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July 22, 2014

Docketing Division The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43266-0573

Re: In the Matter of the Application of the City of Fairborn, for Re-Certification as a Governmental Aggregator Case No. 04-1226-GA-GAG

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the City of Fairborn'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,

Randall J. Groves Finance Director City of Fairborn, Ohio 44 West Hebble Avenue Fairborn, OH 45324 (937) 754-3005

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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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## SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### **A-1 Renewal Applicant information:**

	Legal Name	City of Fairborn				
	Address 44 West Hebble Avenue			, OH 45324		
	Telephone No.	937-754-3005		Web site address	www.ci.fairborn.	oh.us
	Current PUCO C	Certificate Number	04-091G(5)	Effec	tive Dates	September 7, 2012-September 7, 2014
A-2	Contact perse	on for regulatory	y or emerge	ncy matters:		
	Name Randy G	Groves		Title	Finance Directo	r
	Business Address 44 West Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, OH 45324					
	Telephone No. 9	937-754-3005	Fax No.		Email Address	s randy.groves@ci.fairborn.oh.us
A-3	3 Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints:			mplaints:		
	Name Randy	Groves		Titl	e Finance Direc	tor
	Business address 44 West Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, OH 45324					
	Telephone No. <sup>9</sup>	37-754-3005	Fax No.		Email Addres	<sub>s</sub> randy.groves@ci.fairborn.oh.us
A-4	Applicant's a	ddress and toll-f	ree number	• for customer se	ervice and con	nplaints:
	Customer service address 4 West Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, OH 45324					
		937-754-30 hone No.		No.	Email Ac	randy.groves@ci.fairborn.oh.u
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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** <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** <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** <u>Exhibit B-4 "Opt-Out Notice</u>," 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.

Applicant Signature and Title

Homo, Frience Director

Sworn and subscribed before me this

day of

22nd

Month

2014

Year

Henry L. Davis

Signature of official administering oath

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Print Name and Title

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My commission expires on

10-26-18

Penny L. Davis, Notary

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County of	Greene			
State of	Ohio			

Randy Groves, Finance Director

[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.

Affiant Signature & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this

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day of

, Randy Groves, Finance Director

Month

2014 Year

Signature of Official Administering Oath	POMMYL, DAVIOPrint Name :	and Title Penny L. Davig	Notary
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**EXHIBIT 1** 

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## **AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 78-03**

A RESOLUTION 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 GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AGENT FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution grants the City of Fairbore (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 jurisdictions; and

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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 competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits in accordance with Section 4929.26, Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, The Municipality has adopted this Resolution parameter to the authority conferred by Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 4929.26, Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN HEREBY RESOLVES:

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the jurisdiction of the Municipality to establish an opt-out natural Gas Aggregation Program in the Municipality parsuant to Section 4929.26, Revised Code. Provided that this Resolution and Gas Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Municipality in accordance with this Resolution, the Municipality is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effect a Gas Aggregation Program pustuant 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 City Manager of the Municipality is hereby authorized to execute and deliver an agreement with a to-be-named agent ("Agent") to assart the Municipality as its consultant and short 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 shall be authorized by the electors to be the only entity authorized to set for and on behalf of the enrolled 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.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. The Gas Aggregation Program shall not apply to persons meeting any of the following criteria, as more specifically described in Section 4929.26(A)(2), Revised Code: (i) the person is both a distribution service customer and a mercantile customer, (ii) the person has an existing commodity sales service contract with a tetail 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.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> The Bourd of Elections of Greene County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Municipality at the election on November 4, 2003:

To facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits, shaft the City of Fairborn have the authority to aggregate relail natural gas loads and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of natural gas commodily and other services, such aggregation to occur eutomatically except where any person affirmatively elects not to be enrolled by a stated procedure?

POR, the City of Fairborn 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 Paithorn to facilitate compatitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings and other benefits by acting to an approgator.

The Cierk of this Council is instructed to file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Greene Courity Board of Elections net later than August 21, 2001, which is seventy-live (75) days prior to November 4, 2003. The Gas

MCHAELA, MAYER - MEDIARCE - MEDIARCE - MARKISSOFT - MONTORIE Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting apon the proposed ballot question at the election held in accordance with this Resolution and Section 4929.26, Revised Code. Upon approval, the Gas Aggregation shall take affect at the cathiest psimiasible point in time and continue thereafter in accordance with Section 4929.26, Revised Code, and other requirements of Chapter 4929, Revised Code.

