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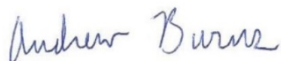
**RE: Natural Gas Governmental Aggregator Certification Renewal Application for the Village of Silver Lake (Case Number 02-1678-GA-GAG)**

Attached please find the renewal application for certification as a Governmental Aggregator of Natural Gas for the Village of Silver Lake.

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. is providing aggregation consulting services to the Village of Silver Lake 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  
Government Aggregation Manager

Attachments



# Public Utilities Commission

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| Date Received                | Renewal Certification Number | ORIGINAL GAG Case Number |
|                              |                              | 02 - 1678 - GA-GAG       |

## RENEWAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OHIO NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

Please **type or print** all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (*Example: Exhibit B-1 – Authorizing Ordinance*). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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### SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### A-1 Renewal Applicant information:

Legal Name Village of Silver Lake Ohio  
Address 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake Ohio 44224  
Telephone No. 330-923-5233 Web site address villageofsilverlake.com  
Current PUCO Certificate Number 02-008G(9) Effective Dates 8/5/2018 - 8/5/2020

#### A-2 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters:

Name Andrew Burns Title Govt. Agg Manager, Independent Energy Consultant  
Business Address 215 W Garfield Rd, STE 210, Aurora OH 44202  
Telephone No. 330-995-2675 Fax No. 800-574-4508 Email Address aburns@naturalgas-electric.com

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

Name Andrew Burns Title Govt. Agg Manager, Independent Energy Consultant  
Business address 215 W Garfield Rd, STE 210, Aurora OH 44202  
Telephone No. 330-995-2675 Fax No. 800-574-4508 Email Address aburns@naturalgas-electric.com

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

Customer service address 215 W Garfield Rd, STE 210, Aurora OH 44202  
Toll-Free Telephone No. 888-862-6060 Fax No. 800-574-4508 Email Address info@naturalgas-electric.com



## SECTION B - APPLICANT AUTHORITY AND AGGREGATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED

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

Applicant Signature and Title

*Terri Hony, Mayor*

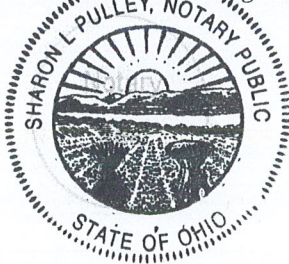
Sworn and subscribed before me this 11TH day of JUNE Month 2020 Year

*Sharon L. Pulley*

Signature of official administering oath

*SHARON L. PULLEY, NOTARY*  
*SUMMIT*

Print Name and Title



My commission expires on

3/24/24





# The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation  
Affidavit Form  
(Version 1.07)

In the Matter of the Application of )

Village of Silver Lake Ohio )

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

Case No. 02-1678 -GA-GAG

County of Summit  
State of Ohio

Bernie Hovey, Mayor

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

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

Affiant Signature & Title

Bernie Hovey, Mayor

Sworn and subscribed before me this

11TH

day of

JUNE

Month

2020

Year

Sharon L. Puley  
Signature of Official Administering Oath

SHARON L. PULEY, NOTARY  
Print Name and Title Summit

My commission expires on

3/24/24



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**ORDINANCE NO.: 61-2002**

**VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE**

**INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Mendenhall**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4929.26, municipalities may aggregate customers within their jurisdiction in order to secure lower cost natural gas services within the municipality through the collective purchasing of natural gas services; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions, according to law, for the residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers in the Village who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Dominion East Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the ballot question, authorized by Ordinance 68-2001, has received at least a majority of the vote cast at the November, 2001 election; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council seeks to adopt a Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operations and Governance, attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully reappearing pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, for the residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers in the Village and in conjunction jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Silver Lake, State of Ohio, County of Summit that:

**Section 1.** This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village of Silver Lake, its residents, businesses and other natural gas located within the corporation limits of the Village of Silver Lake and who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Dominion East Ohio to establish an opt-out Aggregation Program in accordance with law in the Village. The Village of Silver Lake is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code or as otherwise provided by law, the retail natural gas usage located within the Village.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the selected natural gas supplier through a competitive bidding process.

