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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, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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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	)
Lucas County	)
for a Certificate or Renewal Certificate to Provide	Ś
Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Service in Ohio.	)

Case No.

02-2163 -GA-GAG

County of Lucas State of Ohio

John A. Borell

[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 Month and subscribed before me this 🛹 day of Swo re of Official Administering Oath Sig Print Name and Title My commission expires on Andrea R. Stokes Notary Public, State of Ohio (Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregator Renewal) Page 3 of 3 My Commission Exp. 10/12/2015 180 East Broad Street • Columbus, OH 43215-3793 • (614) 466-3016 • www.PUCO.ohio.gov The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider

#### 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.

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## **Exhibit B-1 Authorizing Ordinance**

**Lucas County** 

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE; DIRECTING THE LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND AMENDING THE NORTHWEST OHIO AGGREGATION COALITION AGREEMENT.

#### July 12, 2001

Commissioner Barlos offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has enacted legislation ("House Bill No. 9") which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate natural gas supply services to consumers located in their respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those consumers the purchase and sale of natural gas as a united group; and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise such authority jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business customers collectively to participate in the potential benefits of natural gas aggregation through lower rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually; and

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with optout provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code (the 'Aggregation Program'), for the residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers in the unincorporated areas of Lucas County and in conjunction jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit the question of whether Lucas County shall automatically aggregate and purchase natural gas for customers within the unincorporated areas of the County; and

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

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the County, its residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers located within the unincorporated areas of the County to establish the Aggregation Program in Lucas County.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE; DIRECTING THE LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND AMENDING THE NORTHWEST OHIO AGGREGATION COALITION AGREEMENT. PAGE 2

4.

Provided that the issue set forth in this Resolution and the Aggregation Program proposed herein are approved by the electors of the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, the County is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, natural gas supply service to consumers located within the unincorporated areas of the County and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those consumers the sale and purchase of natural gas. The County may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township or county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law. The aggregation will occur automatically and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Resolution.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Board of Elections of Lucas County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the unincorporated areas of Lucas County at the general election on November 6, 2001:

Shall Lucas County have the authority to aggregate natural gas supply services to consumers located in the unincorporated areas of the County, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for consumers the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt-out?

The Clerk of this Board is instructed immediately to file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Lucas County Board of Elections not less than seventy-five (75) days prior to November 6, 2001. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this Resolution and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution and Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code.

<u>Section 3.</u> Upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Board individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, shall develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Board shall hold at least two public hearings on the plan. Before the first hearing, public notice of the hearings shall be made and all proceedings will be held consistent with requirements imposed by law.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS-PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE; DIRECTING THE LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS AND AMENDING THE NORTHWEST OHIO AGGREGATION COALITION AGREEMENT. PAGE 3

<u>Section 4.</u> The Agreement of intergovernmental cooperation on the issue of electric aggregation, creating the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition, shall be and hereby is amended to permit the establishment of a natural gas governmental aggregation program.

<u>Section 5.</u> This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

On the foregoing:

Commissioner Barlos voted aye Commissioner Copeland voted aye Commissioner Isenberg voted aye

> /s/ Nancy Poskar Nancy Poskar, Clerk

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#### APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE OF THE LUCAS COUNTY NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

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August 22, 2002 <u>Nor-02-1213</u> Commissioner Barlos offered the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code provides that a board of county commissioners may aggregate natural gas consumers within the unincorporated portions of its county and requires it to adopt a plan to govern the operation of the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code requires that any county aggregation may occur only after a board of county commissioners has offered a plan of operation and governance to the public for its review, has held at least two public hearings concerning the plan, and has formally adopted the plan as the aggregation program's plan of operation and governance; and

WHEREAS, a proposed plan has been offered to the public for review by this Board and this Board has held public hearings concerning the plan on August 13, 2002, and August 22, 2002, notice of each public hearing having been printed in a newspaper of general circulation through out the County for two consecutive weeks prior to the hearings (in The Toledo Blade on August 9, 2002, and August 12, 2002); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to adopt a plan of operation and governance before further actions can be taken to establish the Lucas County Natural Gas Aggregation Program; therefore be it APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE OF THE LUCAS COUNTY NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM PAGE 2

RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Board hereby approves and adopts as the Plan of Operation and Governance of the Lucas County Natural Gas Aggregation Program the draft plan submitted to the public at the public hearings on August 13, 2002, and August 22, 2002:

Section 2: The Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board held in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Law.

