

May 27th, 2020

Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

CASE # 14-0959-EL-GAG

RE: Electric Governmental Aggregator Renewal Application — Village of Tiltonsville, Jefferson County, OH.

Village of Tiltonsville is pleased to submit its renewal application for electric governmental aggregator. The original application has been notarized and signed by an authorized official.

#### Material provided for review:

- Application for Governmental Aggregations and Affidavit
- Exhibit A-2 Authorizing Ordinance reflecting voter authorization;
- Exhibit A-3 Plan of Operation and Governance;
- Exhibit A-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure;

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (614) 425.4885.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Belcastro Principal 614.425.4885 scott@electricsuppliers.org



Original GAG Case Number

Version

14 - 959 -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\_Village of Tiltonsville, Jefferson County, OH
Address\_P.O Box 127, Tiltonsville, OH 43963
PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified\_14-832E(3) effective July 25, 2018
Telephone # (740) 859-4692 Web site address (if any)

- A-2 <u>Exhibit A-2 "Authorizing Ordinance"</u> 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 <u>Revised Code</u>.
- A-3 <u>Exhibit A-3 "Operation and Governance Plan"</u> 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 <u>Revised Code</u>. 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 interout of aggregation area

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My Committee

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

16 Lexington Ave., Suite 301	I, Mansfield, OH 44907	
5.4885	Fax # 614.417.0410	
scott@electricsuppliers.c	org	X
2	5.4885	216 Lexington Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907

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

Name Scott Belcastre	0		
Title Principal			
Business address 1	216 Lexington Ave., Suite 3	01, Mansfield, OH 44907	
Telephone # 614.42	5.4885	Fax # 614.417.0410	
E-mail address	scott@electricsupplier	s.org	

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

Customer Service address 1216 Lexington Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907

Toll-free Telephone #877.861.2772 Fax # 614.417.0410

E-mail address scott@electricsuppliers.org

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Sworn and subscribed before me this Month

day of MAY, 2020

Print Name and Title

Signature of official administering oath

Print Name and 11th

My commission expires on August 11, 2024

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# <u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

State of DHIO:

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Jason.	Stagley, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:
He/She is the	(Office of Affiant) of TiltonSville (Name of Applicant);
	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.

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.

 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

- 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 optout (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 Month

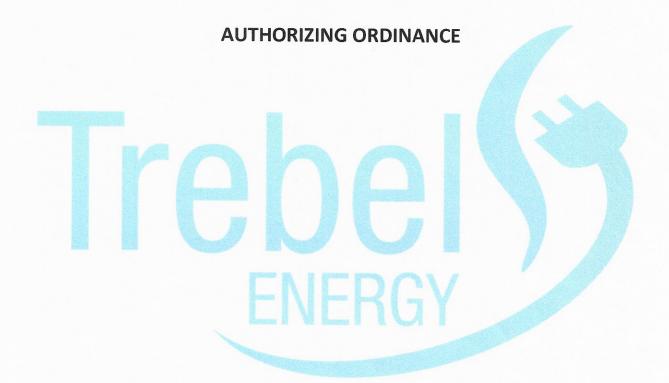
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Signature of official administering oath

My commission expires on AUGUST 11, 2024

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#### **EXHIBIT A-2**





Ordinance No.	#010	-201	-fs
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Whereas, The Ohio Legislature has enacted electric deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3") which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate the retail electrical loads located within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity ("Governmental Aggregation"); and

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

Whereas, Governmental Aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electricity rates which would not otherwise be available to those electricity customers individually; and

Whereas, this Council, seeks to establish a Governmental Aggregation program with optout provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code (the "Aggregation Program") for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Tiltonsville, Ohio that:

Section 1: This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village to establish this Aggregation Program in the Village. Provided that the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Village pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance, the Village is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within the Village, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. The Village may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township or county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law. The aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling or using an electric load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 2: The Board of Elections of Jefferson County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Village at the election on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

Shall the Village of Tiltonsville have the authority to aggregate the retail electric load located in the Village, and for that purpose, enter into services agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

The Clerk of this Council is instructed to immediately file a certified copy of this ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to the election. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this ordinance and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: Upon approval of a majority of the electors voting at the general election provided for in Section 2 of this Ordinance, this Council, individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, may develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Council shall hold at least two public hearings on the plan. Before the first hearing, notice of the hearings shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time and place of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Council shall aggregate the electric load of any electric load center within the Village unless it, in advance, clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, or using the load center that the person will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by a stated procedure not to be so enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions, of enrollment. The stated procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt- out of the program at least every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the state procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under division (a) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

Section 4: 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 the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, incompliance 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 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village and the inhabitants thereof, and for further reasons that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to file a certified copy of this ordinance and the

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proposed form of the ballot question with the Jefferson Board of Elections not later than ninety (90) days prior to the May  $6^{th}$ , 2014 election, as provided herein; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members elected and appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by

Mayor

Date

Fiscal Officer

Date

#### RESOLUTION # 012-2016

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S INTENT TO RENEW THE GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION IN THE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING TREBEL, LLC TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE THE RENEWAL APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §4928.20(A) provides that the legislative authority of a municipal corporation may adopt an Ordinance, under which, on or after the starting date of competitive retail electric service, it may aggregate in accordance with ORC §4928.20(A) the retail electric loans located, respectively, within the municipal corporation, may enter into service agreement to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tiltonsville was provided a certificate as a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider to provide governmental aggregation services effective June 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tiltonsville would like to continue to provide competitive retail electric services for the citizens of the Village under the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the Village of Tiltonsville's PUCO certificate expires on June 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the PUCO requires Aggregators to begin the renewal process no more than 60 days in advance and no less than 30 days prior to expiration; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Tiltonsville to continue with the PUCO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the Village of Tiltonsville, Jefferson County and State of Ohio by a majority of all members elected concurring:

Section 1:	Authorize Trebel, LLC to execute an extension, a renewal application, as well
	as any documents associated with the renewal of the governmental aggregation
	to maintain its status with the PUCO.