**Section 3.** This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village of Silver Lake, its residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village of Silver Lake to adopt a Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan

**ORDINANCE NO.: 61-2002**

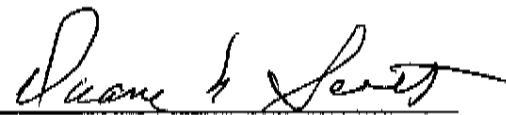
of Operations and Governance attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully reappearing, pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 4.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

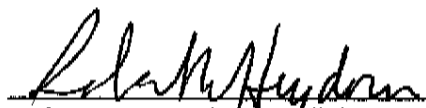
**Section 5.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, thereof, for the reason that it is immediately necessary to contract consulting services for advice in a rapidly changing technical area, and provided it receives the necessary affirmative votes as required by the Village Charter, 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 law.

**WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.


PASSED: July 1, 2002

  
Duane N. Scott, President of Council


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Robert W. Heydorn, Solicitor

APPROVED: 7-2-2002  
Date

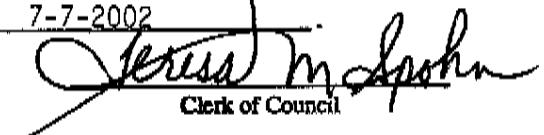
  
Warner Mendenhall, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Teresa M. Spohn, Clerk-Treasurer

First reading: June 17, 2002  
1st Public Hearing: June 25, 2002  
2nd Public Hearing: July 1, 2002  
Second reading: July 1, 2002

Silver Lake, Ohio 7-2-2002  
I, hereby certify that Resolution or Ordinance  
No. 61-2002 was published by title or in  
full in the local newspaper, or designated by  
Council resolution on the date or dates of  
7-7-2002

  
Clerk of Council

# VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

## PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

For additional information contact:  
Andrew Burns, Govt. Agg Manager  
Independent Energy Consultants, Inc.  
Ph: (330) 995-2675



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## **(A) Introduction**

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4929.26 regarding governmental aggregation of natural gas service.

The Village of Silver Lake ("Village") passed the necessary resolution to place the issue of Opt-out Governmental Aggregation of natural gas on the November 6, 2001 ballot. The ballot issue subsequently passed by wide margin. The Village 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 4929.26 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

## **(B) Operation and Governance Plan Detail**

### **(1) Description of Services and Professional Assistance**

The Village Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail natural gas loads of consumers located in the Village to negotiate favorable rates for the supply of Natural Gas. Favorable shall mean rates lower than those available to individual residents at the time. The Village may also select an offer based on beneficial terms and conditions not available through the regulated utility. Fixed-rate pricing that would provide stability, particularly during the heating season, would be an example of a beneficial condition.

With a Village population of approximately 3,000 the Program has the potential to combine approximately 700 residential accounts and small commercial accounts into a buying group that will be attractive to Certified Retail Natural Gas Service (CRNGS) suppliers. Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer ("Member") has the opportunity to decline to participate in the Program and to return to Dominion Energy Ohio ("Dominion") supply or to enter into a service contract with any CRNGS supplier.

The Village will administer an opt-out aggregation program that will automatically include all eligible natural gas accounts within the Village boundaries.

Residential and small commercial natural gas customers often lack the ability to effectively negotiate natural gas supply services. The Village'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 natural gas and to gain other favorable terms of service such as price stability.

Due to the complexity of deregulation of the Natural Gas utility industry, the Village 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 these consulting services:

- Draft and assist in maintaining the Plan of Operation and Governance.
- Lead any required Public Hearings and attend Village Council meetings upon request.

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- Assist the Village in the day-to-day administration of 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 Dominion Energy Ohio that would serve as the basis for an Opt-Out Notice.
- Track the performance of the selected supplier, report on program participation and provide an analysis of current and future market conditions.
- Write/prepare reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the Village, PUCO and Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

The Village through its consultant, Independent Energy Consultants, will seek bids and negotiate with CRNGS suppliers. The Village will not assume title to natural gas. It will not buy and resell natural gas to the Members of the program. Instead, the Village will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a Competitive Retail Natural Gas supplier to provide natural gas supply to the Members of the aggregation program. Similarly, the Village will not handle billing or scheduling of natural gas. Those responsibilities rest with Dominion Energy Ohio and selected supplier.

Only Suppliers meeting strict criteria will be considered.

