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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**RE: Electric Governmental Aggregator Certification Renewal Application for Paris Township (Case Number 11-6089-EL-GAG).**

Attached please find the renewal application for certification as a Governmental Aggregator of Electric for Paris Township of Stark County.

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. is providing aggregation consulting services to Paris Township and is filing this application on their behalf.

If you have any additional needs or questions, please call me at (330) 995-2675 or email me at [aburns@naturalgas-electric.com](mailto:aburns@naturalgas-electric.com).

Sincerely,



Andrew Burns  
Governmental Aggregation Manager

Attachments



# Public Utilities Commission

Original GAG Case Number	Version
11 - 6089 -EL-GAG	August 2004

## RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

Please print or type all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit A-4 Opt-Out Form). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant and should be included on the electronic copy provided. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793.

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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 Paris Township, Stark County, Ohio  
Address 14220 Freed St SE, Paris, OH 44669  
PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified 12-441E(4) Certified 1/20/2018  
Telephone # (330) 862-3575 Web site address (if any) www.paristwp.com

#### 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

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**

Name Andrew Burns  
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Business address 215 W Garfield Rd, STE 210, Aurora Ohio 44202  
Telephone # (330) 995-2675 Fax # (800) 574-4508  
E-mail address aburns@naturalgas-electric.com

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

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E-mail address aburns@naturalgas-electric.com

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

Customer Service address 215 W Garfield Rd, STE 210, Aurora Ohio 44202  
Toll-free Telephone # (888) 862-6060 Fax # (800) 574-4508  
E-mail address info@naturalgas-electric.com

 TRUSTEE  
Signature of Applicant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019  
Month Year

  
Signature of official administering oath

Hunter Palmer  
Print Name and Title



My commission expires on 4/2/2020  
Hunter Palmer  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 04-02-2020

# **AFFIDAVIT**

State of Ohio : Paris Township ss.  
(Town)

County of Stark :

James R. Kiko Jr., Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:

He/She is the Trustee (Office of Affiant) of Paris Township (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)

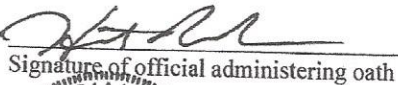
11. The Applicant herein, attests that it will inform the Commission of any material change to the information supplied in the renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer 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.

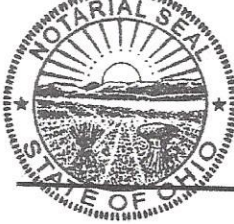
  
Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019  
Month

Year

  
Signature of official administering oath

Hunter Palmer, Notary  
Print Name and Title



Hunter Palmer Commission expires on 4/20/2020  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 04-02-2020



Paris Township Exhibit A-2 "Authorizing Ordinance"

**Trustees**  
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Terry Gram  
James Kiko

**Paris Township**  
Stark County  
14220 Freed St SE  
Paris, OH 44669  
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**Fiscal Officer**  
Rudy Evanich

RESOLUTION  
PARIS TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO

The Paris Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on, June 6, 2011, with the following members present:

Terry Gram

Michael Stewart

James Kiko

Terry Gram made a motion, seconded by James Kiko for the following Resolution:

The Paris Township Board of Trustees do hereby submit to Stark County Board of Elections a ballot proposal concerning an Electric Governmental Aggregation Program with opt-out provisions pursuant to ORC 4928.20.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees finds and determines that this action is in the best interest of the Township:

Therefore, this aggregation shall be subject to voter approval in the November 2011 election;

Whereas all deliberations were conducted in the public meeting and all actions were in compliance with State Law;


Upon a roll call vote, the following is recorded:

Terry Gram, yes

Michael Stewart, yes

James Kiko, yes

As Fiscal Officer of Paris Township, Stark County, Ohio, I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate Resolution as recorded in the Minutes of June 6, 2011.



Rudy Evanich  
Paris Township Fiscal Officer

# PARIS TOWNSHIP ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

## Plan of Operation and Governance

For additional information contact:  
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## **1. Purpose of Electric Aggregation Program & Services**

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4928.20 regarding governmental aggregation of electric service. That section of the Code defines two different types of aggregation that may be enacted by a governmental entity; opt-in aggregation and opt-out aggregation. The Township of Paris ("the Township") will administer an opt-out aggregation program that will automatically include all eligible electric accounts receiving a beneficial offer from a Competitive Retail Electric Service Supplier (CRES Supplier). Those customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the Program.

The Township passed the necessary ordinance to place the issue of Opt-out Governmental Aggregation of electricity on the 11/8/2011 ballot. The ballot issue subsequently passed. The Township will follow the Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan") outlined below. This Plan was adopted after two public hearings were held in accordance with section 4928.20 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Township's Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail electric loads of consumers located in the Township to negotiate the best rates for the generation supply of electric power. With a Township population of approximately 4,000 the Program has the potential to combine residential accounts and small commercial accounts into a buying group that will be attractive to a Competitive Retail Electric Service Supplier (CRES Supplier). Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer ("Member") has the opportunity to decline to be a Member of the aggregation program and to return to their respective local utility, Ohio Edison or Ohio Power ("utility"), standard offer of service or to enter into a power supply contract with any CRES Supplier.

Residential and small commercial electric customers often lack the ability to effectively negotiate electric supply services. The Township's Program provides them an opportunity to benefit from professional representation and bargaining power achieved through an aggregation program.

The aggregation program is designed to reduce the amount Members pay for electric energy and to gain other favorable terms of service. The Township will not buy and resell the power to the Program Members. Instead, the Township will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a CRES Supplier to provide firm, full-requirements generation service to the Members of the aggregation program.

Due to the complexity of deregulation of the electric utility industry, the Township has entered into contract with Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. (Independent Energy Consultants), a PUCO certified broker and aggregator of natural gas and electricity. Among other things, Independent Energy Consultants will provide professional assistance which includes these consulting services:

- Draft and assist in maintaining this Plan of Operation and Governance
- Lead the required Public Hearings and attend Trustee meetings
- Assist the Township in the day-to-day administration of the program (problem resolution, press releases, PUCO compliance, supplier liaison, contract review, etc.)