- Section 2: That the Mayor, Council President, and/or Clerk Treasurer is authorized to sign all the necessary documents for the renewal application.
- Section 3: That the recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.
- Section 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concurring and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council in compliance with all legal requirements.
- Section 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of the Village of

Tiltonsville, and further so that the proposed project can be scheduled in a timely fashion to allow for completion during Fiscal Year 2016 and provided that it received the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in forced at the earliest period allowable by law.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2016

ATTEST

Korrene Prince, Clerk/Treasurer

Tyrone Lollini, Mayor

#### **EXHIBIT A-3**

**OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN** 

# Trebels ENERGY

# VILLAGE OF TILTONSVILLE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

# OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN

Prepared by:



Amended and Adopted on July 17, 2018

#### I. Overview

In May 2014, a majority of voters authorized the Village of Tiltonsville ("Village") to create a form of government electric aggregation known as "opt-out" aggregation and to create an opt-out electric aggregation program ("the Aggregation Program") as provided under Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the opt-out electric aggregation program, all eligible electric consumers within the Village's limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program initially. However, all consumers will also be given the opportunity to opt out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program as detailed herein. Additionally, Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis.

The purpose of the Aggregation Program is to represent local consumer interests in emerging competitive electricity markets by combining multiple electric loads within the Village's limits and negotiating affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of local consumers. The Village may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other legislative authorities.

Many small commercial and residential electric consumers lack the knowledge, expertise, and bargaining power to effectively negotiate power supply rates and services. A governmental aggregation program provides these consumers with an option for expert representation and the bargaining power of a larger, more diverse consumer group that may be more attractive to suppliers, allowing them to effectively participate in the competitive process and achieve the benefits of retail electric competition.

The Aggregation Program is designed to combine multiple electric loads in order to obtain the best electric generation rate available for those who participate in the Aggregation Program, and to gain other favorable economic and non-economic terms in supply agreements. The Village will not buy and resell power, but will act as the agent for the Aggregation Program, representing the collective interests of the consumers in the Village to establish the terms and conditions for service. Through a negotiation process, the Village and its Consultant will develop a contract with a Competitive Retail Electric Services Provider (CRES Provider) or Providers for firm, all-requirements electric service. The contract will run for a fixed term (i.e., one to five years).

The Aggregation Program covers the power supply or generation portion only of a Participant's electric bill. AEP will continue to deliver electricity to Aggregation Program Participants' homes and businesses through the electric transmission and distribution system as an electric distribution utility function regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). AEP will also continue to install, operate and maintain their systems of poles, wires, transformers, and other electric distribution components. Aggregation Program Participants should continue to call AEP if their power goes out or if they have billing questions. The PUCO will continue to oversee AEP electric safety and reliability service standards.

#### II. Process

Under an opt-out aggregation program, each eligible consumer within the Village's boundaries initially will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program on a non-discriminatory basis. However, prior to actual enrollment, each consumer for whom electric rates, terms, and conditions have been negotiated will receive a notice from the Village detailing the Aggregation Program's rates, terms, and conditions.

Each consumer will then have a 21-day period to opt out of or decline to participate in the Aggregation Program without additional fees charged. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on AEP's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider. If the term of the Aggregation Program is longer than three years, a similar opt-out period will be offered every three years during which time consumers can leave the Aggregation Program without paying an early termination fee or penalty.

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Village cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. Opt-in Participants enrolling in the Aggregation Program will execute an opt-in contract with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program.

Participants who relocate within the Village's limits and retain the same electric account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as at their former location, provided the utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the utility.

The Village, through its Consultant, will negotiate a contract with a CRES Provider to implement and operate the Aggregation Program. Contracts for power supply and other related services will be negotiated, recommended, and monitored for compliance by the Village's Consultant on behalf of local consumers.

The Village developed this Plan of Operation and Governance in compliance with Ohio law regarding governmental aggregation programs and opt-out aggregation of electric consumers.

After adoption of this Plan of Operation and Governance by resolution or ordinance pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Village will file such Plan with the PUCO and will likewise maintain its certification as a governmental aggregator with the PUCO and its registration as a governmental aggregator with AEP.



#### III. Plan of Operation and Governance

#### A. Definitions

- 1. **Aggregation:** Combining the electric loads of multiple customers for the purpose of supplying or arranging for the supply of competitive retail electric service to those customers.
- 2. **Aggregation Program Manager or Consultant:** The individual or company retained by the Village to oversee the operation and management of the Village's Aggregation Program.
- 3. Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES): A component of retail electric service that is deemed competitive under the Ohio Revised Code or pursuant to an order of the PUCO. This includes, but is not limited to, the services provided by competitive retail electric service providers, power marketers, aggregators, and governmental aggregators.
- 4. Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider (CRES Provider): A person or entity certified by the PUCO and registered with an electric distribution utility which supplies or offers to supply a competitive retail electric service over an electric distribution utility's transmission and/or distribution system. This term does not apply to an electric distribution utility in its provision of standard offer generation service.
- 5. **Consumer:** Any person or entity that is an end user of electricity and is connected to any part of the applicable electric distribution utility's transmission or distribution system within the Village's boundaries.
- 6. **Delivery Charge:** Charge imposed by the electric distribution utility for delivering electricity to a consumer's home or business. The charge includes meter reading, billing, maintaining electric system reliability and responding during emergencies and outages (also called a distribution charge).
- 7. **Distribution:** The delivery of electricity to a consumer's home or business over an electric distribution utility's local poles, wires, transformers, substations, and other equipment. Electric distribution utilities' distribution system operations are regulated by the PUCO.
- 8. Electric-Related Service: A service that is directly related to the consumption of electricity at a consumer's home or business. This may include, but is not limited to, the installation of demand side management measures at a consumer's premises, the maintenance, repair or replacement of appliances, lighting, motors or other energy-consuming devices at a



- consumer's premises, and the provision of energy consumption measurement and billing services.
- 9. **Electric Supply Charge:** All charges related to the generation of electricity by the CRES Provider.
- 10. **Governmental Aggregator:** An incorporated village or city, township, or county acting as an aggregator for the provision of a CRES under authority conferred by Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 11. **Kilowatt-hour (kWh):** A kilowatt-hour is 1,000 watts of electricity used for one hour. For example, a 1,000-watt appliance operating for one hour will consume one kilowatt-hour of electricity. Consumers are charged for electricity in cents per kilowatt-hour.
- 12. **Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC):** The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) was established by the Ohio Legislature in 1976 to represent the interests of Ohio's residential utility customers served by investor-owned utilities in proceedings before the PUCO, other regulatory agencies, and in the courts.
- 13. **Participant:** An eligible consumer enrolled in the Village's Aggregation Program.
- 14. Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO): The state agency charged with assuring that all residential and business consumers have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices.
- 15. **Standard Offer Generation Service:** The electric generation service a consumer will receive from its default electric service provider if the customer does not choose a CRES Provider.

