IV) and implement the prior terms and conditions. Notably, the merits of this application have already been litigated, and the PUCO issued an order on the matter. The stated rationale drew on recent Supreme Court of Ohio precedent rejecting the FirstEnergy Utilities’ Application for Rehearing, thus causing rate recovery “uncertainty.” In the Notice of Withdrawal, the FirstEnergy Utilities requested that the PUCO issue an order permitting them to return to ESP IV, which expired earlier this year.

**The Dayton Power and Light Company (AES)**

**AES Files for Increase in Rates  
 (Case No. 24-1009-EL-AIR)**

**Summary:** AES notified the PUCO of its imminent request to increase its distribution rates. AES is seeking the following rate increases to its fixed customer charges and its volumetric charges:

Rate Class	Customer Charge		Volumetric Charge	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Primary	\$ 275.72	\$ 249.76		
Primary-County Fair	\$ 275.72	\$ 249.76	\$ 0.0081736/kWh	\$ 0.0159072/kWh
Primary-Low Load Factor	\$ 275.72	\$ 249.76	\$ 0.0412712/kWh	\$ 0.0986349/kWh
Primary Substation	\$ 138.58	\$ 185.77	\$ 0.7736641/kW \$ 0.1707299/kVar	\$ 1.7312901/kW \$ 0.3871587/kVar

**Columbia**

**Columbia Decreases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate**

**Summary:** Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Columbia decreased to \$0.4006/ccf from \$0.4245/ccf, effective October 28, 2024.

**CenterPoint Energy (formerly Vectren)**

**CenterPoint Decreases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate**

**Summary:** Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for CenterPoint decreased to \$0.381/ccf from \$0.4066/ccf, effective November 1, 2024.