- Suppliers will need to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Registered with Dominion Energy Ohio Corporation 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 Dominion Energy Ohio to support Governmental Aggregation Program transactions.
- Agree to hold harmless the Village from any financial obligations arising from the Program.
- The selected CRNGS suppliers will need to agree to notify the Village and negotiate with the Village 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 Majeure.
- The Village shall review the creditworthiness of the selected CRNGS supplier. Should the Village have concerns about the CRNGS 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.

### **(2) Determination of Rates**

Through the efforts of its consultant, Independent Energy Consultants, Inc., the Village will

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seek proposals from CRNGS suppliers. The request for proposals shall require the CRNGS suppliers to offer firm, full-requirements natural gas supply. CRNGS suppliers will bid by Dominion Energy Ohio customer rate schedule or customer class. CRNGS suppliers will be encouraged to bid on as many natural gas 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 individual price analysis. Furthermore, commercial and industrial customers consuming more than 500 Mcf/year are classified as mercantile customers and are ineligible to participate in a governmental aggregation program.

The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the Mayor or his/her designee, with prior authorization from the Council. The Mayor will set prices following negotiations with the selected CRNGS supplier and receipt of a favorable offer. 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 Village limits. Once offers are found a table similar to the one shown below will be populated to reflect the offer rates.

| Customer Class            | Rate Schedule | Supplier Offer (\$/Mcf) | Term           |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Residential Sales Service | RS            | \$2.845/Mcf             | Thru Mar. 2024 |
| General Sales Service     | GS            | \$2.845/Mcf             | Thru Mar. 2024 |

Neither the Village 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.

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

There is no switching fee for Members leaving Dominion Energy Ohio supply service to select a CRNGS supplier.

Members will remain responsible for all other billable charges, such as, taxes, Dominion Energy Ohio transportation charges, monthly service charge, etc.

The Village of Silver Lake will not accept a CRNGS supplier offer that is not favorable at the time for the majority of Members of a given customer class or rate schedule. It is,

however, the individual Member’s responsibility to carefully review the price, terms and conditions of an offer to determine if the offer is in their best interest. The Village will not be responsible for any Member’s decision to remain in or opt-out of the Program.



### **(3) Plan for Providing Opt-Out Notice**

When a successful supply offer is found the Village shall order the eligible customer list from Dominion Energy Ohio. Dominion Energy Ohio shall turn over the list to the Village or its consultant upon request. Once the list is obtained, it will be shared with the selected CRNGS supplier and they will have 30 days from the Village's receipt of the data to mail the opt-out notices to all eligible Members receiving an offer.

The selected CRNGS supplier and the Village 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 CRNGS 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 natural gas account mailing address shown on Dominion Energy Ohio's customer list. A Village official's name will be on the notice and it will contain the Village's name and logo on the outside to clearly indicate to the recipient that it is a notice from the Village.

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 Village, the CRNGS supplier will mail opt-out notices to eligible Members receiving a favorable 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 Village's program. Members may also call the CRNGS supplier's toll-free recorded phone number to opt-out. The selected CRNGS 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 CRNGS 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 two years.

### **(4) Process for Determining the Pool of Customers**

Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all eligible natural gas 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.

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:

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- Dominion Energy Ohio will query their customer database using best efforts to capture all accounts within the Village limits.
- The Village's consultant working with the CRNGS supplier, available Village resources and publicly available material shall screen out customers who are not located within the Village 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, Village maps, internet maps, county parcel mapping databases, and geographical information systems (GIS).
- Ineligible accounts will be screened out based on codes provided in the Dominion Energy Ohio data.
- The data shall be reviewed to see that all zip codes have been included, all streets included, all customer classes, all customer rate codes, and finally that an expected total for a community of this population was turned over.

Any potential Member who suspects they were inadvertently omitted from the Program will likely have to contact Dominion Energy Ohio for an explanation. The Dominion Energy Ohio customer list provided to the Village will not include customers who are already served by a CRNGS supplier, participate in PIPP, are classified as mercantile, or are in arrears with their bill payment. Because of this, the Village, its consultant, and CRNGS supplier will not be able to determine if a potential Member is ineligible or was inadvertently omitted.

Customers who have opted-off the standard customer information list are required to be included in an opt-out program assuming they meet the other eligibility requirements. If needed, the Village will request a separate list of those customers from Dominion Energy Ohio so they can be given an opportunity to participate in the Program.

