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Statewide

OMAEG Urges the Supreme Court of Ohio to Reverse the PUCO Decision Approving a \$115 Million Coal Subsidy (Case No. 21-477-EL-RDR)

Summary: As you may recall, over OMAEG's objections, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved the recovery of \$115 million from Ohio customers to subsidize two aging, uneconomic coal plants—one of which is in Indiana. This week, OMAEG [urged](#) the Supreme Court of Ohio to reverse the PUCO's Order with respect to (1) excluding key evidence related to the coal plant subsidies, (2) finding that Duke, AES Ohio, and AEP Ohio demonstrated the reasonableness and prudence of their actions and the costs incurred by those actions, (3) approving the collection of \$115 million from customers in 2020, and (4) failing to make a determination on the prudence of the coal plants' must-run commitment strategy.

AEP Ohio

OMAEG Members Refunded Nearly \$1 Million in Basic Transmission Cost Rider (BTCR) Charges (Case No. 25-0050-EL-RDR)

Summary: As you may recall, in 2023, OMAEG discovered a calculation error in AEP's BTCR rates, which AEP later admitted dates back to 2018 and has resulted in \$2.55 million in overcharges to BTCR Pilot participants. In its order approving AEP's most recent BTCR update, the PUCO directed AEP to respond to OMAEG's multiple requests seeking documentation to verify that AEP actually provided appropriate refunds to BTCR Pilot customers. As a result of OMAEG discovering this calculation error, close to \$1 million were returned to OMAEG Pilot participants.