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Mrs. Betty McCauley Acting Secretary The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43266-0573

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Re: In the Matter of the Application of the City of Rittman, for Re-Certification as a Governmental Aggregator Case No. 04-0600-GA-GAG

Dear Mrs. McCauley:

Enclosed please find the City of Rittman's completed **RE-CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS.** We have enclosed an original application, notarized and signed by an authorized official and ten conformed copies, including all exhibits, and other attachments.

The material provided includes the following:

- 1) Authorizing ordinance reflecting voter authorization;
- 2) Plan of Operation and Governance;
- 3) Copy of Automatic Aggregation Disclosures;
- 4) Copy of Opt-out Notification;
- 5) Experience statement

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our aggregation program manager, Terry Leach of AMPO, Inc., at tleach@amppartners.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Boggs

City Manager

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Affidavit Form (Version 1.07)

In the Matter of the Application of)		
City of Rittman for a Certificate or Renewal Certificate to Provide)	Case No. 04-0600	-GA-GAG
Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Service in Ohio.)		

County of Wayne State of Ohio

Larry A. Boggs, City Manager

[Affiant], being duly sworn/affirmed, hereby states that:

- (1) The information provided within the certification or certification renewal application and supporting information is complete, true, and accurate to the best knowledge of affiant.
- (2) The applicant will timely file an annual report of its intrastate gross receipts and sales of hundred cubic feet of natural gas pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A), and 4929.23(B), Ohio Revised Code.
- (3) The applicant will timely pay any assessment made pursuant to Section 4905.10 or Section 4911.18(A), Ohio Revised Code.
- (4) Applicant will comply with all applicable rules and orders adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio pursuant to Title 49, Ohio Revised Code.
- (5) Applicant will cooperate with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and its staff in the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the applicant.
- (6) Applicant will comply with Section 4929.21, Ohio Revised Code, regarding consent to the jurisdiction of the Ohio courts and the service of process.
- (7) Applicant will inform the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of any material change to the information supplied in the certification or certification renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory or emergency purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer complaints.
- (8) Affiant further sayeth naught.

Larry A. Boggs, City Manager Affiant Signature & Title day of 2012 Sworn and subscribed before me this Month Year rbara J. Brooks, notar Ina Signature of Official Administering Oath **Print Name and Title** Barbara J. Brooks My commission expires on Notary Public State of Ohio My Commission Expires April 22, 2012

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SECTION **B** - APPLICANT AUTHORITY AND AGGREGATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED

- B-1 <u>Exhibit B-1 "Authorizing Ordinance</u>," 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 Exhibit B-2 "Operation and Governance Plan," 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** <u>Exhibit B-3 "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure Notification</u>," 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** <u>Exhibit B-5 "Experience</u>," 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.

, Larry A. Boggs, City Manager Applicant Signature and Title day of April 13th Sworn and subscribed before me this Month a J. Brooks, notary Signature of official administering oath Print Name and Title Barbara J. Brooks Notary Public My commission expires on State of Ohio My Commission Expires April 22, 2012

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AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE

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CERTIFICATION

FROM:	Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of Council
DATE:	March 02, 2004
RE:	Ordinance No. 7227

I, Barbara J. Brooks, duly appointed Clerk of the City Council of the City of Rittman, Ohio, hereby certify that attached hereto is a true, correct, and complete copy of Ordinance No. 7227 adopted by said City Council at a Regular Council Meeting of City Council duly called and held on August 14, 2003 in accordance with law, and that such an Ordinance has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded or amended and is in full force and effect on the date here. Witness my hand and the Seal of said City Council this second day of March 2004.

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Barbara J. Broeks Clerk of Council City of Rittman, Ohie

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	ORDINANCE NO
—	AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE
	AND MEDINA COUNTIES, OHIO, TO FACILITATE COMPETITIVE RETAIL
	NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO PROMOTE NATURAL GAS SAVINGS, LOWER
	COST NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN
	NATURAL GAS CONSUMERS, AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO
	EFFECT AN OPT-OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT
	TO SECTION 4929.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND ARTICLE XVIII
	SECTION 4 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION; DIRECTING THE WAYNE COUNTY
	BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE
	ELECTORS; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AMPO, INC. ("AMPO")
	FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
	WHEREAS, Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution grants the City of
	Rittman (the "Municipality") certain authority related to utility service; and
	WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4929 of the Ohio Revised Code, to facilitate
	competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas
	supplies, and other benefits, certain governmental entities may aggregate certain natural gas
	consumers within their jurisdiction; and
	WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4929.26, Revised Code, the Municipality is
	authorized to establish an opt-out natural gas aggregation program ("Gas Aggregation") for
	the benefit of certain natural gas consumers within the Municipality so that the consumers
_	thay realize lower cost natural gas supplies and other benefits from the aggregation and
_	rollective purchasing of natural gas supplies; and
	WHEREAS, Gas Aggregation provides an opportunity for natural gas consumers
	collectively to realize natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits
	that the consumers may not otherwise be able to realize individually; and
	WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to submit to the electors of the Municipality the

question of whether the Municipality should create a Gas Aggregation program to facilitate

