**H.B. 247 (Romanchuk)**

Regards utility refunds, market rate service, corporate being

**House Co-Sponsors:**

**Bill History**

* 6/6/17 – Introduced

**Stakeholders**

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| **Proponent** | **Opponent** | **Interested Party** |
| * Bruce Weston (Ohio Consumers’ Council) * Dr. Ned Hill (The Ohio State University) * Barry Matchett (NRG Energy, Inc.) * Robert Kelter (Environmental Policy Law Center) * Geoff Korff (Ohio Cast Metals Association) * Joe Savarise (Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association) * Thomas Balzer (Ohio Trucking Assoc.) * Maryellen Corbett (Continental Tire) * Kim Bojko (Ohio Manufacturers Assoc.) * Dick Munson (Environmental Defense Fund) * Josh Knights (The Nature Conservancy) * Jenna Beadle (Ohio Farm Bureau) * Perry Oman (Energy Professionals of Ohio) * Leigh Herington (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) * Dean Ellis (Dynegy) * Trey Addison (AARP Ohio) * Bradley Belden (Ohio Manufacturers’ Association) * Luke Harms (Ohio Manufacturers’ Association) * Chris Ferruso (NFIB Ohio) * Devin Hartman (R Street Institute) * Teresa Ringenbach (Direct Energy) * Dylan Borchers (Ohio Independent Power Producers) * Trish Demeter (Ohio Environmental Council) * Bryan Bennett (Ohio Chemistry Technology Council) | * Tom Froehle (AEP Ohio) * Amy Spiller (Duke Energy) * Nate Filler (Dayton Power and Light) | * Micah Derry (Americans for Prosperity) * Alan Rosenfield (League of Women Voters of Ohio) * Sam Randazzo (Industrial Energy Users-Ohio) * Jimmy Stewart (Ohio Gas Association) * Greg Lawson (Buckeye Institute) * Joseph Oliker (IGS Energy) * Michael Kurtz (Ohio Energy Group) |

**Key Provisions**

* Requires an electric distribution utility's (EDU's) standard service offer (SSO) to be established only as a market-rate offer (MRO) by eliminating the electric security plan (ESP) option and making the MRO mandatory.
* Modifies the MRO process.
* Prohibits electric utilities (EUs) from providing any competitive retail electric service in Ohio, other than through an SSO, if that service was deemed competitive or otherwise legally classified as competitive prior to the bill's effective date.
* Prohibits an EU and affiliated entities from owning and controlling any installed generation capacity in Ohio, beginning January 1, 2019, and requires EUs to submit plans to the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) for divestiture of generation assets.
* Expands PUCO authority under current law to address violations of the corporate separation requirements for EUs to cover violations of the divestiture requirements in the bill.
* Eliminates the corporate separation requirements for certain EUs that are in the business of supplying both a noncompetitive and a competitive retail electric service in Ohio.
* Modifies the corporate separation requirements that remain applicable to EUs that are in the business of supplying a noncompetitive retail electric service and supplying a product or service other than retail electric service regarding unfair competitive advantage and abuse of market power.
* Requires that all charges paid by customers to a public utility that are later found to be unreasonable, unlawful, imprudent, or otherwise improper by the PUCO, the Supreme Court, or another authority be promptly refunded to the customers who paid the charges.
* Repeals provisions in sections amended by the bill that no longer serve a purpose or have no applicability.
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