Customers who meet the following criteria will become Members of the aggregation program:

- Are up to date with their bill payment;
- Have not opted-out of the program;
- Are currently supplied natural gas by Dominion Energy Ohio or are Members of an existing Program;
- Are not mercantile customers;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission; and
- Are not part of the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP).

### **(5) Customer Billing Procedures**

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

Members currently on budget billing will continue to be budget billed. Dominion Energy

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Ohio’s process will remain the same. Members wishing to start budget billing should contact Dominion Energy Ohio. The process will take place in accordance with Dominion Energy Ohio’s policy and is not unique to the Village’s Program.

Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of Dominion Energy Ohio 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.

### **(6) Credit and Deposit Policies**

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

### **(7) Governmental Aggregator’s Customer Service Procedures and Dispute Resolution**

Members will have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability and billing should be directed to Dominion Energy Ohio. They continue to read meters, handle billing and generally have the most information about a customer’s account. Questions regarding the Program administration should go to the Village or Independent Energy Consultants. Unresolved disputes between Members and the supplier or Dominion Energy Ohio should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio or the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel for residential accounts. Listed below is a table of local or toll-free numbers for Members to call for assistance.

| <b>Nature of Complaint</b>           | <b>Contact</b>   | <b>Phone Number</b>              |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Service interruptions or emergencies | Dominion Energy Ohio                                     | 1-877-542-2630                   |
| Service turn on/off                  | Dominion Energy Ohio                                     | 1-800-362-7557                   |
| Billing disputes – Delivery Charges  | Dominion Energy Ohio                                     | 1-800-362-7557                   |
| Billing disputes – Supplier charges  | Constellation NewEnergy                                  | 1-844-516-5249                   |
| Joining/Leaving Program              | Constellation NewEnergy                                  | 1-844-516-5249                   |
| Aggregation Program Questions        | Village of Silver Lake<br>Independent Energy Consultants | (330) 923-5233<br>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                   |

### **(8) Members Moving Into/Within the Aggregation (New Customer)**

Utility rules require that people moving into a different residence, new construction or



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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 is an example of utility rules approved by the PUCO that will impact the operation of Silver Lake's aggregation program.

Residents and businesses that move into the Village will not be automatically included in the Village's Program. The Village cannot guarantee the rates, terms and conditions to Members enrolling after the initial 21-day opt-out period. Members wishing to opt-in to the Program may contact the Village or the CRNGS 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 CRNGS 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 Village limits and are assigned a new account number by Dominion Energy Ohio will be treated in the same manner as a new resident. They will not be automatically enrolled, but may contact the CRNGS supplier concerning re-enrollment. Once again, there is no guarantee that the CRNGS supplier will extend an offer, or an offer that is the same as that of the initial enrollees.

### **(9) Members Moving Within the Aggregation (Same Account Number)**

The selected CRNGS supplier shall continue service at the same rate and under the same terms and conditions for any Member who relocates within the Village prior to the expiration of the contract term, providing that the Member notifies the CRNGS supplier of their desire to do so with thirty (30) days written notice. Moving within the Village may cause the Member to be served for a brief period of time by the local utility.

### **(10) Joining the Program at a Later Date**

Members desiring to join the program at a later date during the midst of an ongoing supply agreement will be treated similar to Members moving into the Village. They will need to contact the Village or its supplier to obtain enrollment information. They will follow an opt-in approach. 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 Members. Suppliers are unable to hold price offerings for an unlimited amount of time, and if the community asks for such a requirement, the price offering received from suppliers will be higher to reflect the greater risk. Residents opting-in to the Village's program will be responsible for knowing if there is a switching fee for leaving their current supplier.

In the event of a high rate of attrition from the Program or population growth within the Village, the Village may request the selected CRNGS supplier to conduct a subsequent opt-out campaign during the term of a supply agreement. If this were to occur, the Opt-Out Notice would be sent to newly eligible Members and would not be sent to anyone who had previously opted-out of the current supply agreement.

### **(C) Availability of Plan of Operation and Governance**

The Village will maintain a copy of this Plan of Operation and Governance on file at its

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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 Village rules for copying public documents.

### **(D) Altering the Plan of Operation and Governance**

The Village will not alter its Operation and Governance Plan in any way that would materially affect the customers of the aggregation without first providing notice to all affected Members and providing these Members the opportunity to opt-out of the aggregation according to the procedures established for the initial opt-out disclosure notice set forth in rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Administrative Code. In the event of a material change, the Village will provide a notice explaining the changes to the plan, and informing the Members of their right to opt-out of the aggregation without penalty, and identifying the method and time frame for the customer to opt-out.

