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## RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

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**A. RENEWAL INFORMATION****A-1 Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, PUCO certificate number, and web site address**Legal Name City of MaumeeAddress 400 Conant Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified 01-045E; 01/14/2017Telephone # (419) 897-7117 Web site address (if any) www.maumee.org**A-2 Exhibit A-2 "Authorizing Ordinance" provide a copy of the ordinance or resolution authorizing the formation of a governmental aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section 4928.20(A) of the Revised Code.****A-3 Exhibit A-3 "Operation and Governance Plan" provide a copy of the applicant's current plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section 4928.20(C) of the Revised Code. The Operation and Governance Plan explained in Exhibit A-3 should include:**

- Terms and conditions of enrollment including:
  - Rates
  - Charges
  - Switching fees, if any
- Policies associated with customers moving into/out of aggregation area
- Billing procedures
- Procedures for handling complaints and disputes including the toll-free telephone number and address for customer contacts

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A-4 **Exhibit A-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure - "Opt-out Form"** provide a copy of the disclosures/"opt-out" required by Section 4928.20(D) of the Revised Code, if its aggregation program provides for automatic aggregation in accordance with Section 4928.20(A) of the Revised Code. If the opt-out is in draft form, docket the final opt-out (including beginning and ending dates of the 21-day -out period and the selected CRES supplier) with the Commission within 10 days prior to providing or offering service. See #12 in the attached Affidavit .

A-5 **Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters**

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A-6 **Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints**

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A-7 **Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints**

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Beth A. Tischler  
Signature of Applicant & Title Law Director

Sworn and subscribed before me this 8 day of November, 2018  
Month Year

Andrea Stokes  
Signature of official administering oath

Andrea Stokes Program  
Print Name and Title

My commission expires on October 12, 2020



# **AFFIDAVIT**

State of Ohio :

City of  
Maumee ss.  
(Town)

County of Lucas :

Beth A. Tischler

Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:

He/She is the Law Director (Office of Affiant) of City of Maumee (Name of Applicant);

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant,

1. The Applicant herein, attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the application for certification renewal are true and complete and that it will amend its application while the application is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided in the application.
2. The Applicant herein, attests it will timely file an annual report with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of its intrastate gross receipts, gross earnings, and sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity pursuant to Division (A) of Section 4905.10, Division (A) of Section 4911.18, and Division (F) of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
3. The Applicant herein, attests that it will timely pay any assessments made pursuant to Sections 4905.10, 4911.18, or Division F of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
4. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all Public Utilities Commission of Ohio rules or orders as adopted pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code.
5. The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and its Staff on any utility matter including the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the Applicant.
6. The Applicant herein, attests that it will fully comply with Section 4928.09 of the Revised Code regarding consent to the jurisdiction of Ohio Courts and the service of process.
7. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
8. The Applicant herein, attests that it will use its best efforts to verify that any entity with whom it has a contractual relationship to purchase power is in compliance with all applicable licensing requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
9. The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the electric distribution companies, the regional transmission entities, and other electric suppliers in the event of an emergency condition that may jeopardize the safety and reliability of the electric service in accordance with the emergency plans and other procedures as may be determined appropriate by the Commission.
10. If applicable to the service(s) the Applicant will provide, the Applicant herein, attests that it will adhere to the reliability standards of (1) the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), (2) the appropriate regional reliability council(s), and (3) the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. (Only applicable if pertains to the services the Applicant is offering)

11. The Applicant herein, attests that it will inform the Commission of any material change to the information supplied in the renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer complaints.
12. The Applicant herein, attests that if the opt-out is in draft form, the Applicant will docket the final opt-out (including beginning and ending dates of the 21-day -out period and the selected CRES supplier) with the Commission within 10 days prior to providing or offering service.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

Beth A. Tischler, Law Director  
Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018  
Month Year