- Administer the Request for Proposal process, analyze supplier responses and provide recommendations for the supply agreement
- Review customer data provided by Ohio Edison/Ohio Power that would serve as the basis for an Opt-Out Notice
- Write/prepare reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the Township, PUCO, PUCO's Market Monitoring division, and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

## 2. Determination of Rates and Other Charges

### 2.1. Rates

Through the efforts of its consultant, Independent Energy Consultants, Inc., the Township will seek proposals from CRES suppliers. The request for proposals shall require the suppliers to offer a generation charge for firm, full-requirements supply. CRES Providers will bid by Ohio Edison or Ohio Power customer rate classification or customer class. CRES Providers will be encouraged to bid on as many electric accounts as possible, but it is recognized that from a practical standpoint it is not likely that bids will be received for larger commercial and industrial accounts that require interval metering and individual price analysis. Furthermore, a CRES Provider may not be able to beat Ohio Edison's or Ohio Power's tariff rates for all customer classes and/or rate schedules. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the Township Trustees, or their designee, after negotiations with the selected CRES Supplier. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program through a direct mailing sent to each eligible resident and business within the Township limits. Once offers are found a table similar to the one shown below will be populated to reflect the offer rates.

<b>Ohio Edison Rate Schedule</b>	<b>CRES Supplier Offer</b>
RS – Residential Service	6% discount through March 2021
GS – General Service	4% discount through March 2021
Other	
<b>Ohio Power Rate Schedule</b>	<b>CRES Supplier Offer</b>
RS – Residential Service	\$0.05036/kWh through March 2021
GS – General Service	\$0.05036/kWh through March 2021
Other	

### 2.2 Charges

Neither the Township nor the selected Supplier will impose any terms, conditions, fees, or charges on any Member served by the governmental aggregation unless the particular term, condition, fee, or charge is clearly disclosed to the Member at the time the Member chose not to opt-out of the aggregation.

Ohio Edison and Ohio Power will continue to bill for Late Payment, Delivery Charges and Monthly Service Fee, etc. These charges apply whether or not a Member switches to the Program's CRES supplier. Switching generation suppliers will not result in any new charges billed to the Member.

### 2.3 Switching Fees

Should the utility assess a switching fee for Members voluntarily remaining in the aggregation program; the Request for Proposal will be written to require the selected supplier to pay the switching fee.

### 2.4 Early Termination Fee

Members may terminate their agreement without penalty if they relocate outside of the Township. Members that leave for other reasons may be assessed an early termination fee by the CRES supplier. Early termination fees are standard in most electric contracts. The Township will negotiate with the CRES supplier to ensure that any early termination fee assessed is reasonable and clearly stated in the opt-out disclosure notice.

## 3. Process for Providing Opt-Out Disclosure Notices

When a successful supply offer is found, the Township shall order the eligible customer list from Ohio Edison or Ohio Power. The respective utility shall turn over the list to the Township or its consultant upon request. Once the list is obtained, it will be shared with the selected CRES supplier and they will have 30 days from the Township's receipt of the data to mail the Opt-Out Notices to all eligible Members receiving an offer.

The selected CRES supplier will be required to pay for printing and mailing of opt-out disclosure notices. The notices will be mailed to the owner or occupant residing at the electric account mailing address shown on the utility's customer list. The notice will contain the Township's name and logo to clearly indicate to the recipient that it is a notice from the Township.

Prior to mailing Opt-Out Notices a thorough review will be performed to see that all eligible Members receiving an offer are sent the notice. The review process will include the efforts of numerous parties and utilize a number of resources as specified in section four of this plan.

Following acceptance of an offer by the Township, the CRES supplier will mail Opt-Out Notices to eligible Members. Members will have 21 days from the postmark date on the notice to postmark the return opt-out card if they do not wish to participate in the Township's program.

In the event that an eligible Member is inadvertently not sent an Opt-Out Notice and is omitted from the Program, the CRES supplier shall, upon request, enroll the eligible Member at the group rate for the remaining term.

## 4. Determination of Eligible Customer Pool

Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all eligible electric consumers within the Township will be automatically included in the Program. However, such customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the Program.

Prior to mailing Opt-Out Notices a thorough review will be performed to see that all ineligible customers are excluded. The review process will include the efforts of numerous parties and utilize a number of resources:

- Ohio Edison or Ohio Power will query their customer database using best efforts to capture all accounts within the Township limits.
- The Township's consultant working with the CRES supplier, available Township resources and publicly available material shall screen out customers who are not located within the Township limits. Those resources may include any or all of the following: Property records, water and/or sewer records, fire and/or police department address records, 911 address records, street listings, Township maps, internet maps, county parcel mapping databases, and geographical information systems (GIS).
- Ineligible accounts will be screened out based on codes provided in the utility's data.
- The data shall be reviewed to see that all zip codes have been included, all streets included, all customer classes, all customer rate schedules, and finally that an expected total for a community of this population was turned over.
- Any suspected omissions will be reported to utility along with a request to furnish that data.
- Eligibility may be limited by a supplier's offer. For example, a fixed rate might not be offered to an account if their Price-to-Compare indicates they would not save.

## **5. Opt-Out Process**

The Township is using an Opt-Out form of Governmental Aggregation pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any such person that opts-out of the aggregation program pursuant to stated procedure will default to the standard service offer provided by the utility until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

When a successful supply offer is found the Township shall order the eligible customer list from Ohio Edison or Ohio Power as appropriate. The utility shall turn over the list to the Township or its consultant upon request. Once the list is obtained, it will be shared with the selected CRES supplier and they will have 30 days from the Township's receipt of the data to mail the Opt-Out Notices to all eligible Members receiving an offer.

The selected CRES supplier and the Township will agree upon the format of the Opt-Out Notice and will docket a sample with the PUCO at least ten days prior to mailing it to eligible Members.