SECTION 4. Upon approval by a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in this Resolution, the Municipality shall develop and adopt a Plan of Operations and governance for the Gas Aggregation Program. Consumers enrolled in the Gas Aggregation Program shall be applied their natural gas requirements and other services in accordance with supply agreement(s) determined and arranged by the Municipality, as opportunities become available to provide benefits on behalf of the natural gas consumers enrolled in the Gas Aggregation Program and the consumers located within the jurisdiction of the Municipality. The Municipality shall be authorized by the electors to be the only entity authorized to set for and on behalf of the natural gas supplier(s) to provide the commodity and all other services for the Gas Aggregation Program and the enrolled consumers. Refore adopting such Plan, at least two public hearings on the Plan shall be held. Before the first hearing, untice of the first hearing shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality. The notice shall summarize the Plan and state the date, time, and location of each hearing.

SECTION 5. The adopted Plan shall not aggregate any retail natural gas load within the Municipality, unless the person whose retail natural gas load is to be so uggregated is notified in advance that the person will be enrolled nutomatically in the Gas Aggregation Program and shall remain so enrolled, unless the person affirmatively elects not to be so enrolled by a stated procedure. The disclosure shall state the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of the enrollment. Once enrolled, the consumer may only opt-out of the Gas Aggregation Program every two years without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts-out of the Gas 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 6. That the Greene 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 to provide for such election in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 7. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this f Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formul actions were in compliance with the law.

SECTION 8. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an entergency measure, providing for the immediate preservation of the public pusce, property, health, or safety, in that

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opportunities to coordinate aggregation activities with certain suppliers may become limited. SECTION 9. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. tente Ulla MAYOR PASSED: 301 7 2003 EFFECTIVE: JUL 7 2003 ATTEST: CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE ł FIED THIS 10 FAIRBO AN/ IL CITY DI άĔ F1LE ,ul 10 2003 : SPECIE CO. JOLARE OF ELECTIONS 6 MICHAELA, MAYER ATTICICIO ADDICIONALIN COMMINICATION FORMATICICATION

## EXHIBIT 2

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## **OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 69-04**

#### A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE CITY OF FAIRBORN'S NATURAL GAS AGOREGATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4929 of the Ohio Revised Code, to facilitate

competitive retail matural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural

gas supplies, and other henefits, contain governmental entities may aggregate certain

namesi gas concorners within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2003, the electors of the City of Fairborn 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, so adopt a plan of operation and governance for its aggregation program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN HER6BY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby adopts the City of Fairborn Plan of Operation and Governance, (attached herebo and incorporated hornin by reference as Exhibit A) for the implementation and administration of the City's municipal gas agaregistion program in accordance with Revised Code 4929.26(C).

SECTION 2. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open moving of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its complittees that resulted in these formal actions were in compliance with the Law.

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SECTION 3. That said Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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# **CITY OF FAIRBORN**

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

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL JULY 19, 2004

#### Overview

At the November 4, 2003, general election, local residents authorized the City of Fairborn (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.

#### 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. The contract will run for a fixed term (i.e., one to five years). Once the contract has been finalized, it will be submitted to the Fairborn City Council for approval.

The Aggregation Program covers the natural gas supply portion only of a participant's natural gas bill. Vectron Energy Delivery of Ohio (VEDO) or Columbia Gas of Ohio (COH), as appropriate, will continue to deliver natural gas to Aggregation Program participants' homes and businesses through its natural gas distribution systems as a monopoly function regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). VEDO or 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 VEDO or

COH if their natural gas is interrupted or if they have billing questions. The PUCO will continue to oversee VEDO and COH natural gas safety and reliability service standards.

Oversight of the Aggregation Program will be the responsibility of the Executive Assistant who shall report to the City Manager. The Executive Assistant 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 Executive Assistant will work under the direction of the City Manager with the advice and counsel of the City Solicitor.

Due to the complexity of the natural gas utility industry and the uncertainties of its associated restructuring activities, the Executive Assistant 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, VEDO, 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 VHDO 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.

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Natural gas service reliability is 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 VEDO or COH distribution services, and through direct discussions with VEDO or 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 VEDO or 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, 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 tenns and conditions described herein, Ohio law, PUCO rules and regulations governing natural gas service, and VEDO or 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 non-discriminatory 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 VEDO or 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 Fairborn 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 Fairborn 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 VEDO or 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 VEDO or COH General Service Rate or select another approved CRNGS Provider.

#### 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. The City, on behalf of consumers, will monitor contracts.

CRNGS Providers will supply information on natural gas supply charges by VEDO or 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 Fairborn 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 VEDO or COH

- 3. Have a service agreement under VEDO or COH Gas Transportation Service Tariff
- 4. Successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with VEDO or 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, VEDO, COH and the PUCO
- 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.

