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CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OHIO NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

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SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

A-1 Applicant information:

Note: If filing as a township or village, please include the name of the County where the township or village is located in the applicant name. For example, Miami Township, Hamilton County

Legal Name City of Xenia
Address 107 East Main Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385

Telephone No. 937-376-7232 Web site address www.ci.xenia.oh.us

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Name Mark R. Frye Title Consultant for City of Xenia

Business Address 5577 Airport Highway, Suite 101, Toledo, OH 43615

Telephone No. 419-539-9180 Fax No. 419-539-9185 Email Address mfyre@palmerenergy.com

A-3 Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints:

Name Mark R. Frye Title Consultant for City of Xenia

Business address 5577 Airport Highway, Suite 101, Toledo, OH 43615

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A-4 Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints:

Customer service address 5577 Airport Highway, Suite 101, Toledo, OH 43615

Toll-Free Telephone No. 419-539-9180 Fax No. 419-539-9185 Email Address mfyre@palmerenergy.com

SECTION B - APPLICANT AUTHORITY AND AGGREGATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED

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

Applicant Signature and Title

 , CITY MANAGER

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15th day of February Month 2018 Year



Signature of official administering oath

KARLY S. FRENCH, SECRETARY TO CITY MANAGER

Print Name and Title



KARLY S. FRENCH
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 9/29/19

My commission expires on

September 29, 2019



The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation
Affidavit Form
(Version 1.07)

In the Matter of the Application of)

City of Xenia)

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

Case No. [] -GA-GAG

County of [Greene]

State of [OH]

BRENT MERRIMAN, CITY MANAGER

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

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

Affiant Signature & Title

[Signature], City Manager

Sworn and subscribed before me this

15th

day of

February

Month

2018

Year

[Signature]

Signature of Official Administering Oath

KARLY S. FRENCH, SECRETARY TO CITY MANAGER

Print Name and Title



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Exhibit -1

Authorizing

Ordinance/Resolution

City of Xenia

**CITY OF XENIA, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2018 – C**

**ADOPTING THE CITY OF XENIA'S NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION
PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE**

WHEREAS, in November 2005, the electorate of Xenia authorized the City to determine the best policy for the community's residents and businesses relating to natural gas aggregation, whereby the City may aggregate eligible retail natural gas loads located within the corporate boundaries of the City and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out;

WHEREAS, the City has chosen, through the RFP process, Palmer Energy Company to provide consulting services to the City with the development and implementation of a natural gas aggregation program;

WHEREAS, the City held the required two (2) public hearings regarding natural gas aggregation on January 18, 2018, at 4pm and 6pm; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to adopt a Plan of Operation and Governance, to be approved by PUCO, for a Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF XENIA HEREBY RESOLVES, at least four (4) members of the City Council concurring, that:


Section 1. The City of Xenia Natural Gas Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance is hereby adopted, as shown in the attached Exhibit A, as required by PUCO regulations.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Palmer Energy to act as the City's consultant in implementing and maintaining the City's Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in this formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

Introduced: January 25, 2018
Passed: February 8, 2018


Michael D. Engle
President, Xenia City Council

Attest:

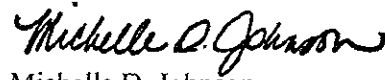

Michelle D. Johnson
City Clerk

Exhibit B-2

Operation and

Governance Plan

City of Xenia

**THE CITY OF XENIA
NATURAL GAS
AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**PLAN OF OPERATION
AND GOVERNANCE**

Purpose

The goal of this program is to facilitate additional choices for the supply of natural gas for eligible residential and commercial consumers, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4929.

The City of Xenia Natural Gas Aggregation Program seeks to aggregate the retail natural gas loads of consumers located in the City to obtain the lowest price for the supply of natural gas. Participation in the City of Xenia aggregation program is limited to individuals who are not already under contract with an alternative CRNGS.

This program is voluntary. Every eligible customer has the opportunity to decline to be a member of the aggregation program and to remain with Vectren or to enter into a natural supply contract with any other competitive retail natural gas services provider (CRNGS).

