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Statewide

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Nominating Council Recommends Two Candidates for Commissioner

Summary: The PUCO Nominating Council interviewed candidates for sitting Commissioner Lawrence Friedeman's seat as his term ends on April 10, 2025. The PUCO Nominating Council recommended only two candidates to Governor DeWine, but sent the full list of four names as required by law. Commissioner Friedeman is expected to be re-appointed, extending his term to April 10, 2030.

FirstEnergy

OMAEG Opposes FirstEnergy's Reconsideration Request to Increase its Rider DCR Caps (Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, et al.)

Summary: OMAEG opposed FirstEnergy's attempt to reinstate its annual Delivery Capital Recovery Rider (Rider DCR) revenue increases. As you may recall, the PUCO approved FirstEnergy's proposal to withdraw its ESP V and revert back to ESP IV with modifications. The PUCO allowed the reversion to ESP IV, but refused to re-establish prior Rider DCR caps that allowed FirstEnergy to recover \$15 million annual increases. FirstEnergy challenged the PUCO's decision to limit revenue cap increases. OMAEG supported the PUCO's decision, emphasizing that the plain text of ESP IV terminates cap increases on May 31, 2024.

Enbridge (formerly Dominion Gas)

Enbridge Rate Case Hearing Continues (Case Nos. 23-894-GA-AIR, et al.)

Summary: This week the PUCO hearing on Enbridge's extraordinary rate increase of \$218.2 million continued. Witnesses for PUCO Staff and intervenors testified on cost-of-service issues. OMAEG challenged witnesses on recommendations to shift costs to manufacturing and industrial customers. The first phase of the hearing will finish next week, and parties will present rebuttal testimony beginning on February 12, 2025.

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Columbia

Columbia Increases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Columbia increased to \$0.5195/ccf from \$0.5174/ccf, effective January 30, 2025.