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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

> Re: City of Maumee Ohio Case # 04-1845-GA-GAG

Dear Sir/Madam:

On March 21, 2017, I filed an opt-out notice for eligible residential and small commercial natural gas customers in the City of Maumee. Though the body of the opt-out notice contained the price per Ccf, which is consistent with the incumbent natural gas company's billing format, there was a header that listed the price in Mcf. Staff requested we change the header to only have Ccf references in the cover letter. Please consider our amended filing to reflect the attached letter.

Very truly yours,

VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

/s/ John L. Einstein, IV, Esq.

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790 Windmiller Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 Phone 800-977-8374



Dear Natural Gas Consumer,

Your Community Officials have selected Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. (VESI), an Ohio Corporation, to provide you with the opportunity to join or continue with other residents and small commercial customers in the Community's natural gas Government Aggregation Program. Government Aggregation programs allow Community officials to bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of natural gas from a retail supplier licensed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Voters of each NOAC community approved this program as follows: Village of Holland in May, 2002; Lake Township in January, 2004; Lucas County in July, 2001; City of Maumee in November, 2002; City of Northwood in July, 2001; City of Oregon in January, 2002; Village of Ottawa Hills in August, 2010; City of Perrysburg in August, 2001; City of Sylvania in July, 2001; City of Toledo in August, 2001; City of Rossford in November, 2001; Village of Walbridge in April, 2010.

You will be automatically enrolled in our community's Natural Gas Government Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out" – that is, affirmatively choose not to participate. If you wish to be excluded from the natural gas aggregation program, you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form by April 28, 2017. Otherwise, you will be included in the aggregation program. You do not need to do anything to participate. There is no cost for enrollment and you will not be charged a switching fee.

The opt-out aggregation program is for the period of May 2017 through April 2019. For participating members of this program, Volunteer Energy will deliver natural gas at a rate of NYMEX final monthly settlement price plus \$0.124 per Ccf at the burnertip for at least twelve months but not more than 24 months. You will be provided another opt-out notice if the adder of \$0.124 per Ccf increases. If you are ever unhappy with your rate, you may leave the program free of charge at any time. Please refer to the attached Terms and Conditions for full details of this offer.

After you become a participant in the Community's natural gas aggregation program, Columbia Gas will send a letter confirming your selection of VESI as your natural gas provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with VESI within (7) seven business days of its postmark date. To remain in the Village's government aggregation program, you do not need to take any action when this letter arrives. You will be automatically enrolled.

Columbia Gas of Ohio will always be responsible for ensuring the distribution of natural gas to your premises and will continue to maintain your meter, the monthly reads and the pipelines that deliver natural gas to your home. Your natural gas bill will also continue to come from Columbia Gas of Ohio. The only change you will notice is the name of your new gas supplier, VESI, included on your bill.

If you have any questions, please call VESI toll-free at 1-800-977-8374, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Your Community and Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

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Summary: Opt-Out Notice Corrected electronically filed by Mr. John L Einstein IV, Esq. on behalf of City of Maumee Ohio