#### B. Aggregation Program Management

Due to the complexity of the electric utility industry, the Village has entered into an Energy Management and Consulting Agreement with the Consultant to provide the necessary expertise to represent the Village's interests in legislative and regulatory matters and to serve as the Aggregation Program Manager. Such services may include, but are not limited to, overall management of the Aggregation Program, facilitating consumer enrollment and the opt-out process, assisting with consumer education, addressing consumer questions and concerns, providing reports on program operation, negotiating CRES Provider contracts, providing analysis and review of the Village's energy service usage and costs, and providing consulting services to aggregate and procure energy and/or energy-



related services, products, and accounts, and representing the Village in dealings with CRES Providers, the Ohio Legislature, the PUCO, and the OCC.

The CRES Provider's rates will include an administrative fee, which shall be collected on behalf of the Village to fund the implementation and administration of the Village's Aggregation Program, including consulting fees. The administrative fee may be adjusted annually to cover the Village's cost of administering the program.

Oversight of the Aggregation Program will be the responsibility of the Village's Consultant, in consultation with the Village. The Consultant, in consultation with the Village, will have the authority to develop specifications for the Aggregation Program. The CRES Provider will work under the direction of the Consultant with the advice and counsel of the Village.

#### C. Selection of a CRES Provider and Contract

The Village will not buy and resell power to Aggregation Program Participants. The Village, through its Consultant, will negotiate with potential CRES providers to provide affordable, reliable electric supply, and other electric-related services on behalf of local consumers. The Village will consider cooperating with other governmental aggregators if it appears beneficial to do so.

Through a negotiation process driven by its Consultant, the Village will develop a contract with a CRES Provider or Providers for firm, all-requirements service. Each Aggregation Program Participant shall be individually bound by the terms and conditions found in the opt-out notice and the contract and shall be solely responsible for payment and performance. The Village will contract only with a CRES Provider that possesses, at a minimum, the following criteria:

- 1. Is certified as a CRES Provider by the PUCO;
- 2. Is registered with AEP;
- 3. Has a service agreement under AEP's Open Access Transmission Tariff;
- 4. Has successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with AEP, and the CRES Provider's EDI computer system is capable of effectively processing Aggregation Program EDI transactions in a timely manner;
- 5. Will maintain a database of Aggregation Program Participants, which will include all necessary information for the CRES Provider, Village, and Consultant to serve and manage the Aggregation Program;
- 6. Meets standards of creditworthiness established by the Village;



- 7. Has or has arranged for a customer call center capable of effectively handling Participants' questions, concerns and disputes in a timely manner using a toll-free telephone number;
- 8. Holds the Village harmless from any financial obligations arising from offering electricity and/or energy-related services to Aggregation Program Participants; and
- 9. Will assist the Village and its Consultant with the filing of reports required by Ohio law and the PUCO.

The CRES Provider's contract will run for a fixed term (i.e., one to five years) and contain all pricing, charges, switching fees, etc. in clear and easily understandable terms.

The Village will require any CRES Provider to disclose any subcontractors that it uses in fulfillment of the services described herein.

#### D. Electric Supply Charges

The Village, through its Consultant, will aggregate electric loads within the Village's applicable boundaries (including Village facilities) and negotiate mutually agreeable pricing, terms, and conditions of service with the CRES Provider for affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of Participants. The Village may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other entities. CRES Providers will supply information on electric supply charges by utility customer rate classification or other appropriate pricing category as approved by the Village. All electric supply charges will be fully and prominently disclosed in consumer enrollment materials, the opt-out notice, and will be subject to approval by the Village.

#### E. AEP's Regulated Customer Classifications and Rates

The applicable electric distribution utility assigns customer rate classifications, character of service, and associated regulated rates subject to PUCO-approved tariffs. In addition to the CRES Provider's generation charges, consumers will continue to be billed for AEP's service and delivery charges. Although the Village may participate in regulatory proceedings and represent the interests of consumers regarding these regulated rates, it cannot assign or alter customer rate classifications.

It is the intention of the Village to offer its Aggregation Program to eligible residential and non-mercantile commercial customers in any and all customer classifications, and in all rate categories, for which the CRES Provider can offer a savings compared to the electric distribution utility's avoidable costs or price to compare.



#### F. Developing the Pool of Eligible Accounts

The Village or its Consultant shall request the electric distribution utility to provide current customer information for all customers within the Village's boundaries. The provided information shall include the following:

- Customer name;
- Customer service address;
- Customer billing address;
- Electric distribution utility customer account number;
- Electric distribution utility rate code;
- Electric distribution utility PIPP code;
- Customer load data;
- Whether or not a customer has a present contract with a CRES Provider; and
- Whether or not a customer has a special service contract with the electric distribution utility.

From this information, the Village, its Consultant, and the CRES Provider will develop the pool of customers eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program, for which the CRES Provider can offer savings.

#### G. Initial Consumer Notification and Enrollment

After contract approval by the Village and its Consultant, the CRES Provider will work with the Village, its Consultant, and the electric distribution utility to identify all eligible consumers within the Village's boundaries.

All eligible consumers will be notified in writing of the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of participation in the Aggregation Program and that they will be automatically enrolled in the Aggregation Program unless they opt out of, or decline participation in, the Aggregation Program. Consumers will be given 21 days from the postmark date of the opt-out letter in which to notify the Village that they wish to opt out of, or decline participation in, the Aggregation Program without penalty fees. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on the applicable utility's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider.

Consumers may opt out of the Aggregation Program by returning a post card or other form provided in the opt-out letter, by phone and other means.



After the initial 21-day opt out period has elapsed, all eligible consumers who have not notified the Village of their desire to opt out of the Aggregation Program will be enrolled automatically by the CRES Provider at the earliest date practicable. No other affirmative steps will be required of consumers in order to be included in the Aggregation Program as Participants.

Consumers ineligible to participate in the Aggregation Program include those customer accounts that are located outside the Village's boundaries, customers who are already in contract with a CRES provider, customers in a "special rate" contract with an electric distribution utility, and Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) consumers and consumers whose accounts are not current with their present electric distribution utility, as appropriate. The aggregation of PIPP customers is under the direction of the State of Ohio.

Consumers enrolled in the Aggregation Program by the CRES Provider will receive a letter from their electric distribution utility notifying them of their enrollment. Consumers will have seven calendar days to notify the electric distribution utility of any objection to their enrollment in the Aggregation Program. The applicable electric distribution utility will notify the CRES Provider of consumer objections or any reason that a consumer was not enrolled in the Aggregation Program and the CRES Provider will maintain a list of customers who have opted out under the Aggregation Program rules.