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	competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas	<u> </u>
	upplies, and other benefits in accordance with Section 4929.26, Revised Code; and	
	WHEREAS, this Ordinance constitutes and emergency measure providing for the	
	mmediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, or sufety, in that opportunities to	
	coordinate aggregation activities with certain suppliers of natural gas may become limited;	
	and	
	WHEREAS, the Municipality has adopted this Ordinance pursuant to the authority	
	conferred by Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 4929.26, Revised	
	Code.	
	NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties	
	of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, three-fourths of all members elected thereto	
	concurring:	
	SECTION ONE.	
	This Council finds and determines that to facilitate competitive retail natural gas	
	service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits, it is	
	in the best interest of the Municipality and certain natural gas consumers within the	
	urisdiction of the Municipality to establish an opt-out natural Gas Aggregation Program in	
	the Municipality pursuant to Section 4929.26, Revised Code. Provided that this Ordinance	
	and the Gas Aggregation program is approved by the electors of the Municipality in	
	accordance with this Ordinance, the Municipality is hereby authorized to take all actions	
	necessary to affect a Gas Aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.26, Revised Code.	
	The Municipality may exercise this authority jointly with other entities to the full extent	
	permitted by law, and for such purposes, the Municipal Manager of the Municipality is hereby	
	authorized to execute and deliver an agreement with AMPO Inc. ("AMPO") to assist the	
	Municipality as its consultant and agent to effect the Gas Aggregation program. Actions	
	necessary to effect the Gas Aggregation program include determining and entering into	
,	service agreement(s) with natural gas suppliers to facilitate the sale and purchase of all natural	
	gas commodity and services to serve the enrolled natural gas consumers. The Municipality	
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	shall be authorized by the electors to be the only entity authorized to act for and on behalf of
	the ensolled natural gas consumers to determine and select the natural gas supplier(s) to
	provide the commodity and all other services for the Gas Aggregation program and the
	enrolled consumers.
	SECTION TWO.
	The Gas Aggregation program shall not apply to persons meeting any of the following
	riteria, as more specifically described in Section 4929.26(A)(2), Revised Code: (i) the person
	s both a distribution service customer and a mercantile customer, (ii) the person has an
	existing commodity sales service contract with a retail natural gas supplier, (iii) the person has
	an existing commodity sales service as part of a retail natural gas aggregation pursuant to
	Rules and Orders of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"), or (iv) such
	other persons that are not eligible pursuant to Rules and Orders of the Commission or the plan
	of operations and governance (the "Plan") for the Gas Aggregation program.
	SECTION THREE.
	The Board of Elections of Wayne County is hereby directed to submit the following
	questions to the electors of the Municipality at the General election on November 4, 2003:
	To facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, ower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits, shall the City of Rittman have the authority to aggregate retail natural gas loads located in the City of Rittman and cuter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of natural gas commodity and other services, such aggregation to occur automatically, except where any person affirmatively elects not to be so enrolled by a stated procedure?
	FOR, the City of Rittman to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings and other benefits by acting as an aggregator.
	NOT FOR, the City of Rittman to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings and other benefits by acting as an aggregator.
~	The Clerk of this council is instructed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance and the
	proposed form of the ballot question with the Wayne County Board of Elections not later than
	August 21, 2003 which is seventy-five (75) days prior to November 4, 2003. The Gas
	Aggregation program and shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors
	voting upon the proposed ballot question at the election held in accordance with this
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take effect at the e	artiest permissible point in	time and conti	use thereafter in	accordance with
Section 4929.26, F	Levised Code, and other red	uirements of Cl	hapter 4929, Rev	rised Code.
SECTION	FOUR.			
Upon appr	oval by a majority of the e	lectors voting a	t the election pr	ovided for in this
Ordinance, the Ma	unicipality shall develop at	id adopt a Plan	of operations an	d governance for
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	Aggregation program shall default to the natural gas company providing distribution service
	for the person's retail natural gas load, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.
	SECTION SIX.
	That the Wayne County Board of Elections shall cause an appropriate notice to be duly
	given of the election to be held on November 4, 2003 on the foregoing proposal and otherwise
	o provide for such election in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio.
	SECTION SEVEN.
	This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning
	and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council
	and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those
	formal action were in compliance with the Law.
	SECTION EIGHT.
. 	That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, and provided it
	receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of all members elected to Council, it shall take
	effect and be in force immediately and continuing thereafter upon its passage and approval by
	the approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and continuing
	thereafter upon the earliest time allowed by law.
	Passed: August 14
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	Attest: <u>Krither Bucker</u> Clerk of Council
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EXHIBIT B-2

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OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN

CERTIFICATION

FROM:Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of CouncilDATE:March 3, 2006RE:Ordinance No. 7374

I, Barbara J. Brooks, duly appointed Clerk of the City Council of the City of Rittman, Ohio, hereby certify that attached hereto is a true, correct, and complete copy of Ordinance No. 7374 adopted by said City Council at a Regular Council Meeting of City Council duly called and held on February 27, 2006 in accordance with law, and that such an Ordinance has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded or amended and is in full force and effect on the date here. Witness my hand and the Seal of said City Council this third day of March 2006.

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Barbara J. Brooks Clerk of Council City of Rittman, Ohio

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Ĩ	ORDINANCE NO. 7374
	AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE
	AND MEDINA COUNTIES, OHIO, TO APPROVE THE PLAN OF OPERATION
i	AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE CITY OF RITTMAN'S NATURAL GAS
	AGGREGATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
	WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4929 of the Ohio Revised Code, to facilitate
	competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas

supplies, and other benefits, certain governmental entities may aggregate certain natural gas consumers within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2003, the electors of the City approved of the City's plan to create an aggregation program for customers located within the boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, Revised Code 4929.26(C) requires a governmental entity interested in the automatic registration of customers under governmental aggregation, subject to customer rights to "opt-out" of such an aggregation, to adopt a plan of operation and governance for its aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety in that opportunities to coordinate aggregation activities with certain suppliers of natural gas services may become limited.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, three-fourths of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

That this Council hereby adopts the City of Rithman Plan of Operation and Governance, (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A) for the implementation and administration of the City's municipal gas aggregation program in accordance with Revised Code 4929.26 (C).