The selected CRES supplier will be required to pay for printing and mailing of opt-out disclosure notices. The notices will be mailed to the owner or occupant residing at the electric account mailing address shown on the utility's customer list. A Township official will sign the notice and it will contain the Township's name and logo on the outside to clearly indicate to the recipient that it is a notice from the Township.

Prior to mailing Opt-Out Notices, a thorough review will be performed to see that all eligible Members receiving an offer are sent the notice. The review process will include the efforts

of numerous parties and utilize a number of resources as specified in section four of this plan.

Following acceptance of an offer by the Township, the CRES supplier will mail Opt-Out Notices to eligible Members receiving an offer. Members will have 21 days from the postmark date on the notice to postmark the return opt-out card if they do not wish to participate in the Township's program. If available, Members may also call the CRES supplier's toll-free recorded phone number to opt-out. The selected CRES supplier will not enroll those accounts opting out from the Program.

In the event that an eligible Member is inadvertently not sent an Opt-Out Notice and is omitted from the Program, the CRES supplier shall, upon request, enroll the eligible Member at the group rate for the remaining term.

All members of the Program will also be given an opportunity to opt-out without penalty at least once every three years.

**Procedure Steps:**

1. The selected CRES supplier and the Township will agree upon the format of the Opt-Out Notice and will docket a sample with the PUCO at least ten days prior to mailing it to eligible Members.
2. The selected supplier will distribute an Opt-Out Form to all eligible Members via first class U.S. Mail;
3. Recipients will have 21 days from the postmark on the notice to notify the selected CRES supplier if they do not want to be part of the program;
4. Members will be able to opt out by returning an opt-out card via U.S. Mail to the selected CRES supplier. The supplier may offer additional means of opting out, such as, making a toll-free recorded phone call to the CRES supplier, email notification or fax.
5. Additionally, Members who do not opt-out per step 4 above will receive written notification from the utility stating that they are about to be switched. That notice will inform them that they have 7 days to rescind the contract by contacting the utility; and
6. The selected CRES supplier will not enroll those accounts opting out from the Program.

The Opt-Out Notice will clearly notify the Program Members of the rates to be charged for electricity and other terms of the contract with the selected supplier. The notice will also satisfy the requirements for disclosing the environmental impact of the generation sources used to supply the program.

**6. Customer Classes Included**

All eligible Members are included in the Program but the selected CRES supplier's offer will determine which groups receive an offer and Opt-Out Notice. It is envisioned that residential and small commercial customers supplied by Ohio Edison or Ohio Power within the Township limits are the most likely to receive an offer. If the utility's rates remain lower than what can be obtained from a CRES supplier, those customers will not be provided an

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offer and will remain supplied by the utility until an acceptable offer can be found. The specific rate schedules will be identified in Section 2 of this Plan of Operation. In addition to having a rate schedule listed in Section 2, the following eligibility requirements apply.

- Customers must be up to date with their bill payment;
- Customers must not have Opted-out of the Program;
- Customers must not be on the Do Not Aggregate list;
- Customers must not be supplied generation service from another CRES provider;
- Customers must not be on a special contract with Ohio Edison or Ohio Power;
- Customers must not be in the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP);
- Commercial Customers must have a Peak Demand of  $\leq 399$  kW; and
- Commercial Customers must not have interval metering.
- Customers must not be classified as mercantile.
- Eligibility may be further limited by a supplier's offer. For example, a fixed rate might not be offered to an account if their Price-to-Compare indicates they would not save.

### **7. Billing Procedures**

The Township will utilize the coordinated billing services of the utility and the selected CRES supplier. Most customers are expected to receive a single bill from the utility that itemizes among other things, the cost of generation provided by the CRES supplier. In some instances, particularly for commercial accounts, the CRES supplier may request that dual billing be used. In this case the supplier would issue a bill for their supply service and the utility would issue a bill for their delivery services.

Members currently on budget billing will continue to be budget billed. The utility's process will remain the same. Members wishing to start budget billing should contact their utility. The process will take place in accordance with the utility's policy and is not unique to the Township's Program. The utility's policies will dictate what portions of a Member's bill are budgeted and how the budget amount is calculated.

Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of their utility and/or their supplier if dual billing is used. This Program will not be responsible for late or no payment on the part of any of its members. Furthermore, slow or no payment on the part of some Members will not adversely impact the rates charged to other Members. The selected Supplier shall not charge more than 1 ½ percent per month for overdue balances owed to the selected Supplier.

### **8. Credit/Deposit Requirements**

Collection and credit procedures remain the responsibility of the utility, the selected Supplier and the individual Member. Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of their utility. This Program will not be responsible for late or no payment on the part of any of its Members. The Township will have no separate credit or deposit policy.



## 9. Procedures for Handling Customer Complaints and Dispute Resolution

Members have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability should be directed to the utility, questions regarding the Program administration should go to the Township, billing questions should be directed to the utility or the selected supplier and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and/or The Ohio Consumers' Counsel. Listed below is a table of toll-free numbers for members to call for assistance.

Nature of Complaint	Contact	Phone Number
Service interruptions or emergencies	Ohio Edison Ohio Power	1-888-544-4877 1-800-672-2231
Service turn on/off	Ohio Edison Ohio Power	1-800-633-4766 1-800-672-2231
Billing disputes – Delivery charges	Ohio Edison Ohio Power	1-800-633-4766 1-800-672-2231
Billing disputes – Supplier charges	FirstEnergy Solutions (OE Customers) AEP Energy (OP Customers)	1-866-636-3749 1-877-726-0214
Joining/Leaving Program	FirstEnergy Solutions (OE Customers) AEP Energy (OP Customers)	1-866-636-3749 1-877-726-0214
Aggregation Program questions	Paris Township Independent Energy Consultants	330-862-3575 1-888-862-6060
Unresolved disputes	Public Utilities Comm. (voice)	1-800-686-7826
Unresolved disputes	Public Utilities Comm. TDD/TTY	1-800-686-1570
General information – residential	Ohio Consumers' Counsel	1-877-742-5622

## 10. Moving Into/Within the Township

Utility rules require that people moving into a different residence, new construction or otherwise, be assigned a new account number and be served for at least one month by the local utility before they can switch to a new supplier. The above-mentioned are examples of utility rules approved by the PUCO that will impact the operation of Paris' aggregation program.

