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Defend Competitive Generation

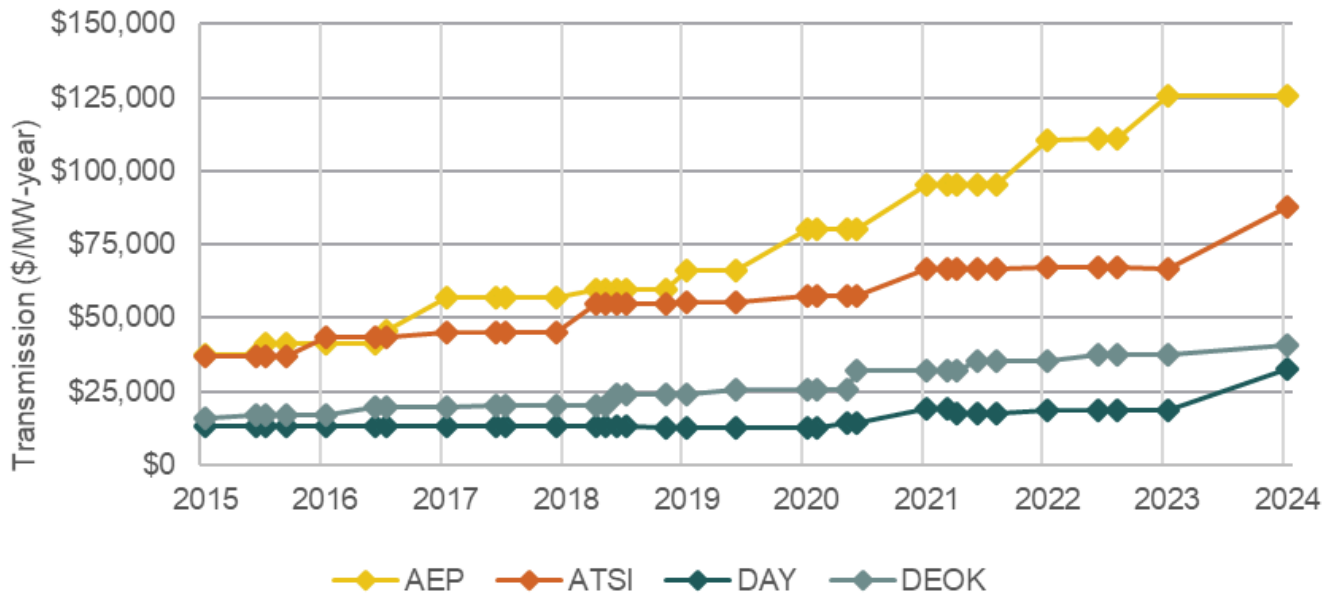
Competitive Electric Generation is Vital for Ohio's Energy Future

Competitive power generation is critical to maintaining reliable and affordable power. [Utilities would have Ohioans believe](#) that demand will outpace electricity supply in the near future and that markets cannot respond adequately to meet this need. They are using this as an excuse to argue for scrapping competition and returning to the days of electric utility monopolies and subsidized power plants. This would drag Ohio backwards 20 years, drive up costs, hurt our state's economy and eliminate the benefits of competition: choice, cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and innovation .

Transmission Costs Spiking on Customers: Transparency Needed

The same utilities wanting monopolies and subsidies for generation have already failed at transmission.

They have built countless subsidized projects and have [collected](#) billions from captive customers over the past decade without transparency, clear benefits or a demonstration of need. For example AEP transmission rates have already skyrocketed 300% during this period while customers saw widespread transmission system failures or near failures in 2022.



For further detail, click the chart above to view Retooling Ohio

Without improvements in transparency and regulation, Ohio risks blowing the bank on needless infrastructure that is pursued to pad utility profits at the expense of Ohio customers, without offsetting benefits. Information on available transmission capacity needs to be shared more readily and regulators need to scrutinize transmission spending so that Ohio's ratepayer dollars are used effectively for new lines where needed, for reliability improvements where needed, and with transparent justification to customers.

On October 11, FirstEnergy and AEP announced they would team up to ship Ohio power to the East Coast. Ironically, the announcement would contradict these same utilities' claim of a local power shortage.

Questionable Stewardship by Grid Operator, PJM

Grid operator PJM, the organization tasked with ensuring reliability, has neglected to act with true independence or put consumers first to the tune of at least \$4.4 billion passed along to captive customers. Its failure to hold timely capacity auctions, which are critical to procure new generation, and costly new rule changes were unmasked by [PJM watchdog](#) Dr. Joe Bowring at the OMA's recent Energy Conference as unnecessary and ill-founded.

Take Action

For any questions or comments, please [contact me](#). I hope to see you there!

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