Section 3: This resolution shall be in full force and free from and immediately upon its adoption.

On the foregoing,

Commissioner Barlos voted aye Commissioner Copeland voted aye -Commissioner Isenberg voted aye

Jody L. Balogh, Asst. Clerk

# Exhibit B-2 Operation and Governance Plan

**Lucas County** 

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### LUCAS COUNTY NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

#### Purpose

The goal of this Aggregation Program is to facilitate additional choices for the supply of natural gas for residential and commercial consumers, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4929. This Aggregation Program has been developed in accordance with House Bill 9.

The Lucas County Natural Gas Aggregation Program seeks to aggregate the retail natural gas loads of consumers located within the unincorporated areas of Lucas County to obtain the lowest price for the supply and distribution of natural gas. Participation in the Lucas County Natural Gas Aggregation Program is limited to individuals who are not already under contract with an alternative retail natural gas supplier.

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

#### Process

The County shall follow the process of governmental aggregation as set out by the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

A board of county commissioners may automatically aggregate its residents after passage of an opt-out resolution, adoption of a Plan of Operation, and approval by a majority of the voters in the unincorporated areas of the county. Lucas County has accomplished all of these requirements.

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

#### Lucas County's Natural Gas Aggregation Program

The Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, with the assistance of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Lucas County, Ohio, will administer Lucas County's Natural Gas Aggregation Program. These entities currently administer the County's Electric Aggregation Program, as well as coordinate the purchase of electricity and natural gas for County facilities. These entities have expertise in the law and regulations applicable to governmental aggregation, as well as considerable experience in contracting with marketers for energy services.

The purpose of the County's Aggregation Program is to reduce the amount consumers pay for natural gas. Lucas County will not buy and resell the natural gas for the participants of the Aggregation Program; rather, Lucas County will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a retail natural gas supplier to provide natural gas to the members of the Aggregation Program.

Lucas County will obtain the list of customers within the unincorporated areas of the County from Columbia Gas either by zip code or by a method provided by the utility. Lucas County will have its supplier cleanse the data to ensure that it does not contain customers with alternate suppliers, PIPP customers, any other excludable consumers, and only those who live outside the county's municipal boundaries. Lucas County will then have its supplier send the opt-out notice to each eligible customer, disclosing the offered price for natural gas along with any applicable contract terms. The opt-out notice will clearly inform customers that they may opt out of the program during the 21-day period following the mailing of the notification, along with instructions on how to opt out. Customers who opt out of the County's Aggregation Program during this initial notification period will remain with Columbia Gas unless and until the customer chooses an alternative natural gas supplier.

#### <u>Operation</u>

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

Lucas County anticipates it will operate its aggregation program(s) in cooperation with the surrounding communities in the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC). However, this Plan of Operation pertains only to Lucas County and natural gas customers within the unincorporated areas of the County.

#### Funding

The primary expenses associated with operating this Natural Gas Aggregation Program are printing and mailing costs of the opt-out notices, and fees for an energy consultant. Instead of paying for these costs up front, it shall be Lucas County's goal to have the chosen supplier absorb these fees into their offered rates of the Aggregation Program participants.

#### Notification of customers

All eligible customers within the unincorporated areas of Lucas County will receive an opt-out package in the mail. Lucas County will adhere to all eligibility requirements of R.C. 4929.26. Essentially, eligible customers cannot be under contract to buy natural gas from an alternate supplier. The notice shall clearly inform customers of the offered rate, and that they have the right to opt out of the Lucas County Aggregation Program within twenty-one (21) days after the mailing of the notice without paying a switching fee. The notice will fully describe how to opt out. After the completion of the opt-out process, the customers who did not opt out will be included in Lucas County's Aggregation Program.