The CRES Provider will report to the Village the status of the Aggregation Program enrollment on at least a quarterly basis.

#### H. Leaving the Aggregation Program

In addition to the initial opt-out period described above, each Participant will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Aggregation Program every three years without paying an early termination fee or penalty as required by law and PUCO rules. Consumers who choose to opt out of the Aggregation Program at any time other than during the initial 21-day opt-out period or during subsequent opt-out periods offered by the Village may be subject to an early termination fee and may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric distribution utility.

Any consumer who opts out of the Aggregation Program during the initial opt-out period or subsequent opt-out periods will be returned to their electric distribution utility's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as the consumer selects another approved CRES Provider.

#### I. CRES Provider Responsibilities



The CRES Provider will build and maintain a database of all Aggregation Program Participants. The database will include the name, address, utility service delivery identification (SDI) number, and other pertinent information as agreed upon by the Village, Consultant, and the CRES Provider. Such information may include the CRES Provider's account number (if different from utility's SDI number), rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months of kWh consumption and kW demand, and meter reading cycle. The Aggregation Program database will be updated at least quarterly. The Village will have the right to access information in the database for purposes of auditing.

The CRES Provider will provide and maintain the required Electronic Data Interchange computer system to effectively process Aggregation Program enrollments, opt outs, billing, etc., with the applicable electric distribution utility.

The CRES Provider will provide a local or toll-free telephone number for Participant questions or concerns about enrollment, opt-out provisions, billing, and other Aggregation Program issues.

The CRES Provider will develop internal controls and processes to help ensure that the Village remains in good standing as a governmental aggregator that complies with all laws, rules, and regulations regarding the same as they may be periodically amended.

#### J. New and Returning Participants

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Village cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. Opt-in Participants enrolling in the Aggregation Program will execute an opt-in contract with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program. Consumers may contact the Village's consultant to obtain current enrollment information and the opt-in contract.

Participants who relocate within the Village limits and retain the same electric utility account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as at their former location, provided the electric utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the consumer's former electric distribution utility. The CRES Provider will comply with all local, state and federal



rules and regulations regarding discontinuing service to Aggregation Program Participants.

#### K. Billing

At this time, the Village plans to utilize the applicable electric distribution utility's consolidated billing service in which each consumer account receives one bill itemizing the CRES Provider's electric supply charges and electric distribution utility's delivery, and other PUCO-approved charges. The billing statement will be consistent with applicable PUCO rules and regulations. The Village will consider other billing options, including CRES Provider consolidated or dual billing, if and when they become available and if it appears advantageous to do so.

#### L. Questions and Concerns

The Aggregation Program only impacts the source of generation or power supply. The applicable electric distribution utility will continue to deliver the electricity purchased through the Aggregation Program to Participants' homes and businesses through its electric transmission and distribution system.

Participants with questions or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a power outage, a downed power line, sparking power lines or equipment, low voltage, etc., should continue to contact their electric distribution utility. Meter reading or other billing questions should also be directed to AEP. Questions regarding Aggregation Program enrollment and opting out should be directed to the CRES Provider. Any other general questions regarding the Aggregation Program should be directed to the Village's Consultant.

<b>Question or Concern</b>	Contact	Phone Number
Power outage or	AEP	1-800-672-2231
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Connect/disconnect	AEP	1-800-672-2231
service		
Meter reading/billing	AEP	1-800-672-2231
Enrollment in or opting	CRES Provider	1-888-XXX-XXXX
out of Aggregation	Trebel LLC	1-877-861-2772
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Aggregation Program	Trebel LLC	1-877-861-2772
Questions or Concerns	olduliava so llete energe 9 r	shagargy A pali sebra saire
Unresolved disputes	PUCO	1-800-686-7826 (voice)
	assession contact the house	1-800-686-1570 (TDD)



#### M. Reliability and Indemnification of Consumers

Electric service reliability is essential to Aggregation Program Participants. The Village will strive to provide high-quality service and reliability through provisions of the CRES Provider contract, through traditional proceedings related to your electric distribution utility's regulated transmission and distribution services, and through direct discussions with your electric distribution utility concerning specific or general problems related to quality and reliability of its transmission and distribution system.

If for any reason a CRES Provider fails to provide uninterrupted service, the Village and its Consultant will attempt to acquire an alternative power supply. If this attempt fails, Participants will default to the applicable electric utility's Standard Offer Generation Service. In no case will Participants be without power as a result of the CRES Provider's failure to provide the supply of generation. The Village and its Consultant will seek to minimize this risk by contracting only with reputable CRES Providers that have demonstrated reliable service. The Village, through its Consultant, also intends to include conditions in its CRES Provider contract that will indemnify Participants against risks or problems with power supply service and price.

#### N. Participant Rights

All Aggregation Program Participants shall enjoy the protections of law afforded to consumers as they currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time. These include rights to question billings or service quality or service practices. All consumers shall also enjoy the individual right to decline participation in the Aggregation Program subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All Aggregation Program Participants will be treated equitably. They will be guaranteed the rights to raise and resolve disputes with the CRES Provider, be provided all required notices and information, and always retain the right to opt out of the Aggregation Program or switch suppliers subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All consumers within the Village's boundaries shall be eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program on a non-discriminatory basis, subject to the terms and conditions described herein, Ohio law, PUCO rules and regulations governing electric service, and the applicable electric utility's approved tariffs.

Service under the Aggregation Program shall be available to all eligible customer classes. CRES Provider contracts shall also contain non-discrimination provisions to ensure the equitable treatment of all customer classes.



Low-income consumers shall remain subject to all provisions of Ohio law and PUCO rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time regarding their rights to return to the applicable electric utility's Standard Offer Generation Service and participation in the Aggregation Program.

#### O. Participant Responsibilities

Aggregation Program Participants are subject to the same standards and responsibilities as other electric consumers, including payment of billings and access to metering and other equipment necessary to carry out utility operations.

#### P. Termination of the Aggregation Program

The Aggregation Program may be discontinued upon the termination or expiration of the CRES Provider contract without any extension, renewal, or subsequent contract being executed. In the event of Aggregation Program termination, each Participant will receive written notification of the termination at least 60 days prior to such program termination and will have the option to return to the applicable electric utility's Standard Generation Offer Service or select another approved CRES Provider.

