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AEP

OMAEG Opposes Illegal Coal Plant Subsidy Collections (Case No. 20-1118-EL-RDR)

Summary: As you may recall, the newly enacted House Bill 15 (HB 15) eliminated the last vestiges of the corrupt House Bill 6, including customer-funded coal subsidies used to support a pair of aging, 1950s-era coal plants. Among other provisions, HB 15 prohibits Ohio's electric distribution utilities, including AEP, from continuing to collect costs related to supporting the coal plants. The law also prohibits the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) from approving the collection of such funds through some other mechanism. Despite these clear statutory mandates, AEP filed a request with the PUCO to eventually collect from customers an additional \$35 million related to coal plants.

OMAEG and several other stakeholders, including PUCO Staff, filed comments this week urging the PUCO to reject AEP's request, which clearly violates HB 15. OMAEG further requested that the PUCO direct AEP to provide customers with a \$15 million credit, as the company was previously ordered to do by both the PUCO and the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Staff Report Validates OMAEG's Concerns About AEP Forecasting (Case No. 25-735-EL-RDR)

Summary: For several years, OMAEG has raised concerns about AEP incorrectly forecasting its future load, which may have contributed to both higher PJM capacity prices and furthering AEP's narrative that Ohio is facing an energy crisis. In AEP's most recent transmission rider update case, PUCO Staff found that AEP's forecasts have indeed been overstated compared to actual load data now available, though, rather concerningly, Staff failed to properly take AEP to task for this. OMAEG intends to file comments on the matter to once more raise with the PUCO ongoing concerns about AEP manipulating its load forecasts and the energy market.

Enbridge (formerly Dominion)

**PUCO's Entry on Rehearing Threatens to Significantly Increase Costs to Large Customers
(Case No. 23-894-GA-AIR)**

Summary: As you may recall, the PUCO granted reconsideration of its order in the Enbridge rate case, reversing its prior decision regarding placing negotiated contract customers in their own customer class. As expected, a new cost of service study revealed that keeping negotiated contract customers in their current customer classes will result in significant rate increases for large users' total bills. OMAEG intends to seek reconsideration on this matter, since it would be unjust, unreasonable and unlawful for the PUCO to approve the newly proposed rates.

Enbridge Decreases Default Standard Choice Offer (SCO) Rate

Summary: Based on recent competitive auctions, the default service rate for Enbridge decreased to \$3.367/MCF from \$3.581/MCF, effective September 11, 2025.