Andrea Stokes  
Signature of official administering oath

Andrea Stokes, Program Manager  
Print Name and Title

My commission expires on October 12, 2020



ANDREA R. STOKES  
NOTARY PUBLIC - OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10-12-2020

**Exhibit A-2**  
**Authorizing Ordinance**

**City of Maumee**

ORDINANCE NO. 191 -2000.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF TOLEDO, OREGON, SYLVANIA, NORTHWOOD, PERRYBURG, VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, AND LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO A JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS GOVERNMENTAL ENERGY AGGREGATOR WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.20 provides that municipal corporations and boards of county commissioners may aggregate the electric loads within their jurisdictions and enter into agreements for the sale of electricity to serve such loads; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.20 further provides that such municipal corporations and boards of county commissioners may exercise their aggregation authority jointly; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Toledo, Maumee, Sylvania, Oregon, Northwood, and Perrysburg, the village of Holland, and the Lucas County Board of Commissioners desire to jointly exercise their aggregation authority in order to minimize the time and expense of creating an aggregation program and to maximize the potential for rate savings to their residents; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to immediately begin the work of establishing the joint aggregation program and filing for certification with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio subject to the approval of the aggregation program by the electorate in order to secure the limited amount of low cost

power available in the Toledo Edison service district:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Maumee, Lucas County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to execute and enter into an agreement with the cities of Toledo, Oregon, Sylvania, Northwood, and Perrysburg, the village of Holland, and the Lucas County Board of Commissioners to establish and operate a joint governmental aggregation program within the borders of the signatory communities.

SECTION 2. The agreement shall provide for the conditional execution of the agreement prior to the certification of the vote of the Maumee electorate for planning and organizational purposes only. In the event that the aggregation issue is disapproved by the Maumee electorate, Maumee's conditional execution shall be revoked and Maumee shall be relieved of all responsibilities, obligations, and benefits under the agreement.

SECTION 3. The Administration is authorized and instructed to obtain certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to operate a governmental aggregation program.

SECTION 4. The Administration, in conjunction with the other named communities, is authorized to seek proposals from energy marketers to supply the communities' residents with electrical energy under the joint aggregation program.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such 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 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety in that the this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order for the Administration to begin preparations for the creation of a governmental aggregation program within a competitive time frame.

Vote on emergency clause:  
Passed as an emergency measure:

Yeas 7 Nays 0  
November 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

Richard L. Puff  
Municipal Clerk

James L. Laguerre  
Mayor



**Exhibit A-3**

**Operation and Governance**

**Plan**

**City of Maumee**

## **Purpose**

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code section 4928.20 regarding governmental aggregation of electric service consumers.

The City of Maumee Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail electric loads of consumers located in the city to negotiate the best rates for the supply and distribution of electric power. It has the potential to combine residential, commercial and industrial customers into a buying pool that will be very attractive to marketers. Participation in the City of Maumee aggregation program is voluntary. Any individual has the opportunity to decline to be a member of the aggregation program and to remain with the Toledo Edison standard offer of service or to enter into a power supply contract with any competitive retail electric supplier.

## **Process**

The process of governmental aggregation is set out in Ohio Revised Code section 4928.20. The section defines two different types of aggregation that may be enacted by a governmental entity -- opt-in aggregation and opt-out aggregation. Opt-in aggregation can occur only with the prior consent of each electric consumer. That is, the consumer must give its consent to be included in the governmental aggregation program. Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all electric consumers within the City of Maumee will be automatically included in the governmental aggregation program. However, such customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the governmental aggregation program. These customers can opt-out during a 30-day period at the beginning of the program without paying a switching fee. A similar 30-day opt-out period will be offered every two years during which customers can leave the City's aggregation pool without paying a switching fee.

## **Maumee's Aggregation Program**

Maumee's aggregation program will be administered by the Division of Public Utilities, with the assistance of the Director of Law. The Division of Public Utilities currently administers the natural gas purchasing program that contracts for natural gas service to all of the City's facilities. The Department has expertise in the law and regulations

applicable to the aggregation program and experience in contracting with marketers for energy services.