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# ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM Village of Tiltonsville, OHIO

PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

Adopted by the Village of Tiltonsville May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### 1. Purpose of Electric Aggregation Program

This Operations and Governance Plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4928.20 regarding governmental aggregation of electric service. The Village of Tiltonsville ("the Village") Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail electric loads of consumers located in the Village to negotiate the best rates for the generation supply of electric power. It has the potential to combine residential and small commercial customers into a buying pool that will be attractive to third party suppliers. Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer has the opportunity to decline to participate (become a "Member") in the Program and to stay with or return to the standard offer of service from The Ohio Power Company ("Utility") or to enter into a power supply contract with any competitive retail electric supplier.

#### 2. The Process for Municipal Aggregation

The process of governmental aggregation is set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 4928.20. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Tiltonsville voters approved the development of a form of government electric aggregation known as "opt-out" aggregation. As required by state law, the Village Council passed an Ordinance which authorized submitting the selection of opt-out aggregation to the Village's voters.

As required by regulations of the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO), the Village has developed this Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance" (the "Plan"). The Village will file an application with the PUCO for certification as a Government Aggregator as soon as the Village Council approves the Plan. Public notice of public hearings to consider the Plan was published in the Times Leader on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and two public hearings were conducted on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 and 6 pm in accordance with section 4928.20 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code. The Optout Notice for the Village's Program will be sent to all eligible electric customers in the Village upon selection of a supplier and approval by the Village Council.

Under the Opt-out program, all eligible electric consumers within the Village 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. These customers can opt out during the period of time specified in the notification sent to all eligible customers which shall be at least twenty-one days from the date of the postmark on the written notice. A similar opt-out period will be offered every two to three years during which Members can leave the Village's Program without paying a penalty.

Upon certification, the Village Council of Tiltonsville will select its Retail Electric Generation Provider ("Retail Electric Generation Provider" or "Provider"), to provide the electric power for the Tiltonsville Aggregation Program. Under this Program, the Utility will continue to deliver the electricity purchased from the Village's provider, and all metering, repairs and emergency service will continue to be provided by the Utility.

All eligible load centers within the Village consuming less than 700,000 kWh over the most recent 12 months that do not opt out will be automatically enrolled in the Program. For eligible commercial and industrial customers with a peak load demand over the past 12 months of 100 kW or greater, the customer shall pay for any interval meter required, and the customer is responsible for paying the installation and maintenance of an analog phone line or cellular phone modem.

#### 3. Operational Plan

- 3.1 Provider: Tiltonsville will use a contractor to perform and manage aggregation services for its Members. The Village will select its Provider once certified by the PUCO. The Provider shall provide adequate, accurate, and understandable pricing terms and conditions of service, including any switching fees and the conditions under which a Member may rescind a contract without penalty. The Provider must provide the Village, if requested, an electronic file containing the Members' usage, and charges. The Provider must have a local Tiltonsville phone number or a toll free number for Members to call.
- 3.2 <u>Database</u>: The Retail Electric Generation Provider will maintain a database of all Members, which shall include the name, address, Utility account number, the Provider's account number for each Member and other pertinent information such as rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months usage and demand, and meter read cycle. This database will be updated at least quarterly. The Provider shall implement a process that will be able to accommodate at a minimum Members who (i) leave the program due to relocation outside the Village, (ii) opt out; (iii) decide to enter the Program: (iv) relocate within the Village, and (v) move into the Village and desire to enter the Program. This database shall be capable of eliminating Percentage of Income Payment Plan ("PIPP") customers from the Program, those customers who are on the "Do Not Aggregate" list maintained by PUCO, those customers served by other providers of competitive retail electric service and those who have opted out.
- 3.3 <u>Member Education:</u> The Provider will develop, in consultation with the Village, an educational program that provides Members with general information about the Aggregation Program, provides updates and disclosures required by Ohio law and regulations, and implements a process to allow any Member enrolled in the Program to opt-out of the program at least every three years, without paying a penalty to the Village or to the Provider.
- 3.4 <u>Customer Service:</u> Members will have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability should be directed to the Utility as appropriate, questions regarding the Program administration should go to the Village, and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and/or The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (for Members who are residential consumers). Listed below is a table of toll-free numbers for members to call for assistance.

Nature of Complaint	Contact	Phone Number
Power interruptions or outages	The Ohio Power Co.	1-800-672-2231
Power turn on/off	The Ohio Power Co.	1-800-672-2231
Billing disputes	The Ohio Power Co.	1-800-672-2231
Joining/leaving Program	Energy Provider	TBD
Unresolved disputes	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	1-800-686-7826
	Ohio Office of Consumers' Counsel	1-800-613-6743

Members should make all efforts to address complaints or concerns in accordance with the guidance provided above for Handling Customer Complaints. If Members are unable to resolve their concerns through these channels, they may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio or (if they are residential customers) the Ohio Office of the Consumers' Counsel at the telephone numbers set forth above.

3.5 <u>Billing:</u> The Ohio Power Company will include Provider's charges for generation service on its monthly invoice. There will be no administrative fee for billing charged by the Provider. Provider may provide a budget billing option to residential accounts for supplier related charges. Provider must be able to obtain at least 7 months of historical usage for the account or premise. Billing statements rendered by the Utility reflecting charges of Provider shall comply with the guidelines issued by PUCO.

Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of the Utility. This Program will not be responsible for late or no payment on the part of any of its Members. Collection and credit procedures remain the responsibility of the Utility, the Provider and the individual Member.

- 3.6 Notification to the Utility: The Village's consumers that do not opt-out of the Village's Aggregation Program will be enrolled automatically in the Program. Members in the Village's Aggregation Program will not be asked to take other affirmative steps in order to be included in the Program. To the extent that the Utility requires notification of participation by Members, the Village will coordinate with the Provider to submit such notice to the Utility. Provider will inform the Utility of any consumers who may have been permitted to join the Program after the expiration of the enrollment period.
- 3.7 Rates: The prices to be charged by the Retail Electric Generation Provider to Members in the Program will be set by Village Council after negotiations with the Provider. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program through the local newspaper and the Village's website and in Opt-out forms sent to all eligible consumers by the Provider. Final Opt-out forms and any supplemental Opt-out forms will be docketed with the PUCO no more than 30 days but at least 10 days prior to mailings as the regulations require.