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SECTION TWO.
Said Plan of Operation may be modified from time to time in order to comply with
future rule changes which may be implemented by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
SECTION THREE.
That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become
effective immediately upon its adoption, and that the City's aggregation program shall
thereafter commence in accordance with the adopted Plan of Operation and Governance that
has been established pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 4929.
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Attest:

Clerk of Council

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Exhibit A

Ordinance 7257 Revised Ordinance 7374

CITY OF RITTMAN

PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR MUNICIPAL OPT-OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL March 22, 2004 REVISIONS ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL February 27, 2006

Overview

At the November 4, 2003 general election, local residents authorized the City of Rittman (the City) to create a municipal opt-out natural gas aggregation program (the Aggregation Program) in compliance with Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the opt-out natural gas aggregation program, all eligible natural gas consumers within the City's corporation limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program initially. However, all consumers will also be given the opportunity to opt-out or decline participation in the Aggregation Program as detailed herein.

The City's purpose in creating the Aggregation Program is to represent local consumer interests in emerging competitive natural gas markets by aggregating natural gas loads within the City's corporation limits (including municipal facilities) and negotiating affordable, reliable natural gas supplies and other related services on behalf of local consumers. The City may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other entities.

Many small commercial and residential natural gas consumers lack the leverage to effectively negotiate natural gas supply rates and services. A governmental aggregation program provides them with an option for professional representation and the bargaining power of a larger, more diverse consumer group that may be more attractive to suppliers, allowing them to effectively participate in the competitive process and achieve benefits.

<u>1.</u> Description of Services

The Aggregation Program is designed to reduce the amount a consumer pays for natural gas energy, and to gain other favorable economic and non-economic terms in service contracts. The City will not buy and resell natural gas, but will represent collective consumer interests to set terms and conditions for service. Through a negotiation process, the City will develop a contract with a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Services Provider (CRNGS Provider) or Providers for firm all-requirements natural gas service. Once the contract has been finalized, it will be submitted to the Rittman City Council for approval.

The Aggregation Program covers the natural gas supply portion only of a participant's natural gas bill. Columbia Gas of Ohio (COH) will continue to deliver natural gas to Aggregation Program participants' homes and businesses through its natural gas distribution system as a monopoly function regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). COH will also continue to install, operate and maintain its system of pipelines, Rights of Way, meters and other natural gas distribution components. Aggregation Program participants should continue to call COH if their natural gas is interrupted or if they have billing questions. The PUCO will continue to oversee COH natural gas safety and reliability service standards.

Oversight of the Aggregation Program will be the responsibility of the City Manager, who shall report to the City Council. The City Manager, subject to City Council approval, will have the authority to develop specifications for the Aggregation Program, to appoint an Aggregation Program Manager, and to select, hire and manage the CRNGS Provider. The CRNGS Provider and the Aggregation Program Manager will work under the direction of the City Manager with the advice and counsel of the City Attorney.

Due to the complexity of the natural gas utility industry and the uncertainties of its associated restructuring activities, the City of Rittman may contract with a consultant or consultants to provide the necessary expertise to represent the City's interest in legislative and regulatory matters and/or to serve as the Aggregation Program Manager. Such services may include, but are not limited to, facilitating consumer enrollment and opt-out, assisting with consumer education, addressing consumer questions and concerns, providing reports on program operation, enrollment and savings, negotiating future CRNGS Provider contracts, and representing the City in dealings with CRNGS Providers, COH, the Ohio Legislature, the PUCO and the Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC).

The City deems any and all information related to an eligible customer to be confidential and proprietary trade secret information. The CRNGS Provider shall keep all eligible customer information provided to it by the City or COH in supplying eligible customers within the City's corporation limit confidential and shall not disclose such information to any third party, unless such disclosure is required to serve any eligible customer, the third party agrees to keep such eligible customer information confidential, and the City consents to the disclosure of such information to the third party.

The City will require any CRNGS Provider to disclose any subcontractors that it uses in fulfillment of the services described herein.

The CRNGS Provider will provide a local or toll free telephone number for participant questions and concerns about enrollment, opt-out provisions, billing and other Aggregation Program issues.

The CRNGS Provider will develop internal controls and processes to help ensure that the City remains in good standing as a governmental aggregator that complies with all laws, rules and regulations regarding the same as they may be periodically amended.

Natural gas service reliability is an essential to Aggregation Program participants. The City will strive to provide high-quality service and reliability through provisions of the CRNGS Provider contract, through traditional proceedings related to COH distribution services; and through direct discussions with COH concerning specific or general problems related to quality and reliability of its distribution system.

If for any reason a CRNGS Provider fails to provide uninterrupted service, the City will attempt to acquire an alternative natural gas supply. If this attempt fails, participants will

default to COH established tariff rates. In no case will participants be without natural gas as the result of the CRNGS Provider's failure to provide uninterrupted service. The City will seek to minimize this risk by contracting only with reputable CRNGS Providers that demonstrate reliable service. The City also intends to include conditions in its CRNGS Provider contract that will indemnify participants against risks or problems with natural gas supply service and price.

All Aggregation Program participants shall enjoy the protections of law afforded to consumers as they currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time. These include rights to question billings or service quality or service practices. All program participants shall also enjoy the individual right to decline participation in the Aggregation Program subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All Aggregation Program participants will be treated equitably. They will be guaranteed the right to raise and resolve disputes with the CRNGS Provider, be provided all required notices and information; and always retain the right to opt-out of the Aggregation Program or switch suppliers subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All consumers within the City's corporation limits shall be eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program subject to the terms and conditions described herein, Ohio law, PUCO rules and regulation governing natural gas service, and COH approved tariffs.

Service under the Aggregation Program shall include all eligible customer classes in adherence with universal service principles and requirements, and the traditional nondiscriminatory practices of local government. CRNGS Provider contracts shall contain provisions to maintain these principles and equitable treatment of all customer classes.

Low-income consumers shall remain subject to all provisions of Ohio law and PUCO rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time regarding their rights to return to COH General Service and participation in the Aggregation Program.

The City developed this Plan of Operation and Governance in compliance with Ohio law regarding municipal opt-out aggregation of natural gas consumers, including two public hearings prior to its adoption.

