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Statewide

The Ohio Legislature Passes Landmark Energy Bill

Summary: Nearly six years after passage of the notorious and scandal-ridden House Bill 6, legislators have passed House Bill 15 (HB 15) to eliminate the last vestiges of the corrupt law. In addition to eliminating customer-funded coal subsidies used to support a pair of aging, 1950s-era coal plants—one of which is in Indiana—HB 15 also (1) eliminates subsidies to a select few solar facilities, (2) eliminates electric security plans and their above-market charges, (3) requires utilities to publish hosting capacity maps on their websites, and (4) requires electric distribution utilities to file new rate cases every three years. While not perfect, OMA advocated for many of the changes and supported the overall legislation. Governor DeWine is expected to sign the bill by mid-May.

Enbridge (formerly Dominion Gas)

OMAEG Opposes Enbridge's Proposal to Increase Rates by \$218.2 Million per Year (Case Nos. 23-894-GA-AIR, et al.)

Summary: OMAEG continued to oppose Enbridge's significant rate increase proposal of \$218.2 million (representing a 25.63% increase over current base rates). Among other things, OMAEG urged the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to (1) decrease Enbridge's annual revenues, (2) maintain rider rate designs more favorable to large load customers, (3) reject proposals that would shift costs to large load customers, and (4) prevent Enbridge from recovering financial-related incentive compensation costs.

AEP

AEP Proposes Significant Rate Increase for all Customers (Case Nos. 25-0392-EL-AIR, et al.)

Summary: AEP gave notice of its intent to file a rate case at the end of this month. For General Service (GS) – Primary and GS – Secondary customers, AEP proposes the following increases:

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
<u>GS – Primary</u>	Monthly Service Charge	\$138.50	\$197.75	42.78%
	Demand Charge	\$6.33/kW	\$9.18/kW	45.02%
	Excess Reactive Demand	\$1.21/kVA	\$1.73/kVA	42.98%
<u>GS – Secondary</u>	Monthly Service Charge	\$9.40	\$13.40	42.55%
	Demand Charge	\$7.01/kW	\$9.42/kW	34.38%
	Excess Reactive Demand	\$1.25/kVA	\$1.78/kVA	42.40%

FirstEnergy

Ohio Energy Group (OEG) Intervenes in Supreme Court of Ohio Case to Support FirstEnergy (Case No. 2025-490)

Summary: As you may recall, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) recently allowed FirstEnergy to reinstate its fourth electric security plan (ESP IV). The decision was appealed to the Supreme Court of Ohio, with the Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel arguing that FirstEnergy should not have been allowed to reinstate the above-market charges included in ESP IV. This week, OEG intervened to support FirstEnergy and the PUCO’s decision.

The FirstEnergy Utilities Adjusts Default Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rates

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rates for the three FirstEnergy utilities changed as follows: the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company’s SSO rate increased to \$0.071900/kWh from \$0.071872/kWh; Ohio Edison’s SSO rate decreased to \$0.074300/kWh from \$0.074335/kWh; and Toledo Edison’s SSO rate remains \$0.073800/kWh, effective May 1, 2025.

Columbia

Columbia Decreases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Columbia decreased to \$0.6420/ccf from \$0.7200/ccf, effective April 30, 2025.

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren)

CenterPoint Increases Default SSO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for CenterPoint decreased to \$0.5592/ccf from \$0.6426/ccf, effective May 1, 2025.