VEDO or 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 VEDO or 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.

#### 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 VEDO or 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.

#### Process for Determining the Pool of Customers

After contract approval by the Fairborn City Council, the CRNGS Provider will work with the City and VEDO or 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 VEDO or COH notifying them of their enrollment. Consumers will have seven calendar days to notify VEDO or COH of any objection to their enrollment in the Aggregation Program. VEDO or 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 VEDO or 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 emollment information. The CRNGS 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 VEDO or 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 VEDO or 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 periods 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 VEDO or COH established tariff rates until such time as the consumer selects another approved CRNGS Provider.

#### **Customer Billing Procedures**

The City plans to utilize VEDO or COH consolidated billing service in which each consumer account receives one bill itemizing the CRNGS Provider's natural gas supply charges and VEDO or 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.

#### 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 1-1/2 percent per month for overdue balances owed to the selected supplier.

#### Governmental Ageregator's Customer Service Procedures and Disoute Resolution

The Aggregation Program only impacts the source of natural gas supply. VEDO or 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 questions or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a natural gas outage or odor of gas, should continue to contact VEDO at 800-227-1376 or COH at 800-344-4077. Meter reading or other billing questions should also be directed to VEDO at the same number or COH at their same number. Questions regarding Aggregation Program enrollment or opting out should be directed to the CRNGS Provider. 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	VEDO	800-227-1376
interruption	СОН	800-344-4077
Turn natural gas on or off	VEDO	800-227-1376
	COH	800-344-4077
Meter reading/billing	VEDO	800-227-1376
	СОН	800-344-4077
To enroll in or opt-out of the	CRNGS Provider	800*******
Aggregation Program	Hows:	<b>\</b>
Aggregation Program	CRNGS Provider	800******
Questions or concerns	Hours:	
Unresolved disputes	Ohio Consumer's Counsel	877-742-5622
(residential customers)		www.pickocc.org
Unresolved disputes	Public Utilities Commission	(800)-685-7826 (voice)
(all customers)	of Ohio	
-		(800)-686-1570 (TDD)
		www.puco.state.gov

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

Consumers who move into the City after the initial opt-out period will 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-ont period, if they are given a new account number by VEDO or COH. That is, they will not be <u>automatically</u> included in the Program, but will be given an opportunity to re-enroll under a new set of rates, terms, and conditions.

#### Members Moving Within the Aggregation (Same Account Number)

Participants who relocate within the City limits and retain the same VEDO or 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 VEDO or COH.

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

Residents of the City who initially choose to opt-out of the Program, for whatsver 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.

#### **Defigitions**

#### 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 of Fairborn'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 VEDO or COH who supplies or offers to supply a competitive retail natural gas service over the VEDO natural gas distribution system. This term does not apply to VEDO or 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 the VEDO or COH natural gas distribution system within the City of Fairborn's corporation limits.

#### **Delivery Charge**

Charge imposed by VEDO or 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 VEDO or COH owned pipelines, meters, and other equipment. VEDO or 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.

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#### 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 locations 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 of Fairborn'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.

## **EXHIBIT 3**

## AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION DISCLOSURE

**EXHIBIT 4** 

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## **OPT-OUT NOTIFICATION**

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P.O. Box 9060 Dublin, OH 43017 | www.igsenergy.com | Fax: 614-923-0470

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November 18, 2005

Dear City of Residence

is providing you with the opportunity to participate with other The City of presidents in a pateral ga governmental appropriates programs, with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS) as your supplier of sas.

interesting acts on behalf of mousing gas communers in the community, to negotiate Under governmental aggregation, the City of int a gas supply contract with eligible suppliers. Both **Uppendicularity** and eligible retail natural gas suppliers have to be cartified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. **Uppendicularity** City Council passed an architector adopting this program and **Uppendicularity** overs approved the implementation of the program. The aggregation program for Upper Arlington will begin with your January 200-billing period and end with your December 2007 billing period.

You will be automatically enrolled in Upper Arlington's fintural Gas Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out" - that is, not participate. There is no cost for enrollment. You do not need to do anything to be included.

Currently astural gas market prices are near record high levels. Your community, with the guidesce of industry experts, has determined that setting a stable rate, at this time, is not in your best internet. Therefore, they have elected to have IGS provide your gas at a variable monthly rate, antil gas prices modernts and a stable price can be secured for you. Based on set analysis for the period October, 2004 - September, 2005, customers using the IGS monthly rate plan would have paid an average of \$0.0326 less per cof than the Columbia Gas of Ohio Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate."

