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FirstEnergy

OMAEG Seeks Restitution For Customers For FirstEnergy's House Bill 6 (HB 6) Conspiracy (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 with the stated purpose to investigate FirstEnergy's involvement in the conspiracy and whether it misused customer funds to finance the bribes and other related corrupt activities. The evidentiary hearing held last month revealed that none of the auditors actually investigated the HB 6 bribery scheme perpetrated against customers.

OMAEG and multiple other intervenors filed initial briefs urging the Commission to (1) order FirstEnergy to provide refunds to customers of the money collected from customers to fund corrupt activities, (2) impose steep monetary penalties for FirstEnergy's years of corruption and misconduct, and (3) initiate real audits to determine the full extent of the Ohio law and Commission rule violations that took place in relation to the HB 6 conspiracy, bribes, undisclosed side deals, and other unlawful behavior.

Enbridge

OMAEG Seeks Reconsideration in Rate Case (Case Nos. 23-0894-GA-AIR, et al.)

Summary: Following the issuance of the PUCO's order significantly modifying Enbridge's rate case application—including decreasing distribution rates by approximately \$26.3 million per year and establishing a 6.60% rate of return—OMAEG sought clarification on three issues: (1) the erroneously exclusion of pension expense from rate base, (2) the PUCO's failure to order adjustments to the cost of service study results to recognize a new customer class, and (3) the PUCO's failure to determine the service charges applicable to certain commercial customers.

AES

OMAEG Files Objections Opposing AES' Proposed Rate Increase (Case Nos. 24-1009-EL-AIR, et al.)

Summary: OMAEG filed objections to the PUCO Staff Report and AES Application to protect customers from unjust and unreasonable rates and charges. OMAEG urged the PUCO to (1) make additional disallowances further decreasing AES' annual revenue requirement, which is based on inflated test year expenses and reduced test year revenue, (2) decrease the excessive rate of return and return on equity, (3) reject proposals that would unfairly shift costs to commercial customers, and (4) reject AES' unlawful electric vehicle charging tariff proposal.

AEP

AEP Now Seeking a \$421 Million Annual Revenue Rate Increase (Case Nos. 25-0392-EL-AIR, et al.)

Summary: This week, AEP filed updated rate case schedules increasing its annual revenues by over \$421 million through base distribution rates, which is \$16 million higher than their initial request for a \$405 million annual revenue increase.

PUCO Upholds AEP's Request to Own Generation Assets (Case Nos. 25-133-EL-AEC; 25-134-EL-AEC)

Summary: As you may recall, OMAEG sought reconsideration of the PUCO's approval of two agreements with select customers that would allow AEP to build, own, and operate generation assets. Notably, AEP entered into these agreements during an ongoing moratorium preventing certain large load customers from connecting to AEP's ostensibly constrained infrastructure. Among other things, OMAEG emphasized that these agreements violate core principles of Ohio's deregulated electric market and are not authorized by law. Unfortunately, the PUCO rejected OMAEG's arguments for reconsideration and upheld its unlawful order.

PUCO Approves Distributed Automation Circuit Reconfiguration (DACR) Project Settlement (Case No. 24-787-EL-RDR)

Summary: The PUCO approved, without modification, a near-unanimous settlement that imposes cost controls on Phase 3 of AEP's DACR project. Notably, these controls limit AEP's ability to recover costs in its gridSMART Rider. Further, AEP is required to

meet milestones that ensure customers will benefit from the infrastructure before AEP can recover its investments.

Columbia

Columbia Decreases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Columbia decreased to \$0.6331/ccf from \$0.6511/ccf, effective July 30, 2025.

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren)

CenterPoint Decreases Default SCO Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for CenterPoint decreased to \$0.5497/ccf from \$0.5689/ccf, effective August 1, 2025.