- 3.8 <u>Charges:</u> Certain fees assessed by the Utility are non-bypassable, and will continue to be billed by the Utility. These charges apply whether a consumer in the Village becomes a Member of the Program or opts out.
- 3.9 <u>Switching Fees:</u> There are no switching fees assessed to customers that join the governmental aggregation program from the Utility standard offer. The Provider shall not assess a fee to join the Program.
- 3.10 <u>Program Participation:</u> Customers who meet the following criteria will become members of the aggregation Program:

Have not opted out of the Program

Are not participants in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)

Are not included on the PUCO's "Do Not Aggregate" List

- Are not receiving competitive retail electric service from another provider
- Are not receiving service under a special arrangement with the Utility
- Have a Utility rate code that permits shopping for electric generation supplies.
- 3.11 Opt-Out Disclosure: The Village has adopted an "Opt-out" form of Governmental Aggregation pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Village will notify in writing consumers owning, occupying or using a load center that the consumers will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the consumer affirmatively elects by the following procedure not to be so enrolled. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided by the Utility unless or until the person chooses an alternative Supplier.

#### Opt-out Procedure:

- The Village distributes the Opt-Out Form (refer to Exhibit A "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure");
- Recipients have at least twenty-one (21) days from the date of postmark on the written notice to notify the Village or its designee of election to opt out;

3. The Village will exclude those opting out from the Program;

- 4. Customers who do not opt out using this procedure will receive written notification from the Utility stating that they are about to be switched to the Program and have seven (7) days if they wish to rescind the contract;
- 5. The Provider will commence generation service to Members who have not rescinded their contracts within the seven (7) day notification period beginning with the Member's normal meter read date within the month when power deliveries begin under the Aggregation Program.

 Every three years, Members will be notified of their right to opt out of the Program without paying any penalty, following the same procedure for

opting out set forth above.

- 7. At any other time, a Member may opt out of the Program but may be required to pay an early termination fee.
- 3.12 <u>Policies for Customers Moving Into/Out of the Municipality:</u> Members who have left the Program or who have moved into the Village may contact the Village or its Provider 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.
- 3.13 Reliability of Power Supply: The Program will only affect the generation source of power. The Utility will continue to deliver power through its delivery systems. Responsibility for maintaining system reliability continues to rest with the local utility. If Members have service reliability problems, they should contact the 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., will be monitored to ensure reliability remains at satisfactory levels.

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

#### 4. Tiltonsville's Retail Electric Generation Provider: TBD

The electric provider satisfies each of the following requirements:

- Sufficient sources of power to provide retail firm power to Members in the Village
- Certified by PUCO as a provider of competitive retail electric service
- Registered as a generation provider with the Utility
- Certified Supplier Agreement executed with the Utility
- Management and personnel in place to sell retail firm power to the Utility customers in the Village
- Call center capable of handling the Village's Aggregation Program Member inquiries and customer service complaints
- Toll-free number as required by PUCO for customer service complaints relating to the Village's Aggregation Program
- Will execute Master Service Agreement with the Village
- Will assist the Village in filing the annual reports required by PUCO and Section 4905.10(A), Section 4911.18(A) and Section 4928.06(F) of the Ohio Revised
- Will administer the opt-out process on behalf of the Village
- Will develop Consumer Education Plan in consultation with the Village.

#### 5. Changes, Extension or Renewal of Master Service Agreement

If the Master Service Agreement is extended or renewed past the initial contract period, Members will be notified as required by law and PUCO rules as to any change in rates or service conditions. At least every three years all customers in the Village who are Members will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Program, and Opt out notices will be provided as required by PUCO rules. Members will also be notified of their right to return to the Utility's Standard Service Offer or to select an alternate generation supplier.

#### 6. Termination of Master Service Agreement

If the Master Service Agreement is terminated prior to the end of the Term, each individual Member of the Program will receive written notification of the termination of the Program at least sixty (60) days prior to termination of service. If the Master Service Agreement is not extended or renewed, Members will be notified as required by law and PUCO rules in advance of the end of service. Members will also be notified of their right to select an alternate generation supplier and of their ability to return to the Utility's Standard Service Offer upon termination.

#### 7. Liability

THE VILLAGE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO MEMBERS IN THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR ANY CLAIMS, HOWEVER STYLED, ARISING OUT OF THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM OR THE PROVISION OF AGGREGATION SERVICES BY THE VILLAGE OR THE PROVIDER. MEMBERS IN THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM SHALL ASSERT ANY SUCH CLAIMS SOLELY AGAINST THE PROVIDER PURSUANT TO THE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT.

#### 8. Funding the Aggregation Program

The primary expenses of the Program are expected to be publication of notices, written notification to customers, regulatory fees and registration with the PUCO. These expenses and administrative fees will be the responsibility of the selected Provider.

#### **EXHIBIT A-4**

**AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION DISCLOSURE** 



#### Village of Tiltonsville

Electric Aggregation Program



<insert customer name>> <insert customer address>>

<<post mark date>>

Dear Village of Tiltonsville Residents and Businesses,

The Village of Tiltonsville and Dynegy are excited to offer you an opportunity to participate in an Electric Governmental Aggregation Program.

Under governmental aggregation, the Village of Tiltonsville Council act on behalf of electric consumers in the Village of Tiltonsville to negotiate an electric supply contract with an eligible provider. Both the Village of Tiltonsville and Dynegy are certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to provide this service. The Village of Tiltonsville Council passed a resolution to adopt the program after the Village of Tiltonsville voters approved its implementation on May 6, 2014. The aggregation program for the Village of Tiltonsville will begin within one to two billing periods following your inclusion as a participant in the Village's program and end with your October 2020 meter reading. As an eligible resident or small business, you will be automatically enrolled in the program unless you choose to opt-out (not participate) by September 7, 2017.

#### **Program Details:**

- Fixed Electricity Price of 5.49¢ per kWh through your October 2020 meter reading.
- One energy bill from AEP Ohio, your local utility provider.
- No Fee to cancel at any time.
- By receiving this letter, you do not need to do anything to be a part of the program.
- AEP Ohio continues to deliver your electricity and maintain the electric lines and respond to emergencies.

#### **Program Enrollment**

After your enrollment is finalized, AEP Ohio will send you a letter confirming your enrollment. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your ability to rescind your enrollment with no penalty.

#### How to Opt-Out

If you do not wish to participate, you must opt-out no later than **September 7, 2017**. You can do this by completing and returning the reply card below or by calling 888-682-2170.