#### Customer opt-out

Customers may opt out of the Lucas County Natural Gas Aggregation Program at no charge within the twenty-one (21) day period following the mailing of the notice containing the rates and terms of the Aggregation Program. Customers who return the required opt-out notice will remain customers of Columbia Gas. Lucas County will offer the twenty-one (21) day period during which customers can opt out of the Aggregation Program without charge at least every two years pursuant to state law.

#### Customer opt-in

Lucas County intends on having its supplier allow customers who move into or within the unincorporated areas of the County to opt into the County's Natural Gas Aggregation Program by calling and voluntarily signing up with the supplier. Lucas County will strive to provide these new customers with a rate similar to those who had been in the pool from the beginning. Additionally, Lucas County's supplier may obtain a refreshed customer list from Columbia Gas approximately every six months. Lucas County's supplier may then send aggregation information to those eligible customers identified on the refresher list. Whether this information is in opt in or opt out format will depend on the negotiated language of the supplier contract. If interim opt outs are to take place; a twenty-one (21) day opt-out will occur in the manner described above.

#### Disputes

The procedure for handling complaints will be in accordance with the rules set by the PUCO, and handled by the retail natural gas supplier. Dispute resolution provisions will also be in accordance with PUCO regulations. The opt-out package will contain the

telephone numbers and websites for the PUCO and the Ohio Consumers Counsel, as well as the supplier's toll-free number.

Lucas County's supplier will maintain this toll-free number for all customer-related questions and complaints. Lucas County shall require that the personnel assigned to answer these calls be trained and provided with knowledge specific to Lucas County's Aggregation Program.

#### Termination of natural gas supply program

The natural gas supply program may be terminated at the expiration of the supply contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent supply contract being negotiated. Additionally, Lucas County may cancel the program early in the event that regulatory proceedings greatly reduce or eliminate consumer savings. In either event, the Aggregation Program customers will return to Columbia Gas unless and until they switch to an alternate supplier. Each individual customer receiving natural gas supply service under the Lucas County Aggregation Program will receive notification of the termination of the program before termination.

#### <u>Rates</u>

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Lucas County, Ohio, acting on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, shall receive proposals from retail natural gas suppliers using a competitive selection process. Bidders will be requested to provide a fixed price, a floating price, a percent off rate, or a combination of the above. If consumers will have the option of choosing between the fixed and floating prices, the opt-out package will contain ample and easy to understand information to aid the consumer in deciding which option best suits their natural gas needs. Lucas County will decide which pricing structure(s) to offer based on the bids received, and an analysis of the current and projected market status as well as the bids received.

#### **Billing and Payment**

# Exhibit B-3 and B-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure Opt – Out Notice

**Lucas County** 

IGSenergy.com | PO Box 9060 Dublin, OH 43017 | Phone: 800 280 4474 | Fax: 800 584 4839



C---1239704-()-Test Customer 6100 Emerald Parkway Dublin OH 43016

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August 23, 2013

Dear Natural Gas Consumer:

As you may recall, a few months ago we returned your gas service to Columbia Gas of Ohio for the summer months before your community's aggregation program restarts at an even lower rate. That time has arrived. As a reminder, under this program residents in your community voted to approve the following Ordinances and Resolutions to form a single large buying group called a Governmental Aggregation for the purpose of securing favorable terms and pricing for natural gas deliveries on the Columbia Gas of Ohio (Columbia) system.

Community	Number	Date
Toledo	576-01	8/21/2001
Lucas County	01-1111	7/12/2001
Oregon	011-2002	1/28/2002
Sylvania	76-2001	7/9/2001
Northwood	2001-27	7/26/2001
Holland	6-2002	2/5/2002
Maumee	203-2002	11/4/2002
Lake Twp	112-03	1/6/2004
Perrysburg	137-2001	8/21/2001
Ottawa Hills	2010-12	8/10/2010

To form an even larger group and secure additional purchasing power, your community chose to cooperate with other local communities and act in unison as the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC). NOAC is comprised of the Cities of Maumee, Northwood, Oregon, Sylvania, Perrysburg and Toledo, the Villages of Holland and Ottawa Hills, the unincorporated areas of Lake Township and all other unincorporated areas of Lucas County represented by the Board of Lucas County Commissioners.