Process

On November 8, 2005, the City of Xenia voters approved the development of a form of natural gas government aggregation, known as opt-out aggregation. The City shall follow the process of governmental aggregation as set out in Ohio Revised Code section 4929.26 and the rules set out by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

A municipal corporation may automatically aggregate its residents after passage of an opt-out ordinance, approval by a majority of the voters and adoption of a Plan of Operation. The City has accomplished all of these requirements.

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

City of Xenia Aggregation Program

The purpose of the aggregation program is to reduce the amount consumers pay for natural gas. The City will not buy and resell the natural gas for the participants of the program. Instead, The City of Xenia and its energy consultant will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a CRNGS to provide natural gas to the members of the aggregation program.

The City of Xenia will obtain the list of customers within its boundaries from Vectren, either by zip code or by method provided by the utility. The City will have its CRNGS cleanse the data to ensure that it does not contain customers with alternate suppliers, PIPP customers, and any other excludable consumers, and only those who live within the

jurisdictional boundary. The City will then have its CRNGS send an opt-out notice to each eligible customer which discloses the offered price for natural gas along with any applicable contract terms. The opt-out notice will clearly inform potential 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 City's aggregation program during this initial notification period will remain with Vectren unless and until the customer chooses an alternative CRNGS or chooses to opt-in to the aggregation program at a later date.

Operation

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

Funding

The primary expenses associated with operating this program are printing and mailing cost of the opt-out notices, and fees for an energy consultant. Instead of paying for these costs upfront, it shall be The City's goal to have the chosen CRNGS absorb these fees into their offered rates of the program participants.

Notification of Customers

All eligible customers in The City of Xenia will receive opt-out information in the mail. The City of Xenia 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 CRNGS or a mercantile customer.

The opt-out notice shall clearly inform customers of the offered rate, and that they have the right to opt-out of The City's aggregation program within twenty-one days after the mailing of the notice without paying a switching fee. The opt-out notice will fully describe how to opt-out. After the completion of the opt-out process, the residents who did not opt out will be included in The City's aggregation program.

Customer opt-out

Customers may opt-out of The City of Xenia aggregation program at no charge within the twenty-one 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 Vectren. The City will offer the twenty-one day period during

which customers can opt-out of the aggregation program without charge at least every two years pursuant state law.

Customer opt-in

The City of Xenia intends on having its supplier allow customers who move into or within The City of Xenia to opt into The City's aggregation program by calling and voluntarily signing up with the supplier. The City will strive to provide these new customers with a rate similar to those who had been in the pool from the beginning. Additionally, the City's supplier may obtain a refreshed customer list from Vectren approximately every six months. The City'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 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.

The City of Xenia supplier will maintain this toll free number for all customer related questions and complaints. The City shall require that the personnel assigned to answer these calls be trained and provided the knowledge specific to The City's 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.

In either event, the aggregation pool customers will return to Vectren unless and until they switch to an alternate supplier. Each individual customer receiving natural gas supply service under The City of Xenia aggregation program will receive notification of the termination of the program before termination.

Rates

The Department of Public Utilities shall receive proposals from CRNGS using a competitive selection process. Bidders will be requested to provide a fixed price,

floating price, a percent off rate, or a combination of the above. If consumers will have the option of choosing between 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. The City 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

The City of Xenia will continue to have Vectren bill customers monthly, using an itemized format approved by the PUCO. The City will not become involved in any payment delinquency issues and thus will not require any type of consumer credit or deposit. If The City's supplier wishes to pursue payment delinquency issues, details of the supplier's credit and deposit policies will be included in the opt-out package.

Vectren will continue to deliver the natural gas purchased on the City's aggregation program through its natural gas distribution system. Participants with questions or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a natural gas outage or gas odor should continue to contact Vectren. Meter readings and other billing questions should also continue to be directed to Vectren.

Questions or concerns regarding the aggregation program should be directed to the CRNGS or the City of Xenia.