The aggregation program is designed to reduce the amount consumers pay for electric energy. Maumee will not buy and resell the power for the participants of the program. Instead, Maumee will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a competitive retail electric supplier to provide firm, all-requirements service to the members of the aggregation program. The contract will be for fixed price service to each class of customers at a rate that is lower than the standard offer from Toledo Edison. Once the contract has been negotiated, it will be submitted to Maumee City Council for approval.

Once the contract has been approved, notice will be sent to each customer disclosing the rates to be charged for electricity and other terms of the contract with the competitive retail electric supplier. Customers will be advised in the notice that they may opt out of the program during a 30-day period following the mailing of the notification. Customers who opt out of the City's aggregation program during this initial notification period will remain on Toledo Edison's standard service offer unless and until the customer chooses an alternative power supplier.

### **Services**

The Division of Public Utilities of the City of Maumee will provide technical analysis, competitive procurement of services, regulatory approvals, accounting and fiscal management, contract maintenance, communications, program coordination and administrative support for the Maumee Aggregation Program using existing staff.

### **Funding**

The primary expenses of the Maumee Aggregation Program are expected to be publication of notices, written notification to customers, switching fees to Toledo Edison, regulatory fees and registration with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Except, possibly, for the initial notification of customers, these expenses will be the responsibility of the marketer supplying services to the aggregation program. The City of Maumee anticipates that the startup costs will not exceed \$10,000.

### **Notification of customers**

Following the approval of the power supply contract by Maumee City Council, the Division of Utility Billing will begin notifying customers of the rates to be charged to all participants in the Maumee aggregation program. Notices will be sent out by (1) a notice included within the electric bill or by a separate mailing; (2) newspaper notices; and (3) public service announcements.

The notice shall inform customers that they have the right to opt out of the Maumee aggregation program without penalty within 30 days after the mailing of the notice. In addition, the notice shall prominently state all charges to be applicable to service under the aggregation program including a comparison with the Toledo Edison standard offer. Finally, the notice will explain how to opt out of the City's aggregation program.

New customers moving into or within the pool will be notified in accordance with applicable state law and PUCO regulations.

### **Notification of Toledo Edison**

At the same time that customers are being notified of the contract prices under the Maumee aggregation program, the Division of Utility Billing or its selected power supplier shall notify Toledo Edison that the City has negotiated a contract with a competitive retail electric service provider to supply firm, all-requirements service to members of the Maumee aggregation program. Toledo Edison will be advised to prepare for the transfer of these customers from the standard service offer to the offer of the selected power supplier.

### **Activation of customer service**

The City's marketer and Toledo Edison will identify those customers in the City currently receiving the standard offer or a special contract offer including PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) customers. Those customers who have not opted out, who have not renewed their special rate contracts and who are not on the PIPP will be transferred to the supplier selected by the City and enrolled over the period of one month. Toledo Edison shall notify each transferred customer of the transfer to the supplier of the Maumee aggregation program with its last bill for standard offer service.

Service under the new supplier shall begin at the start of the billing period following the transfer.

### **Customer opt-out**

Customers may opt out of the Maumee aggregation program at no charge within a 30-day period following the mailing of the notice containing the rates and terms of the aggregation program. Customers who provide the required opt out notice will remain customers of Toledo Edison until such time as they select a different generation provider. A 30-day period in which customers can opt-out of the aggregation program without charge will be offered every two years.

### **Customer opt-in**

Customers who have left the Maumee aggregation program or who have moved into the City may opt-in to the City's aggregation program at any time by contacting the City or its marketer.

### **Disputes**

The procedure for handling complaints and disputes will be facilitated by the energy marketer. The chosen marketer will obtain a toll-free number for customer related complaints. Dispute resolution provisions will be in accordance with PUCO regulations.

