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FirstEnergy

Evidentiary Hearing on FirstEnergy's House Bill 6 (HB 6) Corruption Concludes (Case Nos. 17-974-EL-UNC, et al.)

Summary: Following the exposure of the HB 6 bribery scandal, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) initiated or reopened several audits, explaining that they were to investigate the FirstEnergy Utilities' involvement in the scandal and whether they had misused customer funds to finance the bribes and other related, corrupt activities.

On the last day of the hearing (Friday June 27th), OMAEG and other intervenors cross-examined one of the PUCO's auditors who reviewed FirstEnergy's Distribution Modernization Rider, which has since been deemed illegal by the Supreme Court of Ohio. When asked about a draft report and why certain, unfavorable-to-FirstEnergy recommendations were removed from the version of the report filed in the docket, the auditor stated that he was instructed by PUCO Staff to delete those recommendations.

FirstEnergy Updates 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 \$0.0939/kWh from \$0.09110/kWh; Ohio Edison's SSO rate increased to \$0.0953/kWh from \$0.0935/kWh; and Toledo Edison's SSO rate increased to \$0.0977/kWh from \$0.0952/kWh, effective July 1, 2025.

AES

Staff Issues Report in AES Rate Case (Case Nos. 24-1009-EL-AIR, et al.)

Summary: As you may recall, back in October 2024, AES filed an application seeking a distribution rate increase of \$235.2 million and rate of return (ROR) of 7.97%. After months of delay caused by AES not providing timely responses to Staff data requests, Staff has issued its report of investigation recommending an rate increase ranging from \$155.6 million to \$164.2 million, and an ROR range of 6.90% to 7.43%. Objections to the Staff Report and AES' application, as well as intervenor testimony, will be filed July 28, 2025.

Duke

Duke Decreases Default SSO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Duke decreased to \$0.1043/kWh from \$0.1045/kWh, effective July 1, 2025.

AEP

AEP Increases Default SSO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for AEP increased to \$0.1052/kWh from \$0.0997/kWh, effective July 1, 2025.

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren)

CenterPoint Increases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for CenterPoint increased to \$0.5689/ccf from \$0.5628/ccf, effective July 1, 2025.