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RENEWAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OHIO NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

Please type or print all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit B-1 - Authorizing Ordinance). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 13th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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Renewal Applicant information:

Legal Name

Village of Holland

Address

1245 Clarion Ave., Holland, Ohio 4352

Telephone No.

419 865-7104

Web site address

Current PUCO Certificate Number

02-042(3)

Effective Dates

January 16, 20077-Jan: 15, 109

Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters:

Paul A. Skaff Name

Asst. Splicitor Title

Business Address

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Telephone No.

419 874-3536 Fax No. 419 874-3899

Email Address

Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints:

Mayor Michael Yunker Name

Business address

1245 Clarion Ave., Holland, Ohio 43528

Telephone No. 419 865-7104 Fax No. 419 866-4895

Email Address

Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints:

Customer service address

Village of Holland, 1245 Clarion Ave., Holland, Ohio 43528

Toll-Free Telephone No. 419 865-7104 Fax No. 419 866-4795 Email Address

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SECTION B - APPLICANT AUTHORITY AND AGGREGATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED

- B-1 Exhibit B-1 "Authorizing Ordinance," provide a copy of the adopted ordinance or resolution that reflects voter authorization to form a governmental aggregation program pursuant to Sections 4929.26 and 4929.27 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- B-2 <u>Exhibit B-2 "Operation and Governance Plan</u>," provide a copy of the applicant's plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Sections 4929.26(C) or 4929.27(B) of the Revised Code. The Operation and Governance Plan should include all information pursuant to Rule 4901:1-28-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- B-3 Exhibit B-3 "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure Notification," if the aggregation program provides for automatic aggregation in accordance with Section 4929.26(A) of the Revised Code, provide a copy of the disclosure notification required by Section 4929.26(D) of the Revised Code,
- B-4 Exhibit B-4 "Opt-Out Notice," provide a draft copy of the applicant's opt out notice that comports with the Opt-Out disclosure requirements pursuant to Rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code. (Ten days prior to public dissemination, the applicant shall docket with the Commission, the finalized Opt-Out notice that provides or offers natural gas aggregation service.)
- B-5 Exhibit B-5 "Experience," provide a detailed description of the applicant's experience and plan for providing aggregation services (including contracting with consultants, broker/aggregators, retail natural gas suppliers); providing billing statements; responding to customer inquiries and complaints; and complying with all applicable provisions of Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4929.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and contained in Chapter 4901:1-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Applicant Signature and Title

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Print Name and Title

My commission expires on 4/4/8013



The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Affidavit Form (Version 1.07)

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Village of Holland for a Certificate or Renewal Certificate to Provide) Case No. 02-2554 -GA-GAG
Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Service in Ohio.)
County of Wood Ohio	
Paul Skaff	[Affiant], being duly sworn/affirmed, hereby states that:
	rtification renewal application and supporting information is
(2) The applicant will timely file an annual report of its natural gas pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A	intrastate gross receipts and sales of hundred cubic feet of), and 4929.23(B), Ohio Revised Code.
	pursuant to Section 4905.10 or Section 4911.18(A), Ohio
(4) Applicant will comply with all applicable rules and opersuant to Title 49, Ohio Revised Code.	orders adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
(5) Applicant will cooperate with the Public Utilities Co consumer complaint regarding any service offered or pro-	mmission of Ohio and its staff in the investigation of any ovided by the applicant.
(6) Applicant will comply with Section 4929.21, Ohio Recourts and the service of process.	vised Code, regarding consent to the jurisdiction of the Ohio
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My commiss	ion expires on 6/4/30/3

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EXHIBIT B-1

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2002

GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE VILLAGE OF HOLLAND TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4929.26; DIRECTING THE LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF HOLLAND; AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE NORTHWEST OHIO AGGREGATION COALITION AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly enacted House Bill 9 which authorizes governmental aggregation of natural gas supply services to ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the legislation pennits a municipality to act as an aggregator of the natural gas load of its citizens who have not selected a competitive supplier; and

WHEREAS, the aggregation of natural gas loads may enable Holland to obtain a favorable price for natural gas that will benefit its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit the question of whether the Village of Holland shall automatically aggregate and purchase natural gas for customers within the Village of a vote of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, if the voters give authority to the Village of Holland to become an opt-out aggregator, the Village will adopt a plan of operation and governance and commence aggregation services in conjunction with the other communities of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition if it is determined that such steps are in the best interest of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. That this Council declares its intention to act as an opt-out aggregator under which the Village will automatically aggregate, subject to opt-out procedures, the natural gas loads located within the Village limits pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §4929.26.

SECTION 2. That the Lucas County Board of Elections is directed to submit to the electors of the Village of Holland at the next primary election on May 7, 2002 the questions of whether or not the Village of Holland shall automatically aggregate and purchase natural gas for the retail loads within the Village pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §4929.26.

SECTION 3. That if a majority of electors of the Village of Holland approve the measure giving the Village authority to automatically aggregate and purchase natural gas for the retail loads within the Village pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §4929.26, then the Village shall prepare a plan of operation and governance and hold at least two (2) public hearings on the plan.