### **Termination of power supply program**

The power supply program may be terminated upon the termination or expiration of the power supply contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent supply contract being negotiated. Each individual customer receiving power supply service under the Maumee aggregation program will receive notification of the termination of the program 90 days prior to termination. In the event of termination, customers in the Maumee aggregation program would either return to the Toledo Edison standard offer or choose an alternative supplier.

## **Rates**

The Division of Utility Billing shall receive proposals from electric suppliers using a competitive selection process. The request for proposals shall require the suppliers to offer a generation charge for each customer class, load grouping or other appropriate category that is lower than the standard offer from Toledo Edison. The prices to be charged to customers in the Maumee aggregation program will be set by City Council after negotiations with the selected supplier.

## **Billing**

Toledo Edison will continue to bill customers on behalf of itself and the marketer, using an itemized format approved by the PUCO.

### **Eligibility**

Only non-mercantile consumers shall be eligible for the Program through the opt-out process. Other eligibility restrictions such as peak demand or use may be negotiated within the Contract.

### **Liability**

THE CITY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO MEMBERS IN THE AGGREGATION GROUP FOR ANY CLAIMS WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM OR THE PROVISION OF AGGREGATION SERVICES BY THE CITY OR THE PROVIDER. AGGREGATION GROUP MEMBERS SHALL ASSERT ANY SUCH CLAIMS SOLELY AGAINST THE PROVIDER PURSUANT TO THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH SUCH PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPRESS THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.

### **INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT NUMBERS**

Potential participants can receive more information about the program or Copies of this Plan from the City of Maumee free of charge by calling 419-897-7117.

**Any electric customer, including any participant in the City's Aggregation Program, may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for information, or to make a complaint against the Program, the Provider or EDU. The PUCO may be reached toll free at 1-800-686-7826.**

## **Appendix A -- Education Process**

The Provider will develop an educational program in conjunction with the City of Maumee. Its purpose will be to explain the aggregation program to City Members, provide updates and disclosures as mandated by State law and the rules of the PUCO, and provide the opportunity for the members to opt out of the program. The following are the program components:

1. Each eligible consumer within the City limits will receive via U.S. Mail notification of: what government aggregation means, their membership in the government aggregation program, the procedure which must be followed in order to opt out of the program, the price that they can expect to receive as a member of the program, and the deadline for returning the opt out form. See the attached letter.
2. The Provider will work with the City to provide opportunities for educating eligible City consumers about the Program and their rights under the law, PUCO rules and this Program. In addition, the Provider and City will work to provide education about and other opportunities for energy efficiency measures to help consumers reduce energy consumption.
3. The Provider will provide updates and disclosures as mandated by State law and rules of the PUCO.
4. The opt-out opportunity will be provided to the Members of the program at least every three years. Should conditions, suppliers, price, or any other component of the program change within the three-year period, participants will be given a notice of their opportunity to opt out of, or into the program.



## **Appendix B --- Customer Service Plan**

### **A. Member Access:**

1. Provider shall ensure Members reasonable access to their service representatives for inquiries, complaints, to discuss charges on Member bills, and transact any other business.
2. Telephone access shall be toll free and afford Members prompt answer times during normal business hours, as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Corporation**  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Toll-free telephone number:** 1-\_\_\_\_\_  
**Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Provider shall provide a 24-hour automated telephone message instructing callers to report any service interruptions or electrical emergencies to the EDU with appropriate phone numbers.