Question or Concern	Contact	Telephone Number
Gas Odor or leaks	Vectren Delivery	1-800-227-1376
Turn on or off gas service	Vectren Delivery	1-800-227-1376
Billing Disputes	Vectren Delivery	1-800-227-1376
Enroll or opt-out of program	CRNGS	1-800-XXX-XXXX
Program Questions or Concerns	CRNGS	1-800-XXX-XXXX
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	1-800-686-7826 (voice) 1-800-686-1750 (TDD)
Unresolved Disputes	Ohio Consumers Council	1-877-742-5622 or occ@occ.state.oh.us

Copies of Plan

Copies of this plan are available from the City of Xenia free of charge. Call The City at 937-376-7232, for a copy or for more information.

Consumer Right to Contact PUCO

Any natural gas customer, including any participant in The City of Xenia Natural Gas Aggregation Program, may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for information, or make a complaint against the Program, the Provider, or CGO. The PUCO may be reached toll free at 1-800-686-7826.

Exhibit B-3

Automatic Aggregation Disclosure

City of Xenia

April , 201

Dear Natural Gas Consumer,

Your Community Officials have selected _____, 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 _____ community approved this program as follows:

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 _____ 201 . 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 _____ 201 through _____ 201 . For participating members of this program, _____ will deliver natural gas at a rate of NYMEX final monthly settlement price plus \$0.1 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. _____ 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 _____ as your natural gas provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with _____ within (7) seven business days of its postmark date. To remain in the _____'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. _____ included on your bill.

If you have any questions, please call _____

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Your Community and

Exhibit B-4

Opt – Out Notice

City of Xenia

These **ENERGY SUPPLY TERMS AND CONDITIONS** have important information you need to know before you commit to natural gas service from **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** is an Ohio corporation whose customers include a variety of Ohio natural gas end users. As a supply customer of **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**, you agree to the Terms and Conditions of **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** natural gas supply contract.

Service Arrangement: **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** energy supply will be delivered to your residence or facility via the utilities pipeline on a month to month basis. Upon acceptance by the utility company the cost will be at a rate of NYMEX plus \$0.124 per Ccf end of month close.

Term: The term of this Agreement shall commence when accepted by **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** and shall continue through **12/31/2019** unless otherwise cancelled by either party. Natural gas service will begin within 60 days of acceptance by Columbia Gas. You may terminate this Agreement with **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** by providing a 30-day notice in writing to **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** or by telephone. Columbia Gas will continue to deliver **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** supplied natural gas to your home at the agreed upon rate.

Office Locations and Hours: **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** offices are located at 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 and are open from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** can be reached by telephone at (614) 856-3128 or toll free at 800-977-8374 option 1. Telephone service hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. E-mail address is **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**

Bill Payment Process: Columbia Gas of Ohio will continue to bill you monthly for their delivery services and also for **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**'s natural gas supplies. Should you fail to pay the bill or fail to meet any agreed upon payment arrangement, Columbia Gas may terminate your service in accordance with its company tariffs, and this agreement with **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** may be automatically terminated. If **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** is providing billing services, **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** may terminate this agreement with fourteen (14) days' notice for failure to pay the bill or failure to meet any agreed upon payment arrangements.

Complaint Dispute Resolution: If you have any complaints regarding your natural gas service or your monthly bill, please contact us at 1-800-977-8374. Upon request, **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** will provide to you up to twenty-four months of your payment history without charge. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). Additionally, the Ohio consumers' council (OCC) represents residential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <http://www.pickocc.org>

Amendment to Agreement: **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** may amend **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**'s Supply Agreement from time to time upon approval from your community. Any amendments made would not take effect for a minimum of thirty (30) days and you will receive thirty (30) days written notice at members - service address. Notice of any such

change is public information and may be announced by any one of or variation of the following methods: local newspaper press release, local radio station announcement, written communications to participants or update on your community's website.

Emergency Service Problems: If you become aware of a gas emergency condition, or experience an unanticipated loss of gas service, you should contact the utility at the number listed on your gas bill.