Residents and businesses that move into the Township will not be automatically included in the Township's Program. The Township cannot guarantee the rates, terms and conditions to Members enrolling after the 21-day opt-out period of the initial enrollees. Members wishing to opt-in to the Program may contact the Township or the CRES supplier to obtain enrollment information. There is, however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants. The selected CRES supplier's decision whether or not to extend an offer will be based, in part, on the market prices at the time of request.

Members who move within the Township limits and are assigned a new account number by the utility will be treated in the same manner as a new resident. They will not be automatically enrolled, but may contact the CRES supplier concerning re-enrollment. Once again, there is no guarantee that the CRES Supplier will extend an offer, or an offer that is the same as that of the initial enrollees.

## **11. Moving Within the Township and Maintaining the Same Account Number**

The selected CRES Supplier shall continue service at the same rate and under the same terms and conditions for any Member who relocates within the Township prior to the expiration of the contract term, providing that the Member notifies the CRES Supplier of their desire to do so with thirty (30) days written notice. Moving within the Township may cause the Member to be served for a brief period of time by the local utility. The CRES supplier shall have the right to bill the participant for any associated switching fee imposed by the utility. Members may also opt-out without penalty under these circumstances.

## **12. Joining the Aggregation Group after Opting-Out**

Members who have left the aggregation group and wish to rejoin at a later date are treated in the same manner as new residents moving into Paris Township. These customers may contact the Township or the CRES supplier at any time to obtain enrollment information. There is however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants.

## **13. Reliability of Power Supply**

The Program will only affect the generation source of power. The respective local utility will continue to deliver power through their transmission and distribution systems. Responsibility for maintaining system reliability continues to rest with the utility companies. If Members have service reliability problems they should contact their utility for repairs. The PUCO has established "Minimum Reliability Standards" for all utilities operating distribution systems in Ohio. Customer outages, duration of outages, interruptions, etc., are monitored to ensure reliability remains at satisfactory levels.

In addition to maintaining the "wires" system, the utilities are required to be the "Providers of Last Resort." This means, should the selected CRES supplier fail for any reason to deliver any or all of the electricity needed to serve the Members needs, the appropriate utility will immediately provide for the shortfall. The utility would then bill the supplier for the power provided on their behalf. The Members would incur no additional cost.

## **14. Supplier Qualification Selection Criteria**

Only Suppliers meeting strict criteria will be considered.

- Suppliers will need to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- Registered with the respective utility company to do business in their service territory. Both the certification and registration ensure that Suppliers possess the managerial, technical, and financial competence to perform the services they offer.
- Successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with the utility to support Governmental Aggregation Program transactions.
- Agree to hold harmless the Township from any financial obligations arising from the Program.
- The selected CRES supplier will need to agree to notify the Township and negotiate with the Township at least 60 days in advance of attempting to terminate the agreement for any reasons other than (i) the scheduled end date or (ii) Force

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- The Township shall review the creditworthiness of the selected CRES supplier. Should the Township have concerns about the CRES supplier's current or projected financial stability at the time a contract is entered, the selected supplier may be required to demonstrate its creditworthiness by providing:
  - a Letter of Credit; or
  - a Parental Guaranty from a company that is deemed creditworthy; or
  - a Surety Bond.

Details of the credit type and amount will be subject to negotiation.

### **15. Miscellaneous**

The Township will maintain a copy of this Plan of Operation and Governance on file at its Administrative office. This Plan will be kept available for public inspection. It will, upon request, be copied for any existing or potential Members of the aggregation in accordance with the Township rules for copying public documents.

The Township will not materially alter this Plan of Operation and Governance without first notifying its Members.

The Township or the selected CRES supplier will not issue an opt-out notice before the Township has obtained its certification as a Governmental Aggregator of electricity from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The success of the Township's Aggregation Program relies in part to the cooperation it receives from the utility companies. In addition to other tasks, the utilities must turn over accurate customer data and perform the customer switching process in a timely manner. The Township will comply with PUCO rules, and will hold the utility companies to their obligations under the same.

The Electric Aggregation Program may be terminated upon the termination or expiration of the supply contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent supply contract being negotiated. Each individual Member receiving electric supply service under the Program will receive notification 45-90 days prior to termination of the Program. In the event of termination, Members in the Township aggregation program would either return to their utility company's supply service or choose a CRES supplier on their own.

If the Township is unable to find a satisfactory offer at the end of an existing supply agreement, they have the option of maintaining their status as a Governmental Aggregator while they continue to seek offers for their Members.

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PARIS TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY  
14220 Freed Street SE | Paris, Ohio 44669



July 8, 2019

<First> <Last> or Current Resident  
<Mailing Address>  
<Mailing City>, <Mailing State> <Mailing Zip>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM  
PARIS TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY AND AEP ENERGY  
REGARDING YOUR ELECTRICITY SERVICE AT  
<S ADDRESS>

Dear <First> <Last>:

You are invited to join Paris Township, Stark County's exclusive Electric Aggregation Program.

We are pleased to announce that Paris Township, Stark County is providing its residents and businesses with an opportunity to save money on their electricity supply. **On November 8, 2011, Paris Township, Stark County voters authorized by majority vote the creation of an Electric Aggregation Program to seek lower electricity rates for eligible residential and small business customers and the Township approved a Plan of Operation and Governance as prescribed by Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.** Under this arrangement, AEP Energy has been selected as Paris Township, Stark County's preferred electricity supply provider. This special offer is exclusive for eligible residents and businesses of the Township because through the power of volume buying, AEP Energy is able to secure electricity at competitive prices. AEP Energy is an Ohio-based company.