### **B. Member Complaints:**

1. Provider shall investigate Member complaints (including complaints referred by EDU) and provide a status report within five calendar days following receipt of the complaint to:
  - a. The consumer, when the complaint is made directly to the Provider; or
  - b. The consumer and The PUCO Staff ("Commission Staff"), when a complaint is referred to the Provider by the Commission Staff.
2. If an investigation is not completed within 14 calendar days, the Provider shall provide status reports to the consumer and the City, or if applicable, to the consumer, the City, the City consultant and the Commission Staff. Such status reports shall be provided at five-day intervals until the investigation is complete, unless the action that must be taken will require more than five days and the Member has been so notified.
3. Provider shall inform the Member, or the Member, the City, City consultant and Commission Staff, of the results of the investigation, orally or in writing, no later than five calendar days after completion of the investigation. The consumer, the City, the City consultant, or Commission Staff may request the report in writing.
4. If a residential consumer disputes the Provider report, it shall inform the consumer that the Commission Staff is available to help resolve informal complaints. Provider shall provide the consumer with the current address, local/toll free telephone numbers, and TDD/TTY telephone numbers of the Commission's consumer services department.
5. Provider shall retain records of Member complaints, investigations, and complaint resolutions for one year after the occurrence of such complaints, and shall provide such records to the Commission Staff within five calendar days of request.

6. Provider shall make good faith efforts to resolve disputes.

C. Member Billing and Payments

1. Provider shall arrange for Toledo Edison or its agent to bill Members for such services according to a tariff approved by the commission. Residential Member bills issued by or for the Provider shall be accurate and understandable, be rendered at intervals consistent with those of Toledo Edison, and contain sufficient information for Members to compute and compare the total cost of competitive retail electric service (s). Such bills shall also include:
  - a. The Member's name, billing address, service address, the Member's EDU account number, and if applicable, Provider account number;
  - b. The dates of service covered by the bill, an itemization of each type of competitive service covered by the bill, any related billing components, the charge for each type of service, and any other information the Member would need to recalculate the bill for accuracy;
  - c. The applicable billing determinants, including beginning meter reading, ending meter reading(s), demand meter reading(s), multipliers, consumption(s), and demands;
  - d. For Member-generators with net metering contracts, a statement of the net metered generation;
  - e. The unit price per kWh charged for competitive service, as calculated by dividing current-period competitive service charges by the current-period consumption;
  - f. An identification of the provider of each service appearing on the bill;
  - g. The amount billed for the current period, any unpaid amounts due from previous periods, any payments or credits applied to the Member's account during the current period, any late payment charges or gross and net charges, if applicable, and the total amount due and payable.
2. The due date for payment to keep the account current. Such due date shall be no less than:
  - a. Fourteen days after the postmark date on the bill for residential Member; and Twenty-one days after the postmark date on the bill for nonresidential Members;
  - b. Current balance of the account, if a residential Member is billed according to a budget plan;
  - c. Options and instructions on how Members may make their payments;
  - d. For each provider whose charges appear on the bill, a listing of the provider's toll-free telephone number and address for Member billing questions or complaints;
  - e. A listing of the toll-free consumer assistance telephone numbers and available hours for applicable state agencies, such as the commission, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and the Ohio Attorney General's office;
  - f. The Toledo Edison 24-hour local/toll-free telephone number for reporting service emergencies;
  - g. Identification of estimated bills or bills not based upon actual end-of-period

meter readings for the period; and  
h. An explanation of any codes and abbreviations used.

3. If applicable, Provider will, upon request, provide Members with the name and street address/location of the nearest payment center and/or authorized payment agent.
4. If applicable, when a Member pays the bill at a payment center or to an authorized payment agent, such payment shall be credited to the Member's account as of the day such payment center or agent receives it.
5. The City and Provider shall establish policies and procedures for handling billing disputes and requests for payment arrangements.

D. Collections for delinquent accounts:

The EDU's credit and collection policies will apply to Program Members and shall be administered by the EDU. Neither the Governmental Aggregator, nor Provider, will implement additional policies with respect to credit, deposits and collections. Failure to pay for Competitive Retail Electric Services may result in cancellation of the Member's contract with the Provider, and return the Member to the EDU's Standard Service Offer.