If you choose to opt out (not participate), you may do so at no charge during this initial enrollment period and you will not be served by Dynegy. If you become part of the aggregation, you may cancel the agreement at any time at no charge by providing notice to Dynegy. If you choose to opt out of the program at this time, or if you choose to leave the program at a later date, you will be served by your utility, AEP Ohio, under its standard service offer or until you choose an alternative supplier. If you switch back to your utility, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by your utility. For questions, contact Dynegy at <a href="mailto:DynegyCustomerService@dynegy.com">DynegyCustomerService@dynegy.com</a> or call 888-682-2170. Please see the enclosed Terms and Conditions for full details regarding the rate option and other terms of the program.

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Village of Tiltonsville Council & Dynegy

#### Community: Village of Tiltonsville

Opt out of the Village of Tiltonsville Government Electric Aggregation Program.

By checking this box, I understand that my account will not be included in the aggregation program.

This opt out must be post marked by September 7, 2017 and mailed to Dynegy, 312 Walnut Street, Suite 1500, Cincinnati OH 45202

Please fill out the required information in bold:

Customer Name \_\_\_\_\_\_

Service Delivery Identifier \_\_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_



#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

#### What is an Electric Aggregation Program?

Aggregation is an opportunity for cities, townships and counties to negotiate competitive electric supply prices and provide budget stability for their residents and small businesses.

First, residents must vote to give their community officials the ability to negotiate electric prices for their community. Once a referendum is passed, communities are able to aggregate and elected officials can work with alternative energy suppliers to negotiate competitive electric prices.

#### How was Dynegy chosen as the supplier?

Your community implemented a formal process where proposals from multiple suppliers were submitted for considerations. Dynegy was selected to be your electric provider.

#### ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

#### Who is eligible to participate?

Residential and small business customers located in your community may participate. Customers enrolled with an alternative retail supplier will not be included in the initial program; however, they can call to be enrolled. Customers enrolled in PIPP (Percentage of Income Plan) are not eligible for the program.

#### How do I enroll?

It's simple. It's automatic. Unless you "opt-out" of the program, all eligible customer accounts within your community boundaries will be enrolled in the program as long as you are not participating in one of the programs mentioned above. You will receive a "switch" letter from your local electric company, confirming your enrollment.

# Do I have to participate in the aggregation program?

All eligible local electric company customers within your community will receive an opt-out notification letter via U.S. mail. You may "opt-out" by returning the Opt-Out card by the deadline date identified in your notification. If you choose to opt-out, your account remains with your local electric company at their current utility rate.

# If I don't want to be a part of the program, why do I have to opt-out?

The voters authorized the community to develop an aggregation program where each resident and small business is automatically enrolled. Therefore, if you prefer not to participate, you must opt out of the program.

What if I decide to opt-out after the opt-out deadlines have passed? You may opt out at any time by notifying us via telephone, email, or mail.

#### RATE AND TERM INFORMATION

## What are the Rates & Terms for this Aggregation Program?

The price for electricity will be 5.49¢ per kWh and will remain the same through your October 2020 meter read date. Customers who are enrolled in the program should see the changes on their monthly electric bill 45 to 60 days after enrollment.

## What if my local electric company's rate decreases?

If at any time during the term of this Agreement your local electric company's rates fall lower than the Dynegy price, you will have the option to return to the utility, your local electric company, without penalty.

## What happens at the end of the Agreement term?

At the end of the Agreement term, as defined in the Terms and Conditions you have the option of staying with a new aggregation program, returning to your local electric company, or signing with a new supplier independent of the Aggregation program.

#### BILLING AND SERVICE

### Who will bill me for electricity? Will I get two bills?

You will continue to receive one monthly bill from your local electric company. The bill will include the charges for electricity supplied by Dynegy, as well as the delivery service charges from your local electric company.

# Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account?

Yes, how you pay your bill will not change.

# Who is responsible for the delivery of power to my home or business?

Your local electric company will continue to deliver your electricity and will be responsible for maintaining the system that delivers power into your home. As your energy delivery company, they will continue to respond around-the-clock to outages, service calls and emergencies regardless of your electric supplier.

# Who do I call to report a power outage or problems with my electric service?

You will continue to call your local electric company for power outages, problems with your service or questions regarding your monthly bill.

# Who do I call if I have questions regarding the Aggregation Program?

Dynegy at 888-682-2170 or DynegyCustomerService@Dynegy.com

# Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC Residential and Small Commercial Electric Supply Agreement Terms and Conditions

- **1. Purchase of Electricity** Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC (DES) agrees to sell, and you (Customer) agree to buy, all retail electricity at the price and on the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement. Customer's electric utility remains responsible for the delivery of electricity to the Customer.
- 2. Residential or Small Commercial Service Customer acknowledges this Agreement is for electricity for residential or small commercial use only.
- 3. Price and Initial Term The price for electricity (Price) will be 5.49¢ per kWh through your October 2020 meter read date (Initial Term). Electricity service under this Agreement will begin with the next available meter read date after DES and Customer's electric utility process Customer's enrollment. In addition to delivering electricity, Customer's electric utility will continue to read Customer's meter, bill the Customer and respond to any outages. If Customer switches back to Customer's electric utility for any reason, Customer may or may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric utility. The Price includes broker fees, but does not include any applicable taxes, fees or charges related to distribution service from the Customer's electric utility. If DES wishes to lower the Price due to a change in market conditions, DES may do so without Customer's consent provided there are no other changes to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- **4. Length of Contract** As a part of your community's program, your service from DES will commence with your next available meter reading after processing of enrollment by your electric utility, and will continue for the term as specified in the opt-out notification, ending on your meter read for the last month of service.
- **5. Billing and Payment** The charges for electricity provided by DES will appear on Customer's monthly bill from Customer's electric utility, and is due and payable to Customer's electric utility on the same day the electric utility's bill is due. Customer will incur additional service and delivery charges from the Customer's electric utility. Customer should continue to follow any bill payment procedures between Customer and Customer's electric utility. Customer agrees to accept the measurements as determined by Customer's electric utility for purposes of accounting for the amount of electricity provided by DES under this Agreement. Though DES does not offer budget billing for the electricity provided, the customer may contact the Customer's electric utility to enroll in the utility budget billing program, if applicable. Customer has the right to request from DES, twice within a twelve-month period without charge, up to twenty-four months of the Customer's payment history. The failure to pay electric utility charges may result in Customer being disconnected from service in accordance with the Customer's electric utility tariff.
- 6. Customer Cancellation or Termination of the Agreement Customer's electric utility will send Customer a notice confirming the switch to DES for electricity. CUSTOMER MAY CANCEL THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT PENALTY WITHIN SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS OF THE POSTMARK ON THE ELECTRIC UTILITY'S CONFIRMATION NOTICE OF THE SWITCH TO DES BY CONTACTING CUSTOMER'S ELECTRIC UTILITY BY TELEPHONE OR IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANCELLATION INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT NOTICE. After the seven-day cancellation period, Customer must contact DES to terminate this Agreement. If Customer terminates this Agreement after the seven-day cancellation period and before the end of the Initial Term, Customer will be charged no early termination fee. There is no fee for early termination during any renewal term. Customer may terminate this Agreement without penalty if Customer moves outside of DES's service area or into an area where DES charges a different price for electricity.
- 7. DES Termination of the Agreement DES may terminate this Agreement by giving Customer written notice of at least 14 calendar days if the Customer fails to make any payments under this Agreement or fails to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements. DES may also terminate this Agreement by giving Customer written notice if any Force Majeure Event (See Section 13 of this Agreement), as defined below, physically prevents or legally prohibits DES from performing under the terms of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement, Customer will return to Customer's electric utility for electricity unless Customer has selected another Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider. The effective date of any termination by Customer or DES will be the next available meter read date after expiration of any