THE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM IS A SMART CHOICE:

**Receive Protection with a Secure Price.** Through the Electric Aggregation Program, eligible residents and businesses will receive the secure price of **5.036 cents per kWh** for a period of **nineteen (19) months'** starting with the **August 2019** meter-read date. **There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and you do not have to do anything to participate.** You will find additional details of this program in the Terms & Conditions and Frequently Asked Questions on the back of this letter.

**Continue to Receive One Bill.** Your local utility will continue to send you one monthly electricity bill. You can continue to remit one payment to your local utility for AEP Energy charges. Also, your local utility will continue to provide service for any emergency or maintenance issues.



**No Cancellation Fee.** There is no charge to cancel your contract at any time.

YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENROLLED.

You don't have to do anything and there is no cost to enroll in this exclusive program. All eligible residents and businesses will automatically be enrolled in the program unless you choose to opt-out by following the instructions listed below.

HOW DO I OPT-OUT?

If you do not wish to participate in this program, you must opt-out by July 29, 2019. There are two ways to opt-out:

-  Phone - Call AEP Energy Customer Care Team toll free at 1-877-726-0214  
Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm EST & Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm EST
-  Mail - Complete the Electric Aggregation Opt-Out Election Form below and return it to the address listed on the form by July 29, 2019

Respectfully,  
  
Paris Township, Stark County & AEP Energy

AEP Energy is a competitive retail electric service provider and an affiliate of Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio). AEP Energy is not soliciting on behalf of and is not an agent of AEP Ohio.



THE PARIS TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY ELECTRIC AGGREGATION OPT-OUT ELECTION FORM

Please print clearly.

<First> <Last>  
<Service Address>  
<Service City>, <Service State> <Service Zip>

Account Number: <Account Number>

☒ I elect not to participate in the Electric Aggregation Program with AEP Energy.  
Customer Code <Customer Code>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** By returning this signed form, I affirmatively elect NOT to participate in the Electric Aggregation Program. By electing not to participate, I understand from the accompanying materials that I will forego the benefits of this program. I understand that if I choose to "opt-out" of the Electric Aggregation Program, I must complete this form and mail it to AEP Energy or call AEP Energy toll free at 1-877-726-0214, to "opt-out" no later than July 29, 2019. If this form is not postmarked or I do not call by the specified date, I understand that I will be automatically enrolled in the Electric Aggregation Program. I assume all responsibility to send the "Opt-Out" Election Form or to call AEP Energy.

**Complete form and mail to:**  
AEP Energy  
Attn: Electric Aggregation Program  
PO Box 3489  
Chicago, IL 60654

Account Holder's Name: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Account Holder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be postmarked no later than July 29, 2019 for your "opt-out" to be effective.  
Enclosed Terms & Conditions Version: 01.19.18OH\_PAR\_AGG\_SC&ResCon  
AEP19.07.08\_PARTWPR-RF\_AGGR\_AQ & AEP19.07.08\_PARTWPSC-RF\_AGGR\_AQ\_1

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What is the Electric Aggregation Program?** Under the Electric Aggregation Program, the Township acted on behalf of its electricity consumers to select an electricity supply provider who, through the power of volume buying, is able to secure electricity at competitive prices. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”) has taken steps to ensure that Ohio’s competitive electricity environment is consumer-friendly. Voters in the Township approved this aggregation program and the Township Trustees passed an ordinance adopting this Electric Aggregation program.

The Township has selected AEP Energy as their preferred electricity supply provider to serve their residents and businesses beginning with the August 2019 meter-read date for nineteen (19) months.

**Who is AEP Energy?** AEP Energy is a certified Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider and a subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP). With an office located in Columbus, Ohio, AEP Energy sells electricity supply to customers at market-based prices rather than regulated rates offered by your local utility.

**Why did the Township select AEP Energy as its provider?** The Township selected AEP Energy because they were able to propose a program that represented the best overall value for eligible households and businesses.

**How do I enroll?** You don’t have to do anything to enroll. All eligible customers will be automatically included in the program unless you choose to “opt-out.” If you “opt-out,” you will continue to be served by your local electric utility’s standard service offer or until you choose an alternative electric service provider. However, if you do not respond to this letter, the utility will complete the enrollment process. ***As a part of the enrollment process, you will also receive a notice from your local utility, AEP Ohio, confirming your decision to enroll with AEP Energy. Simply review the letter - if you are pleased with the Electric Aggregation Plan, simply ignore that letter.*** No deposits are required to enroll.

**When will this program start?** The Electric Aggregation Program will begin with the August 2019 meter-read date.

**What is my price?** Paris Township, Stark County has ensured that, beginning with the August 2019 meter-read date, you will receive an electricity generation price of 5.036 cents per kWh for nineteen (19) months.

**Where do I send payment?** You will continue to receive one bill each month from AEP Ohio, your local utility. The amount that you owe to AEP Energy will be stated separately on your bill and you will continue to send payments to your local utility only.

**Is budget billing available?** A Budget Billing Plan is now available for AEP Energy’s charges (Generation charges) for residential customers only. The Budget Billing Plan levels your monthly payments to even out the seasonal highs and lows of your monthly bills. You’ll have more certainty and can better manage your electricity expenses. Please visit [www.AEPenergy.com](http://www.AEPenergy.com) for more information.

**Can I cancel at any time?** Yes, you may cancel without penalty and switch to another provider or revert back to AEP Ohio, the local utility. Should you cancel your service with AEP Energy and return to standard offer service with your local utility, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other utility customers. You will also be provided the ability to opt out every three years without penalty.

**What happens at the end of the program?** As the program draws to a close, the Township can choose to seek bids from electricity providers in order to negotiate a new contract on behalf of eligible households and businesses. If at that time, the program has not produced the savings originally anticipated for customers, the Township can also choose to end the program, at which time participants would be notified of their options for continuing in a different program with AEP Energy, switching to another provider, or reverting back to the local utility.