The Rittman City Council shall approve through resolution or ordinance the Aggregation Program's Plan of Operation and Governance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4929.26. Amendments to the Plan of Operation and Governance may be subject to Rittman City Council approval and filing with the PUCO.

After adoption of the Plan of Operation and Governance, the City will file with the PUCO for governmental aggregator certification and also register as a governmental aggregator with COH.

Aggregation Program participants are subject to the same standards and responsibilities as other natural gas consumers, including payment of billings and access to metering and other equipment necessary to carry out utility operations.

The Aggregation Program may be discontinued upon the termination or expiration of the CRNGS Provider contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent contract being executed. In the event of Aggregation Program termination, each participant will receive notification at least 60 days prior to such program termination and could return to COH General Service Rate or select another approved CRNGS Provider.

2. Determination of Rates

The City will not buy and resell natural gas to Aggregation Program participants. The City will aggregate natural gas loads within the City's corporation limits including municipal facilities. Through a competitive selection process, the City will develop and negotiate a contract with a CRNGS Provider or Providers for firm, all-requirements service. The contract will contain mutually agreeable price terms for affordable, reliable natural gas supplies and other related services. The City may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other entities. Contracts will be monitored by the City on behalf of consumers.

CRNGS Providers will supply information on natural gas supply charges by COH customer rate classification or other appropriate pricing category as approved by the City. All natural gas supply charges will be fully and prominently disclosed in consumer enrollment materials and will be subject to approval by the Rittman City Council.

The City will contract only with a CRNGS Provider or Providers that meet at a minimum the following criteria:

- 1. Certified CRNGS Provider by the PUCO
- 2. Registered with COH
- 3. Have a service agreement under COH Gas Transportation Service Tariff
- 4. Successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with COH and that CRNGS Provider's EDI computer system is capable of effectively processing Aggregation Program EDI transactions in a timely manner
- 5. Meet standards of creditworthiness established by the City
- 6. Have a customer call center capable of effectively handling participants' questions, concerns and disputes in a timely manner using a toll-free telephone number
- 7. Hold the City harmless from any financial obligations arising from offering natural gas and/or energy-related services to Aggregation Program participants

The CRNGS Provider's contract will run for a fixed term (i.e., one to five years) and contain all pricing, charges, early termination fees, etc. in clear and easily understood terms, and it will include a sales tax instead of a gross receipts tax.

The CRNGS Provider's rates will include an administrative fee, which shall (if implemented) be collected on behalf of the City to fund the implementation and administration of the City's Aggregation Program. The administrative fee will be adjusted annually to cover the City's cost of administering the program. The fee will be reviewed annually to ensure that the amounts collected do not exceed the cost of administering the aggregation program.

COH assigns customer rate classifications, character of service and associated regulated rates subject to PUCO approved tariffs. In addition to the CRNGS Provider's gas service charges, consumers will continue to be billed for COH service and delivery charges. Although the City may participate in regulatory proceedings and represent the interests of consumers regarding these regulated rates, it cannot assign or alter customer rate classifications.

3. Plan for Providing Opt-out Notice

Initially, each eligible consumer within the City's corporation limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program. However, prior to actual enrollment, each consumer will receive a notice from the City detailing the Aggregation Program's rates, terms and conditions.

Each consumer will then have a 21-day period to opt-out of or decline to participate in the Aggregation Program without charge. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on Columbia Gas of Ohio's (COH) established tariff rates until such time as they select an approved CRNGS Provider. A similar opt-out period will be offered every two years during which time consumers can leave the Aggregation Program without paying an early termination fee.

4. Process for Determining the Pool of Customers

After contract approval by the Rittman City Council, the CRNGS Provider will work with the City and COH to identify all eligible consumers within the City's corporation limits.

All eligible consumers will be notified of the rates, charges and other terms and conditions of participation in the Aggregation Program and that they will be automatically enrolled in the Aggregation Program unless they "opt out" or decline participation in the program. Consumers will be given a 21-day period in which to notify the City that they wish to opt out or decline participation in the Aggregation Program.

After the initial 21-day opt-out period has elapsed, all eligible consumers who have not notified the City of their desire to opt out of the Aggregation Program will be enrolled by the CRNGS Provider at the earliest date practicable.

Consumers enrolled in the Aggregation Program by the CRNGS Provider will receive a letter from COH notifying them of their enrollment. Consumers will have seven calendar

days to notify COH of any objection to their enrollment in the Aggregation Program. COH will notify the CRNGS Provider of consumer objections or any reason that a consumer was not enrolled in the Aggregation Program.

Customers who meet the following criteria will become Members of the aggregation program:

- Are not currently buying gas from another supplier;
- Are up to date with their bill payments;
- Have not opted out of the program;
- Currently have service with COH;
- Are classified as non-mercantile;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission, or;
- Are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP).

New members may opt into the Program upon contract expiration with an alternate supplier. These members will need to contact the CRNGS Provider for enrollment information. The CRNG Provider has a right of refusal in accordance with criteria described in this plan.

The CRNGS Provider will build and maintain a database of all Aggregation Program participants. The database will include the name, address and COH account number and may include other pertinent information as agreed upon by the City and the CRNGS Provider. Such information may include the CRNGS Provider's account number (if different from COH account number), rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months of natural gas consumption, and meter reading cycle. The Aggregation Program database will be updated at least quarterly. The City will have the right to access information in the database for purposes of auditing.

The CRNGS Provider will report to the City the status of Aggregation Program enrollment on at least a monthly basis.

Participants who wish to leave the Aggregation Program may do so:

- During the initial 21-day opt-out period;
- During the seven day rescission period;
- During subsequent opt-out period offered by the City at least every two years;
- At any other time; however an early termination fee may be assessed.