### **(E) Certification Prior To Sending Opt-Out Notices**

The Village will become certified as a Governmental Aggregator of natural gas (by the PUCO) prior to sending opt-out disclosure notices to potential Members of the Aggregation Program.

### **(F) Opt-out Disclosure Policies**

Prior to including a customer's natural gas account or accounts in an aggregation, the Village in cooperation with the selected CRNGS supplier, will provide each eligible Member a written opt-out notice conforming to the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901:1-21-17.

The Village in cooperation with the selected CRNGS supplier will provide each Member the opportunity to leave the program, free of charge, at least once every two years. The notice will follow the format and requirements of the initial opt-out notification and will include any changes to the price or terms and conditions of the program.

### **(G) Cooperation Between Natural Gas Companies and Governmental Aggregators**

The success of the Village's Aggregation Program relies in part to the cooperation it receives from Dominion Energy Ohio. In addition to other tasks, Dominion Energy Ohio must turn over accurate customer data and perform the customer switching process in a timely manner. The Village will comply with O.A.C. section 4901:1-28-05, and will hold Dominion Energy Ohio to its obligations under the same.

### **(H) Termination of the Aggregation Program**

The Natural Gas 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 natural gas 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 Village aggregation program would either return to Dominion Energy Ohio supply service or choose a CRNGS supplier on their own.

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If the Village 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.

The selected CRNGS suppliers will need to agree to notify the Village and negotiate with the Village 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 Majeure.



## Village of Silver Lake Exhibit B-3 "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure Notification"

Section 4929.26 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code states that "no legislative authority or board, pursuant to an ordinance or resolution under divisions (A) and (B) of this section, shall aggregate any retail natural gas load located within its jurisdiction unless it in advance clearly discloses to the person whose retail natural gas load is to be so aggregated that the person will be enrolled automatically in the aggregation 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 the opportunity to opt out of the aggregation every two years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the aggregation pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the natural gas company providing distribution service for the person's retail natural gas load, until the person chooses an alternative supplier."

The Opt-Out Notification for Silver Lake's program will include language similar to the following and proceed as shown below.

Village of Silver Lake officials are acting on behalf of natural gas consumers who are participating in the program to negotiate a gas supply contract with eligible suppliers. Both Silver Lake and <CRNGS Supplier> are certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to provide this service. This program has been authorized by our Council through an ordinance and voter approval on November 6, 2001. This phase of our aggregation program will begin with your <Month Year> billing cycle and end with your <Month Year> billing cycle.

**You will be automatically enrolled in Silver Lake's Natural Gas Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out" – that is, to not participate.** There is no cost for enrollment and you do not need to do anything to be included. If you choose to opt-out of this program, you will revert to service by Dominion East Ohio, unless and until you choose another supplier.

**If you want to be excluded from the Silver Lake Natural Gas Aggregation Program you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form to the <CRNGS Supplier>. The return form must be postmarked no later than 21 days from the postmark on this notice. You may also opt-out by calling <CRNGS Supplier>, toll free, at 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX.** If you do not opt out at this time, you will be enrolled in the program until it expires in <Month Year>. At that time, you will again have the chance to opt out of the program with no penalty. Every participant will be allowed to leave the program at least once every two years without incurring any penalty.

Please note that newly eligible members remaining in the aggregation group, will receive a letter from Dominion East Ohio advising you of your impending transfer to <CRNGS Supplier>, and advising you to contact Dominion East Ohio within 7 days if you do not want to be in the Program. Again, if you have not changed your mind about participating in the Aggregation Program, you do not have to do anything with that letter.

**Warning: If you are already under contract with a competitive retail natural gas service provider you may incur a contract termination fee or other charges if you fail to opt-out of the aggregation.**

Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all eligible natural gas 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.

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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:

- Dominion East Ohio will query their customer database using best efforts to capture all accounts within the Village limits.
- Independent Energy Consultants working with the CRNGS supplier, available Village resources and publicly available material shall screen out customers who are not located within the Village 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, Village maps, internet maps, county parcel mapping databases, and geographical information systems (GIS).
- Ineligible accounts will be screened out based on codes provided in the Dominion East Ohio data.
- The data shall be reviewed to see that all zip codes have been included, all streets included, all customer classes, all customer rate codes, and finally that an expected total for a community of this population was turned over.

