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Statewide

Governor Reappoints Commissioner Friedeman

Summary: Lawrence K. Friedeman, who was first appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in 2017 by former Governor Kasich, was reappointed to serve what will be his third term as a commissioner. His current term expires April 10, 2025, and his new five-year term starts April 11th.

FirstEnergy

Staff Recommends Lower Rate Increase (Case Nos. 24-468-EL-AIR, et al.)

Summary: As you may recall, the PUCO selected an independent auditor to review FirstEnergy's rate case filing and determine the accuracy of the financial information, cost of service study, and management policies or practices provided by FirstEnergy in its application. Notably, this review is usually carried out by PUCO Staff itself.

Among other things, the Audit Report recommends an aggregate base distribution revenue increase of \$490 million (FirstEnergy requested a \$588 million increase), an aggregate return on equity (ROE) of 9.63% (FirstEnergy requested an aggregate 10.80% ROE), and a total aggregate revenue requirement of \$1.493 billion (FirstEnergy requested a \$1.603 billion revenue requirement). Objections to these recommendations are due March 24, 2025.

The FirstEnergy Utilities Update Rider Rates (Case Nos. 89-6001-EL-TRF, 89-6006-EL-TRF, and 89-6008-EL-TRF)

Effective April 1, 2025, each of the FirstEnergy Utilities will update their Generation Cost Reconciliation (GCR) Rider and Delta Revenue Recovery Rider (Rider DRR). Each of the Utilities will:

- Implement a GCR credit \$0.002808/kWh from a charge of \$0.002966/kWh for General Service – Primary (GP), and a credit of \$0.002909/kWh from a charge of \$0.003073/kWh for General Service – Secondary (GS); and
- Decrease Rider DRR to \$0.000001/kWh from \$0.000002/kWh for GP, and to \$0.000004/kWh from \$0.000005/kWh for GS;

Furthermore, effective April 1, 2025, The Cleveland Illuminating Company will:

- Increase Advanced Metering Infrastructure Rider (Rider AMI) to \$152.176/month from \$146.207/month for GP, and to \$16.303/month from \$16.215/month for GS;
- Increase the Distribution Uncollectible Rider (DUN) to \$0.001024/kWh from \$0.000233/kWh for both GP and GS; and
- Increase the PIPP Uncollectible Rider (PUR) credit to \$0.000034/kWh from \$0.000029/kWh for both GP and GS.

The Ohio Edison Company will:

- Decrease Rider AMI to \$172.177/month from \$173.553/month for GP, and to \$9.081/month from \$9.118/month for GS;
- Increase DUN to \$0.000920/kWh from \$0.000409/kWh for both GP and GS; and
- Increase PUR to \$0.000009/kWh from \$0.000030/kWh for both GP and GS.

The Toledo Edison Company will:

- Decrease Rider AMI to \$92.635/month from \$98.273/month for GP, and to \$9.328/month from \$10.173/month for GS;
- Increase DUN to \$0.000384/kWh from \$0.000250/kWh for both GP and GS; and
- Increase PUR to \$0.000001/kWh from \$0.000035/kWh for both GP and GS.

AEP Ohio

OMAEG Urges PUCO to Reject Discriminatory Agreements (Case No. 25-0050-EL-RDR)

Summary: OMAEG two sets of [initial comments](#) urged the PUCO to deny AEP Ohio's proposals to unlawfully own and operate generation resources.

OMAEG Urges PUCO to Refund Basic Transmission Cost Rider (BTCR) Over-Collection (Case No. 25-0050-EL-RDR)

Summary: OMAEG's [comments](#) asked the PUCO to direct AEP Ohio to provide a breakdown of credits paid to BTCR pilot participants and to provide greater transparency into the BTCR cost allocation methodology.

Duke

OMAEG Supports Duke's Fifth Electric Security Plan (ESP V) Settlement (Case Nos. 24-278-EL-SSO, et al.)

Summary: OMAEG's [initial brief](#) urged the PUCO to adopt a settlement that, among other things, significantly reduces the proposed rider charges by \$87 million, requires Duke to create and

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publish an online hosting capacity map by December 31, 2026, and withdraws several riders seeking recovery of electric-vehicle and battery storage costs. The settlement also benefits customers by eliminating Duke's proposal to impose mandatory energy efficiency programs, which would have cost non-residential customers an estimated \$68 million.

Columbia

Columbia Increases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Columbia increased to \$0.5566/ccf from \$0.5195/ccf, effective February 28, 2025.

CenterPoint Energy (formerly Vectren)

CenterPoint Increases Default SCO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for CenterPoint increased to \$0.5479/ccf from \$0.5083/ccf, effective March 1, 2025.