In addition to the initial 21-day opt-out period described above, each participant will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Aggregation Program every two years without paying an early termination fee. Consumers who choose to opt out of the Aggregation Program at any time other than during the initial 21-day opt-out period or during subsequent opt-out periods offered by the City may be subject to an early termination fee. Any consumer who opts out of the Aggregation Program will be returned to COH established tariff rates until such time as the consumer selects another approved CRNGS Provider.

5. Customer Billing Procedures

The City plans to utilize COH consolidated billing service in which each consumer account receives one bill itemizing the CRNGS Provider's natural gas supply charges and COH delivery, transition and other PUCO-approved charges. The billing statement will be consistent with applicable PUCO rules and regulations. The City will consider other billing options, including CRNGS Provider consolidated billing, if and when they become available and if it appears advantageous to do so.

6. Credit and Deposit Policies

Collection, credit and deposit procedures remain the responsibility of the Local Utility, the selected supplier and the individual member. Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of the local utility. This program will not be responsible for late or no payment on the part of any of its members. The Municipality will have no separate credit or deposit policy. The selected supplier shall not charge more than 1 ½ percent per month for overdue balances owed to the selected supplier.

<u>7. Governmental Aggregator's Customer Service Procedures and Dispute</u> <u>Resolution</u>

The Aggregation Program only impacts the source of natural gas supply. COH will continue to deliver the natural gas purchased through the Aggregation Program to participants' homes and businesses through its natural gas distribution system. Participants with question or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a natural gas outage or odor of gas should continue to contact COH at 800-542-2630. Meter reading or other billing questions should also be directed to COH at 800 362-7557. Questions regarding Aggregation Program enrollment or opting out should be directed to the CRNGS Provider. General questions and concerns should be directed to City Manager, City of Rittman, or the General Manager at AMPO, Inc. Disputes unresolved by the aforementioned parties, should be directed to either the Ohio Consumer's Counsel or the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The following table gives toll-free telephone numbers for use by consumers.

Question or Concern	contact	Telephone Number
Natural gas outage or interruption	СОН	800-344-4077
Turn natural gas on or off	СОН	800-344-4077
Meter reading/billing	СОН	800-344-4077
To enroll in or opt-out of the Aggregation Program	CRNGS Provider - Vectren Source Hours: M-F, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	866 202-4745
Aggregation Program Questions or concerns	General Manager, AMPO, Inc.	1-614-337-6222
Unresolved disputes (Residential customers)	Ohio Consumer's Counsel	877-742-5622 occ@occ.state.oh.us
Unresolved disputes (all customers)	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	(800)-686-7826 (voice) (800)-686-1570 (TDD)

8. Members Moving Into/Within the Aggregation (New Account Number)

Consumers who move into the City after the initial opt-out period will be not be <u>automatically</u> included in the Program, but will be afforded an opportunity to enroll. However, the City cannot guarantee that the rates, terms and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period will match those of the initial enrollees.

The same rule will apply to participants who move within the City after the initial opt-out period, if they are given a new account number by COH. That is, they will not be <u>automatically</u> include in the Program, but will be given an opportunity to re-enroll under a new set of rates, terms and conditions.

9. Members Moving Within the Aggregation (Same Account Number)

Participants who relocate within the City limits and retain the same COH account number, will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as at their former location, subject to any switching fees imposed by COH.

10. Joining the Program at a Later Date (Opting-In)

Residents of the City who initially choose to opt-out of the Program, for whatever reason, and wish to enroll at a later date, will be treated the same as a new resident. That is, they will not <u>automatically</u> become part of the existing program, but will be given an opportunity to enroll. However, the City cannot guarantee that rates, terms and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period will match those of the initial enrollees.

DEFINITIONS

Aggregation

Combining the natural gas loads of multiple customers for the purposes of supplying or arranging for the supply of competitive retail natural gas service to those customers.

Aggregation Program Manager

The person or entity designated by the City to oversee the operation and management of the City's Municipal Natural gas Aggregation Program.

Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service (CRNGS)

A component of retail natural gas service deemed competitive under the Ohio Revised Code or pursuant to an order of the PUCO. This includes but is not limited to the services provided by competitive retail natural gas service providers, natural gas marketers, aggregators and governmental aggregators.

Competitive Retail Natural gas Service Provider (CRNGS Provider)

A person or entity certified by the PUCO and registered with COH who supplies or offers to supply a competitive retail natural gas service over the COH natural gas distribution system. This term does not apply to COH in its provision of standard offer natural gas service.

Consumer

Any person or entity that is an end user of natural gas and is connected to any part of COH natural gas distribution system within the City's corporation limits.

Delivery Charge

Charge imposed by COH for delivering natural gas to a consumer's home or business. The charge includes meter reading, billing, transition costs, maintaining natural gas system reliability and responding during emergencies and outages (also called the distribution charge).

Distribution

Delivery of natural gas to a home or business through COH owned pipelines, meters and other equipment. COH distribution system operations will remain regulated by the PUCO.

Governmental Aggregator

An incorporated village or city, township or county acting as an aggregator for the provision of a CRNGS under authority conferred under Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mercantile Customer

A customer that consumes, other than for residential use, more than five hundred thousand cubic feet of natural gas per year at a single location within the state; or a customer that has three or more location within the state that consume natural gas, other than for residential use.

Natural Gas Related Service

Service directly related to the consumption of natural gas at a consumer's home or business. This may include, but is not limited to, the installation of metering, remote reading indices, regulation; the maintenance, repair or replacement of appliances and other energy-consuming devices at a consumer's premises, and the provision of energy consumption measurement and billing services.

Natural gas Supply Charge

All charges related to the acquisition of natural gas by the CRNGS Provider, and its delivery to the City's distribution system.

Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC)

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), established by the Ohio Legislature in 1976, represents the interests of Ohio's four million residential utility customers served by investor-owned utilities in proceedings before the PUCO, other regulatory agencies and in the courts. The OCC also educates consumers about utility issues and resolves complaints individuals have with investor-owned utility companies.