**Why is this an “opt-out” program?** It enables AEP Energy to offer a lower group rate based on the Township’s size.

**If I opt-out initially, can I choose to join the program at a later date?** Yes, if you opt-out initially and change your mind later on, you may join by calling AEP Energy at 1-877-726-0214.

**What happens if I move?** If you move to another location within Paris Township, Stark County, you will be able to continue participating in the program. If you leave Paris Township, Stark County, you will no longer be eligible to participate.

**What is considered a small commercial business?** Any eligible small business located in the community that uses less than 700,000 kWh annually can participate in the Electric Aggregation Program because they are considered to be a non-mercantile customer as defined by Ohio Administrative Code.

Unless you affirmatively “opt-out” by July 29, 2019, you will be automatically enrolled if you: a) have an eligible residence or business located in the specified township receiving electric service from AEP Ohio or AEP Energy (in the AEP Ohio service territory) and b) are not enrolled in the PIPP program. Participation in the program is subject to the Terms & Conditions of the Agreement between the Township and AEP Energy. 'AEP Energy's price excludes utility distribution and transmission charges and other utility charges and fees. There is no guarantee of savings under the Aggregation Program. You may terminate your agreement early without penalty. For more information, call toll free 1-877-726-0214, write to: AEP Energy, PO Box 3489, Chicago, IL 60654, or visit [AEPenergy.com](http://AEPenergy.com).

If you have any additional questions, please contact the AEP Energy Customer Care Team toll free at **1-877-726-0214**, Monday – Friday from 8 am to 7 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm EST.







TERM	GENERATION SERVICE CHARGES	CANCELLATION FEE	CONTRACT RENEWAL
Up to the March 2021 meter read date ("Term").	Residential Customers: <u>5.036¢ per kWh.</u> Small Commercial Customers: <u>5.036¢ per kWh.</u> Price is for Generation Service. Price excludes taxes, utility Distribution Service charges, Transmission Services and other non-bypassable utility charges and fees.	You may cancel at any time during the Term without penalty. See <b>Section 6</b> for details.	Your Agreement will terminate after the initial term. See <b>Section 8</b> for details.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** These Terms and Conditions (this "Agreement") are your agreement for Generation Service with AEP Energy, Inc. ("AEP Energy"). AEP Energy is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to offer and supply Generation Service in Ohio. As a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") provider, AEP Energy will supply the electric generation services to the interconnection (the "Delivery Point") of your Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU") based on your usage. All electricity will be supplied and delivered under your community's electric aggregation program (the "Program"), which is governed by the Government Aggregation Master Retail Supply Agreement between the relevant government aggregator and AEP Energy (the "Program Agreement"). You participate in the Program either by (1) not electing to opt out of the Program (i.e., by not returning a completed Program "opt-out" election form (as included in any informational letter provided with this Agreement) or by not otherwise contacting AEP Energy as prescribed) or (2) being an eligible customer residing in the relevant jurisdictional territory applicable under the Program Agreement (not otherwise included in the most recent "opt-out" process) that enters into this Agreement directly with AEP Energy, in each case, subject to any exercise of your rescission right (as described under "Right of Rescission"). Your EDU then distributes or delivers the electricity to you. Your Distribution Service will remain with your current EDU. Your EDU also will continue to read your meter, provide your monthly bill and respond to emergencies. The words "we" and "our" also refer to AEP Energy, and the words "you", "your", and "I" refer to the customer.

**DEFINITIONS.** "Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider" or "CRES" provider means, as defined by Chapter 4901:1-21 of the Substantive Rules applicable to electric service providers, an entity that sells electric energy to retail customers in Ohio. "Generation Service" means the production of electricity. "Generation-Related Charges" means those charges or costs associated with the production, procurement and supply of electricity. "Non-bypassable utility charges and fees" means those EDU charges and fees payable by you regardless of whether the EDU or a CRES provider provides Generation Service. "Transmission Service" means moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of an

EDU, which is either bypassable or non-bypassable to you, as determined in accordance with your Distribution Service. "Distribution Service" means the physical delivery of electricity to customers by the EDU.

**RIGHT OF RESCISSION.** Once you have been enrolled to receive Generation Service from AEP Energy, your EDU will send you a confirmation letter. You have the right to rescind your enrollment without penalty within seven (7) calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation letter by contacting your EDU and following the instructions contained in the letter.

**OTHER IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES.** In the event a third party was involved in this Agreement, including, without limitation, a broker or a shopping website, or you are part of a municipal aggregation, the pricing contained herein may be inclusive of a broker fee. **Price Comparison Qualification:** Please be advised that the EDU's standard offer rates generally change from time to time. AEP Energy therefore does not provide any guarantee of savings in comparison to the EDU's standard offer rates during the Term of this Agreement. If you received any price comparison(s) in connection with your enrollment, by accepting this offer from AEP Energy, you understand and agree that AEP Energy has informed you, prior to entering into this Agreement, that no guarantee of savings during the Term is being provided.

**1. Eligibility.** Customers must reside within the relevant jurisdictional territory applicable under the Program Agreement. Residential customer accounts that are on residential rates codes and are not enrolled in the Percentage of Income Plan Program (PIPP) and non-national account small commercial customers with annual usage less than 700,000 kWh are eligible for this offer from AEP Energy. AEP Energy reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any customer who is not current on their EDU charges.