SECTION 4. That the government aggregation cooperation agreement with the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition be amended to permit the establishment of a governmental gas aggregation program.

SECTION 5. That notice of the adoption of this Ordinance shall be given once by publishing the title of the Ordinance and abstract prepared and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village.

SECTION 6. That the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby directed to immediately certify a copy of this ordinance to the Lucas County Board of Elections.

SECTION 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that the same is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peach, health, safety and property and for the further reason of putting the natural gas aggregation issue before the voters at the next primary election.

Vote on emergency measure:	Ayes	Nays Abstain
Vote on passage: Lo Ayes	Neys	Abstain
Passed this 5th day of 1-e	beune	_, 2002.
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Attest:

Lyn Krashla, Clerk-Preasurer

Approved:

Mike Yunker, Mayor

EXHIBIT B-2

August 3, 2001

VILLAGE OF HOLLAND NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

For additional information contact:
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Purpose

The goal of this program is to facilitate additional choices for the supply of natural gas for residential consumers, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4929. This aggregation program has been developed in accordance with this section.

The Village of Holland Natural Gas Aggregation Program seeks to aggregate the retail natural gas loads of consumers located in the Village to obtain the lowest price for the supply and distribution of natural gas. Participation in the Village of Holland aggregation program is limited to individuals who do not already have an alternative supplier of natural gas.

This program is voluntary. Every individual has the opportunity to decline to be a member of the aggregation program and to remain with Columbia Gas or to enter into a power supply contract with any other retail natural gas supplier.

Process

The Village shall follow the process of governmental aggregation as set out in Ohio Revised Code section 4929.26, as well as the rules proposed and eventually promulgated by the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

The prerequisites for a municipal corporation to automatically aggregate its residents are passage of an opt-out ordinance, adoption of a Plan of Operation, and approval by a majority of the voters. Under this opt-out format, only those natural gas consumers within the Village of Holland who are not receiving commodity sales service pursuant to a contract with a retail natural gas supplier will be eligible to be included in the governmental aggregation program.

The process will entail selection of a retail natural gas supplier, mailing opt-out notices to eligible customers, generating a list of participants who did not opt out, then transferring the participants to the supplier.

Holland's Aggregation Program

Holland's aggregation program will be administered by the Department of Public Utilities. The Department of Public Utilities currently administers the electricity aggregation program, and the electricity and natural gas contracts for village facilities. The Department has expertise in the law and regulations applicable to the aggregation program and considerable experience in contracting with marketers for energy services.

The aggregation program is designed to reduce the amount consumers pay for natural gas. Holland will not buy and resell the natural gas for the participants of the program. Instead, Holland will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a retail natural gas supplier to provide natural gas to the members of the aggregation program. This process may or may not require signing a memorandum of understanding with the company submitting the winning bid. Once the contract

price has been negotiated with the supplier, the natural gas supply contract will be submitted to Holland Village Council for approval.

Once the natural gas supply contract has been approved, the opt-out notice will be sent to each eligible customer disclosing offered price for natural gas along with any applicable contract terms. Customers will be advised in the notice that they may opt out of the program during the twenty-one day period following the mailing of the notification. Customers who opt out of the Village's aggregation program during this initial notification period will remain with Columbia Gas unless and until the customer chooses an alternative natural gas supplier.

Operation

All necessary technical analysis, competitive procurement of services, regulatory approvals, accounting and fiscal management, contract maintenance, communications, program coordination and administrative support will be professionally provided by existing staff, an energy consultant, and the chosen retail natural gas supplier.

It is anticipated that Holland's natural gas aggregation program will be operated in cooperation with the surrounding communities in the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC). However, this Plan of Operation pertains only to the Village of Holland and its residents.

Funding

The primary expenses associated with operating this program are printing and mailing costs of the opt-out notices, and fees for an energy consultant. Instead of paying for these costs up front, it shall be our goal to have the chosen supplier absorb these fees into their offered rates.

Notification of customers

Following the approval of the power supply contract by Holland Village Council, the opt-out notices will be mailed to all eligible consumers in Holland. The list of eligible participants will be obtained from Columbia Gas of Ohio as directed by House Bill 9.

The notice shall clearly inform customers of the offered rate, and that they have the right to opt out of the Holland aggregation program within twenty-one days after the mailing of the notice without paying a switching fee. The notice will fully describe how to opt out.

After the completion of the opt-out process, the residents who did not opt out will be included on the aggregation list. The chosen retail natural gas supplier will then set up the proper transfer of accounts with Columbia Gas.

Customer opt-out

Customers may opt out of the Holland aggregation program at no charge within a twenty-one day period following the mailing of the notice containing the rates and terms of the aggregation program.

Customers who provide the required opt-out notice will remain customers of Columbia Gas. The twenty-one day period in which customers can opt out of the aggregation program without charge will be offered every two years.

Customer opt-in

Customers who leave the Holland aggregation program or who move into the Village may opt into the City's aggregation program. The Village shall strive to provide the same natural gas price for those who subsequently opt in as those who were in from the beginning. New customers moving into or within the pool will be notified in accordance with applicable state law and PUCO rules.