# **Exhibit A-4**

## **Automatic Aggregation Disclosure – Opt-out Form**

**City of Maumee**

<b>Opt-Out Deadline</b>
September 18, 2018

## Electric Governmental Aggregation Program FAQs v.11.17

### **How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?**

Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Residents voted to allow the community to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf.

### **What do I need to do if I want to be included in this governmental aggregation?**

You do not need to do anything to receive the discounted generation pricing under this program. You may choose to remain in the aggregation group by simply not returning the opt-out form.

### **Is my price for power fixed, or does it vary?**

The information in your letter states if your price is fixed, variable, or variable based on a tiered pricing structure. Your community decided on a tiered pricing structure, where your initial price will remain the same each month through the meter-read date of the first tier outlined in your Agreement's Terms and Conditions. At that time, your price will change but then remain the same each month for the rest of your Agreement.

### **How will I know if I can save money under the electric governmental aggregation program?**

You'll know you are saving money as long as your price with FirstEnergy Solutions is lower than your utility's Price to Compare (PTC).

### **If I am already a member of this program, why am I receiving this letter?**

As a current member of your community's electric governmental aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt out of the program at least every three years at no charge. Your previous contract with FirstEnergy Solutions is coming to an end, and this is your opportunity to either opt out or continue the benefits of the program.

### **What does "opt out" mean?**

"Opt-out" means that you can decide not to participate in your community's electric governmental aggregation program. By returning the opt-out form, which is included in this mailing, by the Opt-Out Deadline you will not be enrolled as an electric generation customer with FirstEnergy Solutions, your community's competitive electric generation supplier, and you will not receive the discount.

### **What happens if I do not send in the opt-out form?**

If you do not return the opt-out form by the Opt-Out Deadline, you will be included in your community's governmental aggregation program and will receive competitively priced electricity from FirstEnergy Solutions.

### **Can I opt out over the phone?**

No, if you want to opt out, you must mail in your completed opt-out form and it must be received by the Opt-Out Deadline.

### **Can I opt out of the program at a later date?**

Yes, you may leave the aggregation program at any time.

### **What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?**

You can stay with your current electric utility, which will continue to supply your electric generation as it always has, or you can shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the PUCO and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (1-800-686-7826).

### **If I join the aggregation, will FirstEnergy Solutions continue to budget bill my supplier charges?**

Yes. Toledo Edison, The Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison and Duke Energy include supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. Budget billing supplier charges is limited in AEP Ohio's and DP&L's service areas. Please call 1-866-636-3749, if you have questions regarding budget billing in your area.

### **Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account as I do now?**

Yes. How you pay your electric bill will not change.

### **If I join my community's governmental aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?**

Your electric utility will still be responsible for delivering power to your home or business, reading your meter and restoring power after an outage.

### **Who is FirstEnergy Solutions?**

FirstEnergy Solutions, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., is a leading competitive supplier of energy to residential, commercial and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan.

### **What is the toll-free number for questions?**

If you have any questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Residential and Small Commercial - Terms and Conditions**

Governmental Aggregation Product	Variable Price – Tiered
Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU")	The Toledo Edison Company
Price and Length of Agreement	5.31 ¢/kWh through your January 2018 meter read; then 5.33 ¢/kWh through your May 2020 meter read
Cancellation/Termination Fee	None

These Terms and Conditions apply to you because you are enrolling for electric generation service with FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. ("FES") through either (a) affirmative consent or (b) not opting out of your community aggregation program. If you enroll by affirmative consent, these Terms and Conditions and the enrollment information on the website are your Agreement ("Agreement"). If you choose to remain in the community aggregation program by not "opting-out" or exercising the right of rescission, these Terms and Conditions and your opt-out notification are your Agreement. Please keep a copy of this Agreement for your records.

FES is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to offer and supply electric generation services in Ohio. As a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") provider, FES will supply the electric generation to your EDU based on your usage. Your EDU then distributes or delivers the electricity to you. FES sets the generation prices and charges that the customers pay. The PUCO regulates distribution prices and services. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") regulates transmission prices and services.