Your community, through NOAC, has researched its options for competitive natural gas prices and has chosen IGS Energy of Dublin, Ohio as its supplier for natural gas for this program.

<u>Opt-Out Program</u>: The rate associated with this opt-out aggregation program will be a variable rate that changes monthly and is guaranteed to save compared to Columbia's rate. Each month's price will be determined by taking the applicable monthly New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) settlement price of natural gas plus \$0.104 per ccf through your March 2014 billing period. This NOAC aggregation rate compares to and is lower than the Columbia commodity rate of NYMEX plus \$0.129 per ccf. There are no fees to participate in this program; however, you will still pay Columbia's transportation, delivery, and customer service charges. Please see the enclosed Terms and Conditions for full details.

If you do nothing, you will automatically be included in your community's opt-out government aggregation program as described in the enclosed Terms and Conditions. If you choose to cancel or "opt-out" of the program, you must return the attached opt-out card by September 13, 2013 and check the box indicating you do not wish to participate. You may also opt-out by calling IGS Energy by this date, toll free at 1-800-280-4474.

	15 digit account number as it appears on your Columbia Gas of Ohio Gas bill.
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No change in your gas service from Columbia will occur. Columbia will remain your natural gas utility and will continue to deliver the gas to your home. All billing and meter readings will still be performed by Columbia. You will see an indication on your bill that states your natural gas is supplied by IGS Energy (NOAC). Any current Columbia billing options, such as budget billing or automatic withdrawal, will remain intact. Columbia will also be your contact if you ever smell gas or have other problems with your gas service.

The PUCO has taken careful steps to ensure that the rules governing Ohio's deregulated utility environment are safe for consumers. In doing so, you can be assured that <u>your participation in the program will result in absolutely no change in the level of service that you have come to expect from Columbia</u>. Columbia will continue to maintain the distribution system that pipes the gas to your home. The only difference is that your gas supply will come from a very reliable natural gas marketing company, IGS Energy.

Please thoroughly review the enclosed terms and conditions of this offer. If you have any questions, call IGS Energy tollfree at 1-800-280-4474 from 8 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday and indicate that you are a consumer in a NOAC Community. You may also visit www.IGSenergy.com. IGS Energy has trained representatives ready to answer any questions. You can also find out more information about the deregulated natural gas industry by visiting the PUCO website at <u>www.puc.state.oh.us</u> or calling at 1-800-686-7826.

IF YOU DO NOTHING YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUE IN YOUR COMMUNITY NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM THROUGH YOUR MARCH 2014 BILLING PERIOD. IF YOU WISH TO DISCONTINUE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM YOU MUST RETURN THE ATTACHED OPT-OUT CARD OR CALL IGS ENERGY AT 1-800-280-4474 TO CANCEL.

Thank you for your participation in your community's Governmental Opt-Out Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Sincerely,

IGS Energy and the individual communities of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC)

By returning this signed form, you will be excluded from the opportunity to join other residents in the NOAC Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program

NOTICE

Return the "Opt-Out" form only if you do not want to participate in the NOAC Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

NOACCOH-13-OPTOUT

Return by September 13, 2013 to:

Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program PO Box 9060 Dublin, Ohio 43017-0960

Form: NOACCOH-13-OPTOUT

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 "I") as my supplier on the Program will begin within one to two billing cycles after my enrollment or rate change is confirmed with the utility company and shall continue through my March 2014 utility billing cycle, unless notified otherwise. IGS 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 1-800-584-4839, in writing at P.O.Box 9060, Dublin, OH 43017, or through their 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 I understand that if the choice program or this Program is terminated, this Agreement may be terminated, without penalty to either party.