Disputes

The procedure for handling complaints will be in accordance with the rules set by the PUCO, and handled by the retail natural gas supplier. Dispute resolution provisions will also be in accordance with PUCO regulations. The chosen supplier will obtain a toll-free number for all customer related complaints.

Termination of natural gas supply program

The natural gas supply program may be terminated upon the termination or expiration of the natural gas supply contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent supply contract being negotiated. Each individual customer receiving natural gas supply service under the Holland aggregation program will receive notification of the termination of the program prior to termination. In the event of termination, customers in the Holland aggregation program would default to Columbia Gas unless they choose an alternative supplier.

<u>Rates</u>

The Department of Public Utilities shall receive proposals from retail natural gas suppliers using a competitive selection process. The request for proposals shall require the suppliers to offer a fixed price and a floating price. It is possible that they will only be offered a fixed price. However, if the decision is made to give the consumers the option of choosing between the fixed and floating prices, ample information will accompany the price to aid the consumer in deciding which option best suits their natural gas needs. This decision will be based on an analysis of the current and projected market status.

Billing

Columbia Gas will continue to bill customers on behalf of itself and the retail natural gas supplier, using an itemized format approved by the PUCO.

EXHIBITS B-3 and B-4

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Dear Holland Resident,

The Village of Holland is providing you with the opportunity to join other Holland residents to save money on the natural gas you use. Savings are possible through a concept called governmental aggregation, where Village officials bring together individual citizens to form a large buying group. Holland voters overwhelmingly approved this program in May, 2002.

You will be automatically enrolled in Holland's governmental aggregation program unless you choose to opt out. There is no cost for enrollment. You do not need to do anything to participate. During the past few months, we researched options for competitive natural gas prices. Accordingly, X company has proposed the best savings options for our aggregated group. X company is offering to provide all your natural gas needs for at least a Y-year term.

As a member of this program, the type of rate you would be able to obtain is Z. <insert explanation of the rate> To be eligible to participate in our buying pool, you must be a resident of Holland, and you must not be currently under contract with an alternative natural gas supplier – which would mean you are currently buying your natural gas directly from Columbia Gas of Ohio.

Columbia is Holland's incumbent natural gas utility. Under this program, they will still continue to deliver the gas to your home, and they will be the ones to call if you ever have a problem with your gas. In other words, you will see no change in the way you heat your home.

If you choose to participate in the program, in about 45-60 days you will begin to purchase your gas from X company. You will see no change in service, only a modification of your bill after the changeover occurs. You will continue to receive your usage statement from Columbia, it will just indicate that your natural gas was purchased from X company. Of course, participation in this program is voluntary.

You have until <date> to return the enclosed "opt-out" form if you wish to be excluded from the Village's natural gas governmental aggregation program and remain a customer of Columbia Gas. If you do not opt out at this time, you will receive a notice at least every two years asking if you wish to remain in the program.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has taken careful steps to ensure that the rules governing Ohio's deregulated utility environment are safe for consumers. In doing so, you can be assured that buying your natural gas from an alternative supplier will result in absolutely no change in the level of service that you have come to expect from Columbia Gas. They will continue to maintain the distribution system that pipes the gas to your home. The only thing you should notice are savings on your gas bill - and just in time for winter.

The enclosed documents explain more about X company and describe their terms and conditions. Please read them thoroughly. If you have any questions, call X company toll-free at

1-800-xxx-xxxx. They have a trained call-center staff ready to assist you. You can also find out more information about the deregulated natural gas industry by visiting the PUCO's website at www.puc.state.oh.us, calling the PUCO at 1-800-xxx-xxxx, visiting Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC) website at www.pickocc.org, or calling OCC at 1-800-xxx-xxxx.

Sincerely,

The Village of Holland

P.S. Remember to return the opt-out form only if you do not want to participate in the Village's natural gas aggregation program.

OPT-OUT FORM - VILLAGE OF HOLLAND NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENT M. AGGREGATION PROGRAM

By returning this signed form, you will be excluded from the opportunity to join with other residents in the Village of Holland Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program.

I wish to opt out of the Village of Holland Natural Ge Governmental Aggregation Program.	(Check box to opt out.)
Columbia Gas account hoider name (please print clearly):	
16-digit account number as it appears on your current natural gas b	lii:
Service address (city, state and zip):	
Phone number:	
Account holder's signature:	Date;

Mail by x, 2002 to: Village of Holland Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program, GHE-405, 395 Ghent Road, Akron, Ohio 44333

EXHIBIT B-5 "EXPERIENCE"

The Village of Holland has been purchasing natural gas for its facilities for many years. The Village currently has three (3) facilities consuming more than 875 MCF annually as part of the Village's natural gas purchase program. The Village participated in Ohio's customer choice program purchasing gas from IQ Solutions once deregulation was introduced. Selections of generators in the past was through a bid process and through Internet research, in which the Village requested and received from generators proposals by reviewing the Village's gas usage. The Village has saved approximately \$3,000.00 since deregulation began. The Village is successfully operating opt-out residential aggregation programs for gas and electricity.