Participant

A consumer enrolled in the City's Municipal Natural gas Aggregation Program.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

The state agency charged with assuring all consumers (residential commercial and industrial) served by investor-owned utilities have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at fair prices. The PUCO regulates a wide variety of investor-owned utilities, including natural gas, electricity, pipeline, heating/cooling, local telephone, long distance telephone, waterworks, wastewater, railroad, household goods carriers, water transportation, hazardous materials carriers, and commercial transportation carriers.

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AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION DISCLOSURE

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OPT-OUT NOTICE



PO Box 9060 Dublin, OH 43017

Phone: 800 280 4474 Fax: 800 584 4839

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Dear Rittman Resident,

The City of Rittman is providing you with the opportunity to participate with other Rittman residents and businesses in a natural gas aggregation program with IGS Energy of Dublin, Ohio as your supplier.

Under governmental aggregation, the City of Rittman acts on behalf of natural gas consumers in the community to negotiate a gas supply contract with eligible suppliers. Both Rittman and eligible retail natural gas suppliers have to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The City of Rittman passed ordinance 7227 on August 14, 2003 adopting this program after Rittman voters approved the implementation of the program. The aggregation program for the City of Rittman will begin within one to two billing periods following enrollment with IGS Energy and end with your September 2012 billing period.

Your rate through your September 2012 billing period will be 64.8 ¢ per CCF. This rate is the lowest fixed rate available in the marketplace according to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Apples to Apples chart as of September 8, 2011.

If you wish to cancel at any time you can do so, free of charge, by contacting IGS Energy. Please refer to the attached Terms and Conditions for full details of this offer.

You will be automatically enrolled in the City of Bittman Natural Gas Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out" - that is, affirmatively choose to <u>not</u> perticipate. If you want to be excluded from the City of Rittman Natural Gas Aggregation Program, you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" Form or contact IGS Energy at 1-800-280-4474 by October 11, 2011. If you do not cancel or opt-out at this time, you will be enrolled in the program until it expires with your September 2012 billing period.

Under this aggregation, Columbia Gas of Ohio will continue to maintain the pipeline system that delivers natural gas to your home or business. You will continue to receive a single bill from Columbia for your natural gas service that will include a gas supply charge from IGS Energy and sales tax in place of Columbia's regulated sales rate and applicable tax. You will still contact Columbia regarding loss of gas service, gas odor, or for any other concerns or issues having to do with your local service. Budget billing and automatic billing options will continue to be available through Columbia.

If you have any questions please call IGS Energy at 1-800-280-4474, weekdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET. For general information on natural gas deregulation in Ohio, you can also visit the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio website (www.PUCO.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

The City of Rittman and IGS Energy

P.S. Remember to return the "Opt-Out" form below only if you do not want to participate in the City of Rittman Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

If the home or small business for which you have received this letter is not located within the City of Rittman limits, you have received this letter in error. Please contact IGS Energy at 1-800-280-4474 to be removed from the aggregation list.

You are not eligible to participate in this program if you are currently enrolled in the PIPP program.

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Term: The community's opt-out government aggregation program (the "Program") and my service with Interstate Gas Supply. Inc. (elsewhere referred to as "IGS Energy" and the consumer will be referred in the first person, "my", "me" or "1" as my supplier on the Program will begin within one to two billing cycles after my enrolment or rate change is confirmed with the utility company and shall confirme through my September 2012 utility Diffing cycle, unless notified cherwise. (GS Energy will supply the commodity portion of my natural gas and Columbia Gas of Ohio will be my Natural Gas Distribution Company ("NGDC"). I can contact the IGS Energy choice department by phone at 1-800-280-4474, by fax at 1-800-584-4639, in writing at P.O.Box 9050, Oublin, OH 43017, or through ther web site at http://www.igsenergy.com.

Regulatory; The NGDC's choice program and the government aggregation for my community are subject to ongoing Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) jurisdiction, and Lunderstand that if the choice program or this Program is terminated, this Agreement may be terminated, without penalty to either party.

Price: My price through the September 2012 NGDC billing cycle will be \$0.648 per Cof which does not include applicable sales tax or NGDC transportation and other charges.

Renewal: If my community's governmental aggregation continues, at feast every two years from the establishment of this Program the government aggregator or its supplier shall provide me notice of my right to opt out of the aggregation without penalty. The process for providing me with notice of my right to opt-out shall include a provision for me to return a post card or similar hotice to the governmental aggregator or the supplier. For renewals, I will have at least twenty-one days from the post mark that on the written notice to choose to opt out of the Program, and my return post card or notice that a post mark text to declaime has elapsed shall count as timely sent. The notice will follow the procedures established for the initial opt-out notice set forth in this rule and shall prominently disclose to customers all changes to the terms and conditions associated with the aggregation. I am enlited to opt-out of the program is renewed and I do not exercise my right to opt-out, I will be continued in the Program.

Rescission Period: I will have 21 days from the post mark date of my opk-out notice to exercise my right to opt-out of my community's Program. If I do not opt-out of the Program, IGS Energy will submit my enrollment to the NGDC and if I an new to the Program or a new customer to IGS Energy will have 7 business days from the post-mark date of the confirmation notice sent by the NGDC or excision my enrollment. I can reaction my enrollment by contacting or by the NGDC in writing or by telephone at the number provided on the confirmation notice within that 7 day period. Otherwise, I can cancel this agreement as detailed below.

Cancellation: Ether party can cancel this Agreement within the first 30 days of enrollment with IGS Energy by providing the other with notice of cancellation, with no cancellation fee. At any other time either party can cancel this agreement with notice to the other, without a cancellation fee. Cancellation notices provided after the NGDC deadine may result in additional month(s) of service beyond the cancellation notice date, as the effective date of all cancellations are subject to NGDC guidelines and 1 agree to continue to pay for my service with KGS Energy for all periods billed with IGS Energy. I understand that if 1 switch my service to another supplier or back to the NGDC and the III switch my service to another supplier or back to the NGDC an NGDC switching fee may apply under the NGDC's tentf and the NGDC may charge a price other than the NGDC commodity rate.