Any potential Member who suspects they were inadvertently omitted from the Program will likely have to contact Dominion East Ohio for an explanation. The Dominion East Ohio customer list provided to the Village will not include customers who are already served by a CRNGS supplier, participate in PIPP, are classified as mercantile, are in arrears with their bill payment, or who have opted-off the standard customer information list. Because of this, the Village, its consultant, and CRNGS supplier will not be able to determine if a potential Member is ineligible or was inadvertently omitted.

Customers who have opted-off the standard customer information list are required to be included in an opt-out program assuming they meet the other eligibility requirements. If needed, the Village will request a separate list of those customers from Dominion East Ohio so they can be given an opportunity to participate in the Program.

Customers who meet the following criteria will receive an Opt-Out Notice and be subsequently enrolled following the opt-out period.

- Have received an offer from the selected CRNGS Supplier;
- Are up to date with their bill payment;
- Have not opted-out of the program;
- Are currently supplied natural gas by Dominion East Ohio or are Members of an existing Program;
- Are not mercantile customers;
- Have not exercised their 7 day right of rescission; and
- Are not part of the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP).



**DO NOT DISCARD:**  
Important Natural Gas Aggregation  
Information Enclosed.



Sample Customer  
SAMPLE ADDRESS  
SAMPLE CITY, OH ZIP

Welcome to the Village  
of Silver Lake Natural  
Gas Aggregation  
Program.

This notification is in regards  
to your gas service at:

Sample Address  
Sample City, OH ZIP

March 11, 2020

Dear Sample Customer,

In November 2001, Village of Silver Lake voters authorized the creation of a natural gas aggregation program and your community has selected Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC (“Constellation”) as the preferred supplier. This program will offer a fixed rate of \$2.845/Mcf beginning with your April 2020 meter read cycle through March 2024.

You’re Automatically Enrolled

As an eligible Village of Silver Lake residential or small business customer, you are automatically enrolled unless you decide to opt-out. To learn more about the program, please see the enclosed General Terms and Conditions and the Frequently Asked Questions.

How To Opt-Out

You don’t need to do anything to get this new rate. If you choose not to be automatically enrolled, please respond with one of the options below by April 1, 2022:

- 1. **Mail:** Return the form below in the pre-addressed stamped envelope
- 2. **Phone:** Call Constellation at 844-516-5249
- 3. **Web:** Visit [www.constellation.com/oh-silverlake](http://www.constellation.com/oh-silverlake)

We look forward to providing this program.  
Sincerely,

Silver Lake Local Officials

Kevin Klages  
SVP Mass Markets  
Constellation

To learn more:



Visit us online at  
[constellation.com/oh-silverlake](http://constellation.com/oh-silverlake)



Call 844-516-5249  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year

The rate offered does not include taxes, Dominion distribution or other Dominion fees, charges or credits. If you are already enrolled with another natural gas supplier, a cancellation fee may apply to end your agreement with that supplier. The General Terms and Conditions govern your participation in the Program. Please do not contact the community. If you have additional questions about this offer, contact Constellation. Ohio Supplier License #09-153G(6).



Sample Customer  
SAMPLE ADDRESS  
SAMPLE CITY, OH ZIP



Constellation  
An Exelon Company

I do not want to participate in the Village of Silver Lake Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Phone Number

☐ Cell ☐ Work ☐ Home

Opt-Out Code

Service Address:

Sample Address  
Sample City, OH ZIP

Dominion Gas Account Number

Signature

Date

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Generally the words "you" and "your" refer to the Customer and the words "we" and "us" refer to Constellation, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

**1. Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas.** If you do not "opt-out" by April 1, 2020 pursuant to these General Terms and Conditions (the "Agreement"), you will purchase from us on an exclusive basis, and we will take all reasonable action to supply or cause to be supplied, all of your natural gas requirements at the price and for your accounts ("Account(s)"). Pursuant to the Agreement, you authorize us to (i) enroll your Account(s) with your Utility so that we can supply the Account(s), (ii) aggregate your Account(s) with those of other customers of Constellation or its affiliates, (iii) request and receive usage and other information from your Utility with respect to the Account(s) and (iv) enter into agreements with your Utility as necessary under the Utility's tariff to facilitate supply of the Account(s). You agree to cooperate with Constellation to ensure enrollment of your Account(s) in a timely manner. You give us the authority to choose the source of your natural gas supply. Your Utility will continue to deliver your natural gas and provide billing and other services to you. You acknowledge that such transportation service is subject to regulations set forth in your Utility's tariff. **Supply of natural gas under this Agreement is conditioned upon (1) our verification of the accuracy of all information that you provide to us, including information regarding your natural gas usage and the Account(s) and (2) acceptance of enrollment of your Account(s) by the Utility.**

