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Statewide

Governor DeWine Signs Landmark Energy Bill

Summary: On Thursday, Governor DeWine signed House Bill 15 (HB 15) into law, which becomes effective on August 13, 2025. HB 15 eliminates the last vestiges of the corrupt House Bill 6 (HB 6) and implements sweeping energy policy changes emphasizing transparency and accountability. More specifically, among other provisions, HB 15 will (1) eliminate the coal and solar subsidies created by HB 6; (2) eliminate electric security plans and their above-market charges after their current plan expires; (3) require utilities to publish hosting capacity maps; and (4) require electric distribution utilities to file rate cases every three years and changes the ratemaking scheme. While not perfect, OMA advocated for many of the changes and supported the overall legislation.

Duke

Approval of Fifth Electric Security Plan (ESP V) (Case Nos. 24-278-EL-SSO, et al.)

Summary: This week, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved the settlement signed by OMAEG and nearly all other parties in Duke's ESP V proceeding. As you may recall, this settlement reduces Duke's proposed increases to existing above-market charges by \$87 million, withdraws proposals to create several new above-market charges, and obligates Duke to publish an online hosting capacity map by December 31, 2026. The PUCO adopted the settlement in its entirety—rejecting opposing parties' attempts to impose mandatory energy efficiency programs that would inflate non-residential customer costs by an estimated \$68 million.