**Definitions:** *Generation Charge* – Charge for the production of electricity. *Transmission Charge* – Charge for moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of the EDU. *Distribution Service* – Physical delivery of electricity to customers by the EDU.

**Right of Rescission:** If you do not opt-out or you give your affirmative consent and are enrolled to receive generation service from FES, your EDU will send you a confirmation notice of transfer of service. You will have the right to rescind your enrollment within seven (7) calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation notice by following the instructions contained in the notice. The Right of Rescission only applies when a customer switches to a generation supplier and not on renewal enrollments. Your EDU will not send a confirmation notice upon any renewal of this Agreement. Should you choose to opt-out of your community's program, you will be served by your EDU's standard service offer established pursuant to section 4928.14 of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") unless you choose an alternate supplier of electricity.

**Eligibility:** Only eligible residential customer accounts not enrolled in the Percentage of Income Plan Program ("PIPP") and eligible small commercial customers may enroll in this offer from FES. FES reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any customer with an outstanding electric bill balance.

**Basic Service Prices:** During the term of this Agreement, you agree to pay FES a price indicated in the table above for a total combined Transmission, Generation and Generation Related Charge ("Retail Electric Service"). Your Price to Compare ("PTC") consists of bypassable transmission, generation and transmission and generation related components, which are charges associated with the costs of purchased power and the cost to deliver the power through the transmission system. These are the charges that you would avoid for that billing period when you switch to FES. If your product in the table above is a % Off PTC product, your monthly price per kWh will vary because the EDU's PTC may change based on any changes made by the EDU in its calculations. In addition to FES' charges, you will be charged by your EDU for distribution and various other charges. Your price may also include a fee assessed by a broker or agent representing your community.

**Length of Agreement:** As a part of your community's program, your Retail Electric Service from FES will start on your next available meter read after processing of the enrollment by your EDU, and continue through the term indicated in the table above. The program may be terminated prior to the term pursuant to the terms of the master agreement between FES and your community for the aggregation program. Should the program be terminated, you will be returned to your EDU's standard service offer or its successor. In the event that (1) the PUCO approves or implements a phase-in credit for generation and/or transmission charges of the EDU or takes any other action which affects the PTC or otherwise does not allow the EDU to reflect the full cost to procure generation and transmission in the PTC or other regulatory action; or (2) there is any change in any statute, rule, regulation, order, law, or tariff promulgated by any court, governmental authority, utility, Independent System Operator ("ISO"), Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") or other service provider, or any change in operating procedure, which alters to the detriment of FES its costs to perform under this Agreement, you may receive a notification from FES. This notification will include a description of one or more of the situations described above. FES may offer you new Terms and Conditions. You must indicate your affirmative consent to the new Terms and Conditions as specified in the notices. If you do not contact FES to accept the new terms, this Agreement will terminate on the date specified in the notices, and you may be returned to your EDU for Retail Electric Service. Alternatively, FES may decide to terminate this Agreement, and you will receive prior written notice of the termination, after which you may be returned to your EDU for Retail Electric Service. Whether FES offers you new terms or terminates this Agreement under this provision, you will not be responsible for the cancellation/termination fee (if any) set forth in the table above. You must still pay all FES charges through the date you are returned to your EDU or switched to another CRES provider for service.

**Billing:** You will continue to receive a single bill from your EDU that will contain both your EDU and FES charges. FES reserves the right to unilaterally modify this billing format in the event your EDU is unable or unwilling to provide consolidated billing in this format or changes the calculation of the PTC. If you do not pay your bill by the due date, FES may cancel this Agreement after giving you a minimum of fourteen (14) days written notice. Upon cancellation you will be returned to your EDU as a customer. You will remain responsible to pay FES for any electricity used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges. If you have 12 months of billing history and you are enrolled in budget billing with the EDU, you can enroll in a budget billing program once per year. At the end of the contract term, you are responsible for payment of any outstanding balance upon final contract true up. FES reserves the right to adjust your monthly budget amount prior to final contract true up. If you enroll in budget billing, then choose not to be in the program or if you become two consecutive monthly payments overdue, you will be removed from budget billing, your account will be reconciled, and you will be billed for the outstanding budget balance on your next billing cycle. Failure to pay electric utility charges may result in you being disconnected in accordance with your EDU's tariff.