Price: My price will be calculated each month by taking the applicable Nymex final monthly settlement price and adding \$0.104 per ccf through my March 2014 billing cycle. I will be responsible for all applicable taxes and all charges assessed by the NGDC for gas transportation and all other applicable charges and adjustments for delivery of gas including any applicable switching fees that may apply under the NGDC tariff.

Renewal: If my community's governmental aggregation continues, at least 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 notice to the governmental aggregator or the supplier. I will have at least twenty-one days from the post mark date on the written notice to choose to opt out of the Program, and my return post card or notice that is post marked before the opt out deadline has been 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 entitled to opt-out of the government aggregation program at least every two years from the commencement date of the Program, without a penalty. If I am in the Program when 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 opt-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 am 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 to rescind my enrollment. I can rescind my enrollment by contacting 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: Either 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 deadline 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 I agree to continue to pay for my service with IGS Energy for all periods billed with IGS Energy. I understand that if I switch my service to another supplier or back to the NGDC an NGDC switching fee may apply under the NGDC's tariff and the NGDC commodity rate.

Contact and Dispute Resolutions: in the event of a billing dispute or issues regarding volume or metering, I should contact the NGDC at the number listed on their bill. For other questions or concerns about pricing, I can contact the IGS Energy choice department by phone weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST at 1-800-280-4474, by fax at 1-800-584-4839, in writing at P.O. Box 9060, Dublin, OH 43017, or through their web site at www.igsenergy.com. Also, I can contact IGS Energy through e-mail at choice@igsenergy.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 1-800-686-1570, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, or visit the PUCO website at www.puco.ohio.gov. The Ohio Consumers Counsel (OCC) represents residential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted toll free at 1-877-742-5622 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays or visit www.pickocc.org.

Billing: For my convenience I will receive only one bill, which will be issued by the NGDC each month and will contain IGS Energy's gas price plus applicable taxes and all of the NGDC's transportation and other applicable charges, including any late fees assessed by the NGDC. I agree to continue to pay the NGDC for the entire gas bill under the NGDC'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. IGS Energy reserves the right to issue an invoice to me directly, such invoice would contain IGS Energy's gas price and may also contain applicable taxes and all of the NGDC's transportation and other applicable charges. If IGS Energy invoices me directly and I fail to pay within the terms specified on the involce(s) a late fee of 1.5% per month on all past-due amounts will apply. If IGS Energy bills me directly for services provided, IGS Energy may terminate this Agreement with fourteen (14) days written notice should I fail to pay the bill or meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements. If I fail to pay my invoices timely which include IGS Energy charges, the NGDC may disconnect my service, according to tariff guidetines. I may request, at no charge, up to 24 months of my payment history for services rendered by IGS Energy. Other than for operation, maintenance, assignment and transfer of my account or, where IGS Energy is performing billing services, or for commercial collections, IGS Energy will not disclose my account or commission order and that, other than for credit checking and credit reporting, if IGS Energy is performing billing services, IGS Energy will not disclose my social security number without my affirmative written consent or pursuant to court order. I authorize IGS Energy to obtain my billing payment and usage history from the NGDC.

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: I understand that this contract will automatically terminate, without penalty, if I 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 I relocate inside the NGDC service territory and the NGDC does not have contract portability and if IGS Energy agrees to allow me to continue. 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 until such time as the NGDC accepts my enrollment with IGS Energy at my new location and/or transfers my contract to my new location and that the pricing hereunder will not be extended for additional months that I was not with IGS Energy, unless agreed to in writing by IGS Energy. Except as provided in this Agreement, if IGS Energy returns me to the NGDC's sales service, this Agreement will terminate without penalty to me.