Credit: If **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** is performing billing services, other than for operation, maintenance, assignment and transfer of your account or, for commercial collection, **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** will not disclose your account number without your affirmative written or electronic authorization or pursuant to a court or commission order. Additionally, if billing, other than for the purposes of credit checking and credit reporting, **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** will not disclose your social security number without your affirmative written consent or pursuant to a court order.

Termination/Rescission of Agreement: You may rescind your natural gas supply enrollment with Columbia Gas of Ohio within seven (7) days of the post mark date of the confirmation notice from Columbia Gas. After the initial seven (7) day period, either you or **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** may terminate the contract at any time by providing the non-terminating party thirty (30) days written notice of such termination, without penalty. You will remain responsible for all natural gas consumed by you prior to the actual cessation of services. If your supply contract with **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** is terminated, your natural gas supply will automatically be provided by the utility under its standard tariff unless or until you choose another supplier. If you voluntarily terminate participation in the Community's natural gas governmental aggregation program, you may be charged a price other than the Columbia Gas regulated sales service rate. There will be no early termination fees associated with the Community's program. This agreement will automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the requested service location is not served by Columbia Gas; (2) you move outside the Columbia Gas service area or to an area not served by **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**; or (3) **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** terminates your supply agreement and returns you to the incumbent natural gas company. You have the right to terminate this agreement, without penalty, for any reason at any time.

Program Compliance: The utility's deregulation program is subject to the ongoing jurisdiction of the PUCO. If the PUCO cancels the program, this contract is rendered void with no penalty to either party. The laws of the State of Ohio will govern this agreement.

Fixed rate: Fixed rate excludes utility charges and taxes. Service is subject to enrollment processing timelines as determined by your local utility and **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**'s aforementioned Terms and Conditions of Service. To be eligible to participate in the aggregation, you must: (1) have a residence or business located in the **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** service area; (2) be eligible to receive natural gas from Columbia Gas of Ohio; (3) meet Ohio non-mercantile requirements; (4) be current with your natural gas payments or payment arrangements; (5) not be enrolled in the PIPP program; and (6) currently not taking supply service from another natural gas marketer. If you believe you received this letter in error as you are not located in the **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** service area, please contact **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** to remove your account from our aggregation list.

P.S. Remember to return the opt-out form only if you do not want to participate in the Community's Governmental Aggregation program.

OPT-OUT FORM FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

I wish to opt out of the **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** Governmental Aggregation Program
Service Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Account holder's signature: _____

Mail by **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** to: **Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.** Governmental Aggregation Program,

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Exhibit B-5

Experience

City of Xenia

Appendix B-5

Applicant's Experience and Plan for Providing Aggregation Services:

Xenia is a city in and the county seat of Greene County, Ohio. The municipality is located in southwestern Ohio 21 miles from Dayton and is part of the Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area, as well as the Miami Valley region.

Xenia is the third largest city by population in Greene County, behind Fairborn and Beavercreek. Xenia is centrally located in the "transportation triangle" formed by three major interstate highways: I-70, I-71, and I-75. These north-south, east-west arteries are within minutes of Xenia via U.S. Routes 35, 42, and 68, tying the community to one of the nation's largest 90-minute highway markets.

Because transportation and healthy economies go hand-in-hand, the convenient and accessible movement of people and products is a major asset for Xenia. Its location within the nation's largest 90-minute air travel market, with access to nearby Dayton International Airport, reaches over two-thirds of the nation's population and businesses. Companies using corporate aircraft will also enjoy the added convenience of the Greene County - Lewis A. Jackson Regional Airport just west of Xenia.

The City of Xenia provides residents with the full range of municipal services including water, sewerage, refuse collection, parks and recreation, police, fire, and emergency medical services. Xenia's safety divisions have earned a reputation for excellence in both planning and operations.

The City has the necessary resources and support to carry out its responsibilities under the Plan of Operation and Governance and the PUCO regulations.