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### **FirstEnergy**

#### **OMAEG Objects to Audit Report regarding FirstEnergy's Proposal to Collect an Additional \$670 Million From Customers (Case Nos. 24-468-EL-AIR, et al.)**

**Summary:** An auditor issued a report recommending numerous adjustments that would lower FirstEnergy's annual rate increase from \$671.3 million to \$489.5 million. This week, OMAEG filed [objections](#) urging the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to also prohibit FirstEnergy from collecting costs associated with, among other things, (1) special benefits for FirstEnergy executives, (2) incentive compensation, (3) excessive vegetation management, and (4) excessive storm costs. OMAEG urged the PUCO to further decrease FirstEnergy's inflated rate of return, reject FirstEnergy's discriminatory rate design, and ensure that House Bill 6 costs are not collected from customers.

OMAEG also filed the [testimony](#) of Ryan Schuessler of Go Sustainable Energy. Mr. Schuessler's testimony recommended that (1) the PUCO prevent FirstEnergy from forcing certain larger customers to pay the full costs for infrastructure also used by other customer classes, (2) FirstEnergy use real metered data when allocating costs, and (3) service charges be based on cost of service.

### **Enbridge (formerly Dominion Gas)**

#### **OMAEG Opposes Enbridge's Proposal to Collect an Additional \$218.2 Million From Customers (Case Nos. 23-894-GA-AIR, et al.)**

**Summary:** OMAEG's initial post-hearing [brief](#) challenged Enbridge's significant rate increase proposal of \$218.2 million (representing a 25.63% increase over current base rates). Among other things, OMAEG opposed Enbridge's request to collect from customers (1) incentive-based compensation; (2) expenses unrelated to providing gas service; and (3) an excessive return on equity. OMAEG further recommended that the PUCO (1) reject Enbridge's increased service charges and (2) impose a fixed cap on Enbridge's Capital Expenditure Program and Pipeline Infrastructure Riders.