Eligibility / Limitation of Liability / 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. IGS 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 customers who opted out of the aggregation are switched to the governmental aggregation, as soon as IGS Energy is aware of such event the governmental aggregator (or IGS Energy) will promptly contact the NGDC to have the customer 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 Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-28. Customers are sometimes terminated or not enrolled in the program due to NGDC issues. In such instances, I can contact the NGDC to correct the problem and be reinstated or enrolied in the Program. Regardless of the reason for termination, in no case will the original term be extended for months that I was unable to participate nor will IGS Energy have any liability for any early termination or for any months that I was unable to participate in the Program. IGS Energy assumes no liability or responsibility for losses or consequential damages arising from items associated with the NGDC including, but not limited to: operations and maintenance of their system; any interruption of service; termination of service; or deterioration of service, nor does IGS Energy assume responsibility or liability for damages arising from any in-home or building damages and in addition shall not be responsible for any indirect. consequential, special or punitive damages whether arising under contract, tort (including negligence or strict liability) or any other legal theory. The parties agree that if the customer is unable to resolve its issues through the PUCO as detailed under "Contract and Dispute Resolution" above or if suit is filed, any legal action involving this Agreement shall be brought only in a court of the State of Ohio sitting in Franklin County, Ohio or the United States District Court sitting in Franklin County, Ohio. 1 submit to the personal jurisdiction in such courts and irrevocably waive any objections that I have or might have in the future to such courts as the proper forum for any and all actions arising under this Agreement. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Ohio, regardless of Ohio's choice of law provisions. IGS Energy may from time to time use your name, address and NGDC account number to provide additional offers to you. If you would prefer that IGS Energy not contact you with additional offers please contact and let us know at 1-800-280-4474. IGS does not sell or provide any of your personal information to any third party.

## Exhibit B-5 Experience

### Lucas County

### STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE

Lucas County has been purchasing natural gas for its facilities from marketers since at least 1995. The County participates in the Columbia Gas traditional transport program, as well as, the customer choice program. With the assistance of an energy consultant hired by the County, Palmer Energy, Lucas County contracts for gas from various marketers to provide approximately 25 of the County's larger facilities with roughly 75,000 MCF annually. In 1999, for example, Lucas County saved \$226,000 over Columbia Gas tariffs by participating in these natural gas purchasing programs.

In 2000, Lucas County joined with seven other local municipalities (the Cities of Maumee, Northwood, Oregon, Perrysburg, Sylvania and Toledo, and the Village of Holland), to form the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition ("NOAC"). In 2004, Lake Township Joined as NOAC's ninth member community. NOAC was initially formed to assist communities in, and contiguous to, Lucas County in forming electric governmental aggregation programs. All nine communities are currently CRES governmental aggregators and provide ennual alectric savings to their residential and commercial electric users of roughly \$5 Million.

In 2002, when governmental aggregation was made available for natural gas supply, several NOAC member communities also became CRNGS governmental aggregators (Lucas County, Oregon, Sylvania, Toledo and Holland). Lucas County was certified as a natural gas governmental aggregation program in September 2002 and has been running its program for residential and commercial gas users ever since. Lucas County has continuously employed the consulting services of Paimer Energy in operating its opt-out program. Since 2003, Lucas County and the other NOAC "natural gas" communities entered into an agreement with interstate Gas Supply to provide a percentage-off price to aggregation consumers who were eligible for, and chose not to opt-out from, the Lucas County-NOAC program. The agreement with IGS runs through the end of February 2007.

Lucas County maintains toil-free telephone numbers where consumers may direct their questions or complaints (419.213.4500 or 419.213.4596). Lucas County's supplier, IGS, also maintains a toll-free telephone number for the same purposes (877.444.7427). Lucas County has not received and to its knowledge is unaware of any complaints during the pendency of its program. The vast melority of telephone contacts received involve consumers new to the program (moving into the area) inquiring if they may opt-in during its pendency - which they may do as provided for in the program's Plan of Operation and the County's agreement with IGS. The County's consultant, member communities' designated representatives and IGS personnel work closely with one another to ensure effective and efficient service to the program's participants. The affiant herein did receive one written complaint from a City of Toledo resident, who complained about having to affirmatively "opt-out" of Toledo's program. Because of NOAC's internal cooperation and because the complaint was mistakenly directed to the attention of Lucas County's contact representative, Lucas County's representative (also the affiant herein) nonetheless provided the complainant a written response. A copy of the complaint and the response thereto are attached hereto as an example of how NOAC communities promptly and directly respond to consumer complaints and strive to ensure consumer choice at all times.