**2. Term.** This term of the Agreement is effective when enrollment occurs with the Utility with Constellation as your natural gas supplier, subject to your rescission right set forth under "Customer's Rescission Right" below. Subject to successful enrollment of your Account(s), we will supply the Account(s) with natural gas from the first regularly scheduled Utility meter read date after your Utility switches you to Constellation ("Start Date"), which we estimate will be in the month of April 2020 (May 2020 billing cycle). We will supply your Account(s) through the month of March 2024 (April 2024 billing cycle). If the Village of Silver Lake Natural Gas Pricing Program continues beyond March 2024 with Constellation as the supplier, Constellation will send you a notice of renewal including, but not limited to, notice of the new Village of Silver Lake Natural Gas Pricing Program, notice of your right to opt-out of the Village of Silver Lake Natural Gas Pricing Program, and any other changes. The opt-out mailing shall include a provision for return of a post card or similar notice to Constellation, to be returned no later than twenty-one (21) days from the post-marked date, and receipt of the opt-out mailing post-marked before the opt-out deadline has elapsed shall count as timely sent. You are entitled to opt-out of Village of Silver Lake Natural Gas Pricing Program at least every two years from the Start Date of the Village of Silver Lake Natural Gas Pricing Program, without a penalty. If for any reason you do not wish to continue, you may cancel this Agreement as provided in Section 4 below. If you do not cancel, this Agreement will renew, and any changes to the General Terms and Conditions will become effective for the term provided in the renewal notice.

**3. Village of Silver Lake Natural Gas Pricing Program.** Through March 2024 (April 2024 billing cycle) your price will be a fixed rate of \$2.845 per Mcf.

**Note:** The fixed or variable price includes (i) all related interstate pipeline charges required to deliver gas to the Delivery Point, plus (ii) administrative costs and fees. In addition to the fixed or variable price, you will also pay the Utility's service charges.

**4. Termination.** You may terminate this Agreement without penalty at any time for any reason by providing notice to Constellation. Please note that once enrolled, it may take one to two billing cycles beyond the current billing cycle for the cancellation to be effective, as the effective date of all cancellations are subject to your Utility's guidelines. Should you fail to pay any Utility invoice or fail to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangement, your service and this Agreement may be automatically terminated in accordance with the Utility's tariffs. In addition, this Agreement will terminate if (i) the requested service location is not served by the Utility, (ii) you move outside the Utility's service area or to an area not served by Constellation, (iii) we return you to the Utility's sales service pursuant to any termination of this agreement by us, or (iv) you cancel your enrollment with us pursuant to your rescission right provided below. You may terminate this Agreement without penalty if you relocate outside the service territory of the Utility.

**5. Customer's Rescission Right.** Upon processing your enrollment, the Utility will send you a confirmation letter, which is notice of the transfer of your supply to Constellation. You have a seven (7) business day period from the postmark date of the Utility's confirmation letter during which time you may cancel your enrollment, without penalty, by calling the Utility's toll-free number provided in the confirmation letter or by providing written notice to the Utility, which will be effective as of the postmark date.

**6. Your Invoice.** You will be invoiced by the Utility monthly for all charges applicable to your natural gas usage, including the rates set forth herein, applicable Taxes (which are passed through to you) and all applicable Utility customer charges and franchise fees. You authorize us to act as your payment agent if deemed necessary by us to facilitate consolidated billing. You have the right to request up to twenty-four (24) months of your payment history for services rendered by Constellation without charge.

**7. Switching.** The Utility may charge a switching fee in accordance with its tariff when you change your natural gas supplier to Constellation. If the Utility charges a switching fee when you change your natural gas supplier to Constellation in accordance with this Agreement, Constellation agrees to pay such switching fee. Constellation will not separately charge a switching fee. If you voluntarily return to the Utility after switching to a competitive supplier, you may be charged a price other than the Utility's regulated sales service rate.