**Penalties, Fees and Exceptions:** If you do not pay the full amount owed FES by the due date of the bill, FES may charge a 1.5% per month late payment fee.

**Cancellation/Termination Provisions:** You may terminate this Agreement, without penalty, if you move out of the EDU service territory or into an area where FES charges a different price. There may be a Cancellation/Termination Fee indicated in the table above if you terminate this Agreement for any other reason, except as expressly provided herein. Upon termination with FES and return to the standard service offer with your EDU, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other EDU customers.

**Customer Consent and Information Release Authorization:** By choosing not to opt-out of your community's aggregation program, or to affirmatively join it, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with FES. You authorize FES to obtain information from the EDU that includes, but is not limited to: billing history, payment history, historical and future electricity usage, meter readings, and characteristics of electricity service. FES reserves the sole right to determine if your credit standing is satisfactory before accepting your enrollment request. This Agreement shall be considered executed by FES following acceptance of your enrollment request by FES, the end of the 7-day rescission period, and subsequent acceptance of the enrollment by your EDU.

**Contract Expiration:** At least every three (3) years, you will be given the opportunity to opt-out of your community's aggregation program at no cost. You are responsible for arranging for your electric supply upon termination of this Agreement.

**Dispute Procedures:** Contact FES with any questions concerning the terms of service by phone at 1-888-254-6359 (toll-free) M-F 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST or in writing at 341 White Pond Drive, Attn: Contract Administration, Akron, OH 44320. Our web address is [www.fes.com](http://www.fes.com). If your complaint is not resolved after you have called your electric supplier and/or your electric utility, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the PUCO for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) M-F 8:00 a.m to 5:00 pm EST or at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov). Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio Relay Service). The Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") represents residential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) M-F 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST, or at [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

**Force Majeure Termination:** FES will make commercially reasonable efforts to provide your electric service, but does not guarantee a continuous supply of electricity. Certain causes and events are out of FES's reasonable control ("Force Majeure Event(s)") and may result in interruptions in service. FES will not be liable for any such interruptions caused by a Force Majeure Event, including but not limited to, acts of God, war, civil disturbance, insurrection, terrorism, fire, flood, earthquake, acts of default of common carriers, strikes, boycotts, unforeseen maintenance, unforeseen shutdowns or deficiencies of sources of supply, inability to access the local distribution utility system, nonperformance by the EDU or other similar circumstances beyond FES' reasonable control.

**Miscellaneous:** You have the right to request from FES, twice within a 12-month period, up to 24 months of payment history, without charge. FES will not release your Social Security number and/or account number(s) without your written consent except for FES' collections and reporting, participating in programs funded by the universal service fund, pursuant to ORC section 4928.54, or assigning a customer's contract to another CRES provider. FES' environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website [www.fes.com](http://www.fes.com). FES will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website and will also provide the information upon request. FES may assign its rights to another CRES provider, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO. FES assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the EDU: operation and maintenance of the EDU's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, or deterioration of the EDU's service. In the event of a power outage, you should contact your local EDU. You are responsible for providing FES with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, FES reserves the right to reprice the applicable account(s) or terminate the Agreement. FES reserves the right to return any customer to the EDU if the customer's rate code is changed and the account is no longer eligible for this program.

**Warranty:** FES warrants title and the right to all electricity sold hereunder. THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE EXCLUSIVE AND ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER STATUTORY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ARISING OUT OF ANY COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE.

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