Contact and Dispute Resolutions: In the event of a billing dispute of issues regarding volume or matering, I should contact the NGDC at the number listed on their bit, For other questions or concerns about prioring, I can contact the IGS Energy choice department by phone weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST at 1-800-280-4474, by fax 1-800-584-4839, in writing at P.O. Box 9060. Dublin, OH 43017, or through their web site at www.igsenergy.com, Alao, I can contact IGS Energy in through e-mail at choice@igseriergy.com, If my questions or concerns are not resolved after I have called IGS Energy, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may call the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) toll free at 1-800-686-7826 or for TDD/TTY toll free at 1-800-586-1570. Irom 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, or visit the PUCO website at www.puco.ohio.gov. The Ohio Consumers Counters (OCC) represents maidential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted toll free at 1-877-742-5622 from 8:00 p.m. weekdays or visit www.pickocc.org.

Bitting: For my convenience I will receive only one bill, which will be issued by the NSDC each month and will contain NSS Energy is gas price bus applicable taxes and all of the NSDC's transportation and other applicable charges, including any late less assessed by the NSDC. I agree to continue to pay the NSDC for the entire gas bill under the NSDC's payment terms and conditions. If I pay under the budget bill payment plan, I understand that this service is available and will remain available. ISS Energy reserves the right to issue an invoice to me directly, such invoice would contain NSS Energy is gas price and may also contain applicable taxes and all of the NSDC's transportation and other applicable charges. In ICS Energy issues provided, ISS Energy is gas price and may also contain applicable taxes and all of the NSDC's transportation and other applicable charges. If IGS Energy issues provided, ISS Energy is gas price and may also contain applicable taxes and all of the NSDC's transportation and other applicable charges. If IGS Energy issues provided, ISS Energy may terminate this Agreement with fourteen (14) days written notice should I fail to pay the bill or meet any agreed-upon payment rangements. If I fail to pay my invoices inely write induce IGS Energy charges, the NGDC may disconned my service, according to tarff guidelines. I may request, et no charge, up to 24 months of my payment history for services, nedwerd by I GS Energy. Other that for operation, maritemence, assignment and transfer of my account or, where IGS Energy will not disclose my account number to any other third party without my affirmative written consent or becronic authorization or pursuant to a count or commission order and that, other then for credit checking and ordet reporting, if IGS Energy is performing billing services modered by IGS Energy will not disclose my account number to any other third party without my affirmative written consent or pursuant to court order. I authorize IGS Energy to dolain my billing payment and u

Assignment: This contract is assignable by IGS Energy without my consent subject only to required regulatory approvals. IGS will use its best efforts to give the NGDC and me thirty (30) days written notice prior to any assignment.

Moving/Termination: 1 understand that this contract will automatically terminate, without penalty, if 1 relocate outside my community aggregation Program boundaries, or if the requested service location is not served by the NGDC. Also, I understand that I have the right to terminate this Agreement, without penalty, if 1 relocate in a final service location is not served by the NGDC. Also, I understand that I have the right to terminate this Agreement, without penalty, if 1 relocate in a final service location is not served by the NGDC. Also, I understand that I have the right to terminate this Agreement, without penalty, if 1 relocate in a final service location is not service does not have contract portability and if IGS Energy agrees to allow me to confinue. In such instances, I would have to enroll with IGS Energy under a new agreement, as this Agreement is only valid for opt-out government aggregation. I understand that I am not entitled to the pricing or service from IGS Energy hereunder at my new location numi such time as the NGDC accepts my enrollment with IGS Energy and that I am not location and/or transfers my contract to my new location and that the extended for additional months that I was not with IGS Energy. Except as provided in this Agreement, if I ISS Energy returns the NGDC's sales service. This Agreement will the service without penalty if I was not with IGS Energy. Except as provided in this Agreement, if IISS Energy returns me to the NGDC's sales service. This Agreement will

Eligibility / Limitation of Llability / Jurisdiction: This Agreement is for residential and small commercial customers that use 5,000 CCF a year and are otherwise eligible for opt-out government aggregation programs. ISS Energy and my community shall use its best efforts to ensure that only eligible customer accounts within its governmental boundaries and customers who have not opted out are included in its aggregation. If ineligible accounts, accounts from outside of the governmental aggregator's governmental boundaries, or accounts for outsomers who opted out of the aggregation are switched to the governmental aggregation, se soon as ICS Energy is aware of such event the governmental aggregator (or IGS Energy) will promptly contact the natural gas company to have the outsome switched back to the customer's former supplier, and will pay any switching fee imposed by the NGDC for such switch. Participation in the program is subject to the rules of the NGDC and the rules established in Ohlo Administrative Code 4901-1-28. Customer's are sometimes terminated or not enrolled in the program to to NGDC to correct the problem und be reinstated or anothy the NGDC to correct the problem und be reinstated or anothy the NGDC to correct the problem und be reinstated or anothy that the program. Regardless of the reason for termination, in no case will the NGDC including, but not limited to: operations and maintenence of their system; any tilterruptien of service; termination of service; or detertiotation of service, and subting that by the damages and in addition shall not be responsible for any indirect, consequential special or punityte damages whether arising under contract, that (Induing negligence or stort fability) or any other legal theory. The partice across the proper forum is subject to the prospite the around be accounted under contract and (Dispute Resolution abalt not be responsible for any indirect, consequential special or punitive damages whether arising under contract and Dispute Resolution and ano

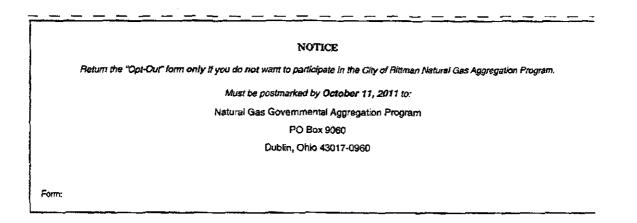


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EXPERIENCE

<u>The City of Rittman has experience</u> in negotiating, contracting and providing for common services for residents of the City. Some examples of experience as a service provider are:

- Water and Sewer Service
- Police and Fire Service
- Parks and Recreation

The City routinely negotiates for services and supplies that benefit the residents of Rittman.