**2. Price.** Starting with the first billing cycle of this Agreement through the last billing cycle of the "Term" (as listed above), you agree to pay AEP Energy the price stated above under the heading "Generation Service Charges" for all kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of all applicable combined Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges metered by the EDU. You are responsible for,



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and your price does not include, applicable state and local taxes and/or EDU charges, which will be billed by the EDU. In addition to AEP Energy's charges, you will be charged by your EDU for Distribution Service and other EDU charges and fees. In the event that any new, or any change in any existing, statute, rule, regulation, order, or other law, or procedure, tariff, rate class, or other process or charge, promulgated by any governmental authority or EDU, Independent System Operator, Regional Transmission Organization (“RTO”), such as PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”), or other regulated service provider, alters to the detriment of AEP Energy its costs to perform or its economic returns under this Agreement (a “Change in Law or Regulation”), then AEP Energy will provide written notice requesting your affirmative consent and agreement, describing the Change in Law or Regulation, the resulting price revisions, and the future date upon which such revised pricing is requested to be effective (a “Price Revision Request”). You then will be able to affirmatively consent and agree to such Price Revision Request, and if you agree, you will pay the revised price described in such Price Revision Request, and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement not modified by such Price Revision Request will remain in full force and effect. If, however, you do not affirmatively consent and agree to the Price Revision Request within thirty (30) calendar days, this Agreement will automatically terminate without penalty, Cancellation Fee or further obligation (but you will remain responsible to pay AEP Energy for any electricity supply used before this Agreement is terminated, as well as any late fees). Such termination will be effective on the next available drop date as established by the EDU. Note that if, due to a change in market conditions, we wish to lower the price per kilowatt hour charged to you under this Agreement, we may do so without your consent, provided there are no other changes to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**3. Term (Length of Agreement).** Your service from AEP Energy will begin on the next available meter-reading, and this Agreement shall be considered executed by AEP Energy, following: (a) the end of the seven (7) day rescission period and (b) acceptance of your enrollment by your EDU, and will continue for the Term, unless otherwise terminated, ending on the meter read date for the last month of service.

**4. Billing.** You will continue to receive a single bill, typically on a monthly basis, from your EDU that will contain both your EDU and AEP Energy charges. AEP Energy offers budget billing for AEP Energy's charges to residential customers only. If you do not pay your bill by the due date, AEP Energy may terminate this Agreement after giving you a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days' written notice. Upon termination you will be returned to your EDU as a customer. You will remain responsible to pay AEP Energy for any electricity used before this Agreement is terminated as well as any late payment charges. Further, your failure to pay EDU charges may result in your electric service being disconnected in accordance with the EDU tariff.

**5. Penalties, Fees and Exceptions.** Your EDU may charge you a switching fee. If you do not pay the full amount owed to AEP Energy by the due date of the bill, AEP Energy may charge a late payment fee up to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the outstanding balance per month, or the maximum legally allowed interest rate, whichever is lower until such payment is received by AEP Energy.

**6. Cancellation/Termination Provisions/Failure to Pay.** If this Agreement is not rescinded during the rescission period, your enrollment will be sent to your EDU. You may terminate this Agreement, without penalty, if you move outside AEP Energy's service area or into an area where AEP Energy charges a different price, by providing AEP Energy with a thirty (30) calendar day written notice prior to such move. Any failure to pay your bill shall be deemed a breach of this Agreement permitting AEP Energy to terminate this

Agreement upon fourteen (14) calendar days' advance written notice. If specified in the table above under “Cancellation Fee”, there may be a charge if you cancel this Agreement for any reason, except as expressly provided herein, or breach this Agreement in accordance with the preceding sentence. In addition to any applicable Cancellation Fee, you will remain responsible to pay AEP Energy for any electricity supply used before this Agreement is cancelled or terminated for any reason, as well as any late fees. Should you cancel service with AEP Energy and return to standard offer service with your EDU, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other EDU customers.

**7. Your Consent and Information Release Authorization.** By accepting this offer from AEP Energy, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with AEP Energy. You authorize AEP Energy to obtain information from the EDU that includes, but is not limited to: your billing history, payment history, historical and expected electricity usage, meter-readings, and characteristics of electricity service.

**8. Contract Expiration.** At the end of its Term, this Agreement will expire. As prescribed by the PUCO, at least every three (3) years, you will be given the opportunity to “opt-out” of your community program at no cost. You are responsible for arranging your electric supply upon the expiration of this Agreement.

**9. Dispute Procedures.** Contact AEP Energy with any questions concerning the terms of service, billing questions, disputes and complaints by phone at 1-877-726-0214 (toll-free) M-F 8AM – 7PM EST or in writing at AEP Energy, 1 Easton Oval, Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43219, Attn: Customer Care. Our web address is [AEPenergy.com/help](http://AEPenergy.com/help). If your complaint is not resolved after you have called AEP Energy and/or your EDU, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST weekdays 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). Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for assistance with complaints and utility issues at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST weekdays, or [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

**10. Warranty and Force Majeure.** AEP Energy warrants title to all electricity sold hereunder. THE WARRANTY SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE IS EXCLUSIVE AND AEP ENERGY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS 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 PURPOSE OR USAGE OF TRADE. AEP Energy will make commercially reasonable efforts to provide your electric service, but does not guarantee a continuous supply of electricity. AEP Energy will not be responsible for any failure to commence or terminate Generation Service on the relevant date described herein. Certain causes and events are out of the reasonable control of AEP Energy and may result in interruptions in service. AEP Energy is not liable for damages caused by acts of God, changes in laws, rules or regulations or other acts of any governmental authority (including the PUCO or RTO), accidents, strikes, labor troubles, required maintenance work, inability to access the local distribution utility system, nonperformance by the EDU or any other cause beyond AEP Energy's reasonable control.

**11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND REMEDIES.** UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, ANY LIABILITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO DIRECT, ACTUAL DAMAGES AS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. NEITHER PARTY WILL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR CONSEQUENTIAL,

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INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, TREBLE, EXEMPLARY OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, WHETHER IN TORT OR CONTRACT, UNDER ANY INDEMNITY PROVISIONS OR OTHERWISE, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON REMEDIES AND DAMAGE MEASUREMENT WILL BE WITHOUT REGARD TO CAUSE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY, WHETHER SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE.