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required notice period and processing by the electric utility and DES of the return of the Customer to the electric utility. Upon termination by any party for any reason, Customer will remain responsible for all charges for electricity through the date of termination.

- **8. Environmental Disclosure** This Agreement incorporates the information provided to Customer or made available to Customer at DES's website (DynegyOhio.com) regarding the approximate generation resource mix and environmental characteristics of electricity supply.
- **9. Assignment** DES may assign, subcontract or delegate all or any part of DES's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without consent from Customer. Customer shall not assign its rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of DES.
- 10. Customer Information Customer authorizes DES to obtain any information from Customer's electric utility necessary for DES to perform this Agreement, including Customer's account name, account number, billing address, service address, telephone number, standard offer service type, meter readings, when charges hereunder are included on the electric utility's bill, and Customer's billing and payment information from Customer's electric utility. DES is prohibited from disclosing Customer's social security number and/or account number(s) without Customer's consent except for DES's own collections and credit reporting, participation in programs funded by the universal service fund pursuant to section 4928.52 of the Revised Code, or assigning a customer contract to another CRES provider.
- 11. Dispute Resolution If Customer has a billing or other dispute involving this Agreement, Customer may contact DES at the telephone number, e-mail address or mailing address listed below. 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 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <a href="http://www.puco.ohio.gov">http://www.puco.ohio.gov</a>. 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) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <a href="http://www.pickocc.org">http://www.pickocc.org</a>.
- 12. Limitation of Liability Customer agrees that neither DES nor any of its employees, affiliates, agents, or subcontractors (collectively, DES Parties) will be liable for any damages or claims for matters within the control of Customer's electric utility or the regional transmission organization controlled electricity grid. The DES Parties will not be responsible for any failure to commence or terminate power and energy service on the date specified herein due to any failure or delay in enrolling Customer with Customer's electric utility. The DES Parties' liability will be limited to direct actual damages only. In no event will the DES Parties be liable for any punitive, incidental, consequential, exemplary, indirect, attorney's fees, third-party claims or other damages whether based on contract, warranty, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, or for lost profits arising from any breach or nonperformance of this Agreement.
- 13. Force Majeure If a Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or part, its obligations under this Agreement (the "Claiming Party") and gives notice and details of to the other Party as soon as practicable, then the Claiming Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement (other than the obligation to make payments then due or becoming due with respect to performance prior to the Force Majeure). The Claiming Party shall remedy the Force Majeure with all reasonable dispatch. During the period excused by Force Majeure, the non-Claiming Party shall not be required to perform its obligations under this Agreement. "Force Majeure" shall mean an event or circumstance which prevents the Claiming Party from performing its obligations or causes delay in the Claiming Party's performance under this Agreement, which event or circumstance was not anticipated as of the date this Agreement was agreed to, which is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the Claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence or use of good utility practice, as defined in the applicable transmission tariff, the Claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided, such as, but not limited to, acts of God; fire; flood; earthquake; war; riots; strikes, walkouts,

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lockouts and other labor disputes that affect Customer or DES. Force Majeure shall not be based on 1) Customer's inability to economically use the electricity purchased hereunder; or 2) Supplier's ability to sell the electricity at a price greater than the price under this Agreement.

14. REGULATORY OUT - Changes to laws, regulations, rules, decisions, entries, findings, or orders governing the generation, transmission, or sale of electricity may be made by different entities, including state agencies and regulatory bodies such as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), federal agencies and regulatory bodies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) that operate multi-state regional electric transmission systems such as PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM), the RTO that operates the regional electric transmission system in a multi-state region that includes Ohio. Such changes may include, without limitation, new, revised, altered, amended, or reinterpreted laws, regulations, rules, decisions, entries, findings, or orders relating to (i) the generation of electricity, (ii) the availability and reliability of electricity supply resources (including, without limitation, capacity), (iii) the reliability of the electricity grid, (iv) the transmission or delivery of electricity, and (v) the sale or marketing of wholesale and retail electricity (collectively, Regulatory Events).

DES has no control over Regulatory Events. If any Regulatory Event makes this Agreement uneconomic or unprofitable for DES, DES may propose new contract terms to Customer, including, without limitation, an increased price for the electricity delivered by DES under this Agreement. If DES proposes new contract terms in accordance with this clause, DES will provide written notice to the Customer that identifies (1) the Regulatory Event(s) at issue, (2) the new contract terms proposed by DES, and (3) when the new contract terms will take effect following Customer's acceptance. Customer will have thirty (30) days from the date of the written notice to affirmatively accept or reject the new contract terms. If Customer does not affirmatively accept the new contract terms within thirty (30) days of the written notice, this Agreement will terminate without penalty on the next available meter read date after the expiration of the thirty-day notice period and processing by the electric utility and DES, after which Customer will return to Customer's electric utility or another CRES provider of Customer's choosing for electricity.

#### **Contact Information**

In the event of an emergency involving Customer's electric service (for example, an outage or downed power lines) Customer should call the emergency line for Customer's electric utility. In all other situations, Customer may contact DES toll free at 888-682-2170. Customer Care Representatives are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm ET. During all other hours please leave a message for a return call. Customer may also contact DES by email at DynegyCustomerService@dynegy.com, or by US Mail at DYNEGY, LLC, Attn: Customer Care, 312 Walnut Street, Suite 1500, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Customer may also visit Dynegy's website at <a href="https://www.dynegy.com/electric-supplier">https://www.dynegy.com/electric-supplier</a>.

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