However, due to the complexity of municipal opt-out aggregation, the City has chosen to retain the services of a consultant to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining their gas aggregation program.

Contractual Arrangements for Capability Standards

The City of Rittman states that a valid contract exists with:

AMPO, Inc., A Subsidiary of AMP-Ohio 2600 Airport Drive Columbus, Ohio 43219

for the purpose of providing consulting services on municipal opt-out gas aggregation.

Detailed summary of the services being provided:

- Provide and assist with developing model ordinances to create opt-in or opt-out natural gas aggregation programs.
- Coordinate and work with municipal local officials and staff to develop a procurement strategy for reliable and competitive natural gas supplies and related services for the natural gas aggregation program.
- Assist with the preparation of a Plan of Operation and Governance for the natural gas aggregation program.
- Coordinate and assist with the preparation and filing of the required aggregation certification documents with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO").
- Assist with performing the PUCO requirements for governmental aggregation programs.
- Provide consulting services and administer the process of negotiating with certified natural gas suppliers, developing and soliciting requests for quotations ("RFQ") or requests for proposals ("RFP").
- Evaluate and manage the ongoing negotiations and/or RFQ or RFP.
- Analyze the negotiations and/or RFQ or RFP's from certified retail natural gas suppliers and make recommendations to local officials and staff.

- Assist with developing and negotiating the contract with the certified retail natural gas supplier to serve the aggregation program.
- Assist the municipality in executing and administering agreements with the selected certified retail natural gas supplier.
- Coordinate the PUCO customer notifications and other requirements for enrolling residents in the municipal natural gas aggregation program.
- Work with and assist the municipality, the certified retail natural gas supplier, and the natural gas local distribution company to facilitate the enrollment of customers in the municipal natural gas aggregation program at the earliest date practicable.
- Work with the certified retail natural gas supplier to coordinate and communicate with the municipality regarding enrollments in the municipal natural gas aggregation program, cost savings to participants, and other related matters.
- Assist the municipality in developing effective consumer education materials to explain the aggregation program and make community presentations as needed.
- Assist with monitoring proceedings of applicable legislative and regulatory bodies and provide analysis and updates on changes that may impact the municipal natural gas aggregation program, its participants, or the municipality.
- Represent the municipality at meetings with the certified retail natural gas supplier and the local distribution company concerning the municipal natural gas aggregation program rates, terms and conditions of service, customer concerns, etc.
- Assist and work with the municipality to prepare and file annual reports required by the PUCO and Section 4905.10(A) and Section 4911.18(A), Ohio Revised Code.
- Coordinate with municipal legal counsels to facilitate legal reviews and/or opinions
 that may be needed in connection with the aggregation program. Please note that the
 performance of any legal work, including but not limited to the legal reviews and/or
 opinions, are beyond the scope of AMPO's services.
- As the initial term of the certified retail natural gas supplier contract agreement nears its end, repeat Phase I activities to secure ongoing competitive natural gas supplies and related services for the municipal natural gas aggregation program.

Documentation of Contracting Party's Experience in Energy Aggregation:

AMP-Ohio

Founded in 1971, Columbus based American Municipal Power-Ohio (AMP-Ohio) was organized as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of owning and operating electric facilities or otherwise providing for the generation, transmission and/or distribution of electric power and energy to its member communities. Members include 80 of Ohio's 86 municipally owned electric systems, two West Virginia public power communities and three in Pennsylvania, ranging in size from 116 customers to more than 80,000 customers. Collectively, AMP-Ohio member communities serve approximately 364,000 customers. AMP-Ohio coordinates, negotiates and develops power supply options and interchange agreements on behalf of its members. AMP-Ohio also owns and operates the Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station, a 213-megawatt coal-fired facility located in Marietta, Ohio, that provides power to 48 participating communities, and has undertaken an ambitious program of siting distributed generation in member communities throughout Ohio. In addition, AMP-Ohio serves as an independent project manager for Ohio members participating in joint ventures to share ownership of power generation and transmission facilities, including the OMEGA JV5 project, a 42 MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric power station completed on the Ohio River in 1999.

AMP-Ohio also operates a sophisticated 24-hour energy control center that monitors clectric loads and transmission availability, dispatches, buys and sells power and energy and controls AMP-Ohio and member-owned generation. A competent in-house engineering, operations, safety, power supply, key accounts, economic development, rate and environmental staff is available at AMP-Ohio's headquarters to assist member communities in addition to performing AMP-Ohio duties and providing support to the joint ventures.

AMP-Ohio's knowledgeable, experienced staff understands the unique challenges faced by local government staff and elected officials. AMP-Ohio is governed by a 16-member Board of Trustees, all of who are local government representatives, and a number of AMP-Ohio staff members—including its president—once worked for local governments.

AMPO, Inc.

Formed in 1998, AMPO, Inc. is a wholly owned, taxable subsidiary of AMP-Ohio whose purpose is to provide direction and service to local governments and other energy consumers in evolving energy markets. This includes the development and implementation of local electric and natural gas aggregation programs, review and negotiation of energy contracts, and the evaluation and implementation of energy supply alternatives for local business, industry and government. AMPO, Inc. has been an approved supplier in the Columbia Gas of Ohio CHOICESM and Dominion East Ohio Energy Choice programs and currently works with over 40 Ohio communities to offer natural gas and/or electric aggregation programs to residential and small commercial customers.