**12. Your Liability and Indemnification of AEP Energy.** You assume full responsibility for retail electricity furnished to you at and after the Delivery Point and agree to and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless AEP Energy, its parent company and all of its affiliates, and all of their respective managers, members, officers, directors, shareholders, associates, employees, servants, and agents from and against all claims, losses, expenses, damages, demands, judgments, causes of action, and suits of any kind (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Claims"), including Claims for personal injury, death, or damages to property occurring at and after the Delivery Point, including upon your residential or business premises (as applicable), arising out of or related to the Generation Service and/or your performance under this Agreement.

**13. Assignment.** You shall not assign this Agreement or your rights hereunder without the prior written consent of AEP Energy. AEP Energy may, without your consent, assign this Agreement to another CRES provider, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

**14. Choice of Law; Severability.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio without giving effect to any conflicts of law principles which otherwise might be applicable. Any provision or section of this Agreement declared or rendered void,

unlawful, or otherwise unenforceable shall not otherwise affect the lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement.

**15. Miscellaneous.** You have the right to request from AEP Energy, twice within a twelve (12)-month period, up to twenty-four (24) months of payment history, without charge. AEP Energy is prohibited from disclosing your social security number and/or account number(s) without your affirmative written consent except for AEP Energy's collections and reporting, participating in programs funded by the universal service fund pursuant to section 4928.54 of the Ohio Revised Code, or assigning your contract to another CRES provider. AEP Energy 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. AEP Energy reserves the right to re-price any account(s) or return you to the EDU if your rate code or meter type is changed and/or the account is no longer eligible for the aggregation program. Any notice, demand or other communication to be given hereunder, including, without limitation, any termination notice, shall be in writing and sent to the address or email address maintained on file for you. By providing AEP Energy your email address, you agree to receive notices electronically, where permitted under applicable law. This Agreement supersedes all prior written or oral agreements or understandings. AEP Energy's environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website at [AEPenergy.com](http://AEPenergy.com). You agree that AEP Energy will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website. We will also provide the information to you upon request.

**16. Contact Information.** AEP Energy, 1 Easton Oval, Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43219, Attn: Customer Care. For more information, call 1-877-726-0214 or visit [AEPenergy.com/help](http://AEPenergy.com/help).

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January 5, 2018

Opt-Out Deadline

January 26, 2018

## Paris Township

### Electric Aggregation Enrollment Notification

Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program which provides you the opportunity to save money on your electric bill. These savings are possible through governmental aggregation, a community purchasing program where community officials use group buying power to purchase electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. This program was approved by voters in your community in November 2011.

#### How You Benefit

By participating in this aggregation program, you will receive exclusive pricing on your electric generation:

	Your Electric Utility	Variable Price	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	Ohio Edison	6% off Price to Compare	March 2021	\$25.00
Small Business	Ohio Edison	4% off Price to Compare	March 2021	\$50.00

FirstEnergy Solutions, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., has been selected by your community to provide your electric generation. If you're not already participating, this is your chance to join. If you're already participating, this is your opportunity to extend your savings.

#### Same Reliable Service

Your electric utility will continue to maintain the system that delivers power to your home – no new poles or wires will be built by FirstEnergy Solutions. You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility with your FirstEnergy Solutions charges included. The only thing you'll notice is savings. There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and you do not need to do anything to participate.

#### Enrollment Information

If you are not currently receiving electric generation from FirstEnergy Solutions, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your selection of FirstEnergy Solutions as your electric generation provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your contract with FirstEnergy Solutions within seven days of its postmark. To remain a member of the community's electric governmental aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives. If you are currently enrolled in the community's aggregation program, you will not receive a letter from your electric utility.

#### Opt-Out Information

If you are a new member of the program, you will see your electric savings from FirstEnergy Solutions after your enrollment has been completed and your switch has been finalized – approximately 30-45 days, depending upon your meter read date. Of course, you are not obligated to participate in the community's electric governmental aggregation program. If you do not want to participate in this savings program, you have until the opt-out deadline to return the attached "opt-out" form below. If you do not opt out at this time and leave the program at a later date, you might not be served under the same rates or terms and conditions that apply to other customers served by your utility. Once enrolled, you will receive a notice at least every three years asking if you wish to remain in the program. If you leave the program at any other time, you could be subject to the early termination fee listed above.

Please refer to the enclosed Terms and Conditions and FAQs for more information. If you have any questions, please call FirstEnergy Solutions toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Please do not contact your community with electric aggregation program questions.**

Sincerely,

Paris Township

#### OPT-OUT FORM

##### Option 1: Do Nothing to Save

You will be enrolled automatically if you do not respond to this letter.

OR

##### Option 2: Return this Opt-Out Form

To opt out, this form must be received by FirstEnergy Solutions by the deadline.

##### Opt-Out Deadline

January 26, 2018

Service Address (City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ By checking this box, I choose to opt out of my community electric governmental aggregation program.

Return opt-out form to: Community Electric Aggregation Program, 341 White Pond Drive, Bldg. B3, Akron, Ohio 44320



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## 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 and begin receiving your discount 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. If you have a fixed price, the price you will receive each month does not change. With a variable price, the discount you will receive each month does not change. But because the actual price per kWh charged by the utility may change each month (based on the season and your usage), the price per kWh from FirstEnergy Solutions will also change each month. If you receive a variable price, based on a tiered pricing structure, your initial price will remain consistent each month through the meter-read date of the first tier outlined in your Agreement's Terms & Conditions. At that time, your price will change but then remain consistent 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). To estimate your savings on a % off discount, locate the PTC on your electric bill. Divide your PTC by 100, then multiply it by the % discount (ex: 6% = 0.06) to determine your savings per kWh. Multiply this by your total monthly usage for an average monthly savings estimate.

### **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 saving with FirstEnergy Solutions.

### **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 and commercial and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan.

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

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Residential and Small Commercial - Terms and Conditions	
Governmental Aggregation Product	<b>Variable Price – % OFF PTC</b>
Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU")	<b>Ohio Edison Company</b>
Price and Length of Agreement	<b>6% off your EDU Price to Compare ("PTC") through your March 2021 meter read</b>
Cancellation/Termination Fee	<b>\$25.00</b>

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