Your price will be determined monthly and may change each month to a higher, or a lower rate, depending on market conditions. Please refer to the priving section of the estached Terms and Conditions for the formula by which the monthly rate will be determined. When your community changes to socure a stable rate for you, for any period of time through December 2007. IGS will notify you of the new stable rate and you will automatically continue at that rate index you choose to cancel, with no charge, at that time. See the enclosed agreement (Opt Out AMPO COFFINE 12 2007 VAR) for details.

If you want to be excluded from the City of **Continuations**'s Natural Gas Aggregation Program, you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" Form or contact KOS at 1-500-280-4474 by December 12, 2005. If you do not cancel or opt-out at this time, you will be encolled in the program until it explores with your December 2007 hilling period. If you do not cancel or opt-out at this time, you will be encolled Columbin notifying you of your transfer to your community's new program with KiS as your supplier.

Under this aggregation, Cohambia Gas will continue to tradinisia the pipeline system that delivers externing as to your hears or business. You will continue to receive a single bill from Cohambia Gas for your testaral gas service, but it will now include a gas supply charge from IGS and sales test in place of the GCR charge plus gross receipts tax you have been paying to Cohambia Gas. You will still contact Cohambia regarding leas of gas service, ador of gas, or for any other concerns or instea having to do with your local service, Budget billing and automatic hilling options will continue to be available darough Cohambia.

if you have any questions please call IGS at 1-800-280-4474, weekdays, from 8:00 n.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. For general information on natural gas deregulation in Okio, you can also visit the Web Sites of the Ohio Consumer's Councel (www.nickace.org) or the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (www.PUCO.ohio.gov),

Sincerely.

The City of Gamma and IGS

\* Savings based on IOS variable Governmental Opt-Out National Gas Aggregation New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)- Plus Pricing versus Columbia Gas of Ohio's Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate.

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Phone number: (	Date:				
Account holder's signature;					
Mail by December 12, 2005 to: Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program, PO Box 9060, Dublin, Ohio 43017-0960					

## **EXHIBIT 5**

## **EXPERIENCE STATEMENT**

<u>The City of Fairborn</u> has experience 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 Mayor, City Council and City Staff routinely negotiate for services and supplies that benefit the residents of Fairborn.

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 electric aggregation program.

### Contractual Arrangements for Capability Standards

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

AMPO, Inc., a Subsidiary of AMP 1111 Schrock Road, Suite 100 Columbus, Ohio 43229

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

Detailed summary of the services being provided:

- Assist with developing model ordinances to create opt-in or opt-out electric aggregation programs.
- Coordinate and work with municipal local officials and staff to develop a procurement strategy for reliable and competitive electric supplies and related services for the electric aggregation program.
- Assist with the preparation of a Plan of Operation and Governance for the electric 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 electric 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 electric suppliers and make recommendations to local officials and staff.
- Assist with developing and negotiating the contract with the certified retail electric supplier to serve the aggregation program.
- Assist the municipality in executing and administering agreements with the selected certified retail electric supplier.
- Coordinate the PUCO customer notifications and other requirements for enrolling residents in the municipal electric aggregation program.

- Work with and assist the municipality, the certified retail electric supplier, and the electric local distribution company to facilitate the enrollment of customers in the municipal electric aggregation program at the earliest date practicable.
- Work with the certified retail electric supplier to coordinate and communicate with the municipality regarding enrollments in the municipal electric 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 electric aggregation program, its participants, or the municipality.
- Represent the interests of the municipality at meetings with the certified retail electric supplier and the local distribution company concerning the municipal electric 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 electric supplier contract agreement nears its end, repeat Phase I activities to secure ongoing competitive electric supplies and related services for the municipal electric aggregation program.

### Documentation of Contracting Party's Experience in Energy Aggregation:

### AMP, Inc.

Founded in 1971, Columbus based American Municipal Power (AMP) 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, three in Kentucky, seven in Michigan, 29 in Pennsylvania, five in Virginia and two West Virginia public power communities, ranging in size from 116 customers to more than 80,000 customers. Collectively, AMP member communities serve approximately 364,000 customers.

AMP coordinates, negotiates and develops power supply options and interchange agreements on behalf of its members. AMP also owns and operates the Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station, a 213megawatt 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 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 also operates a sophisticated 24-hour energy control center that monitors electric loads and transmission availability, dispatches, buys and sells power and energy and controls AMP 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's headquarters to assist member communities in addition to performing AMP duties and providing support to the joint ventures.

AMP's knowledgeable, experienced staff understands the unique challenges faced by local government staff and elected officials. AMP is governed by a 16-member Board of Trustees, all of who are local government representatives, and a number of AMP 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 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 electric 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 CHOICE<sup>sm</sup> 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.