**8. Customer Service.** For questions or complaints about our services, contact us at our Customer Care department by calling toll-free (844) 516-5249, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by e-mail at [VST@constellation.com](mailto:VST@constellation.com), online at [www.constellation.com](http://www.constellation.com), or in writing at



Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division, LLC, 1716 Lawrence Drive, De Pere WI, 54115. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called Constellation, or for general utility information, you may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for assistance at (800) 686-7826 (toll free) or for TTY at (800) 686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov). Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for assistance with complaints and utility issues at (877) 742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

**9. Definitions. "Delivery Point"** means any existing and future points of interconnection between your Utility transmission and/or distribution system and those of a third party pipeline supplying natural gas to the Utility. **"Taxes"** means all taxes, duties, fees, levies, premiums or any other charges of any kind, whether direct or indirect, relating to the sale, purchase or delivery of natural gas, together with all interest, penalties or other additional amounts imposed, including but not limited to gross receipts, sales, consumption, use, value added, per Mcf, commercial activity or other privilege tax, and any other tax (whether in effect as of the effective date of this agreement or thereafter) imposed by any governmental entity. **"Utility"** means your local natural gas distribution utility owning and/or controlling and maintaining the distribution system required for delivery of natural gas to the Account(s). **"Market Price"** means the current price at which natural gas can be bought or sold by suppliers. **"Market Trend"** means the tendency of natural gas market prices to move in a particular direction over time.

**10. Notices.** All notices will be in writing and delivered by hand, first class mail, or by express carrier to our respective business addresses. Either of us can change our address by notice to the other pursuant to this paragraph.

**11. Changes in law, market structure, and/or your natural gas needs or classifications.** If a change in or implementation of law, rule, regulation, ordinance, statute, judicial decision, administrative order, Utility tariffs, or the like causes our costs under this Agreement to increase, we will have the right to pass such increased costs on to you. The changes described in this Section may change any or all the charges described in this Agreement.

**12. Events beyond either of our reasonable control.** If something happens that is beyond either of our reasonable control that prevents either of us from performing our respective obligations under this Agreement, then whichever one of us cannot perform will be relieved from performance until the situation is resolved. Examples of such events include: acts of God, fire, flood, hurricane, war, terrorism; labor disputes; declaration of emergency by a governmental entity or the Utility; curtailment, disruption or interruption of natural gas transmission, distribution or supply; regulatory, administrative, or legislative action, or action or restraint by court order or other governmental entity; and actions taken by third parties not under your or our control, such as the Utility. However, such events shall not in any event excuse any failure to make payments due in a timely manner for natural gas supplied to you. The parties shall notify each other immediately of an operational flow or curtailment order from the applicable pipelines or Utility and shall take all required steps to comply with such orders.

**13. Delivery Point and indemnification obligations.** We will deliver natural gas to the Delivery Point. Title and risk of loss related to the natural gas transfer to you at the Delivery Point, and you are responsible for all transmission, distribution, and other costs (including Taxes and other fees) related to the final delivery to the facilities to which the Account(s) relate as well as your use of the natural gas. While we will arrange for the delivery of natural gas to you by your Utility, we will have no liability or responsibility for matters within the control of the Utility, which include maintenance of pipelines and systems, service interruptions, loss of service, quality of the natural gas, deterioration of services, or meter readings. EACH PARTY (THE "INDEMNIFYING PARTY") WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE OTHER PARTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS (INCLUDING CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE), LOSSES, EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES), DAMAGES, SUITS, CAUSES OF ACTION AND JUDGMENTS OF ANY KIND ARISING HEREUNDER WHILE TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS ARE VESTED IN THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY.

**14. Limitation on Liability.** IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY OR ITS AFFILIATES, OWNERS, OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST OPPORTUNITIES OR LOST PROFITS. Each party's total liability related to this Agreement, whether arising under breach of contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, will be limited to direct, actual damages. Each party agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the damages it may incur. NO WARRANTY, DUTY, OR REMEDY, WHETHER EXPRESSED, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, ON CONSTELLATION'S PART IS GIVEN OR INTENDED TO ARISE OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OR USE.

**15. Governing Law/Venue.** THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS. WE ALSO BOTH AGREE IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY TO WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY OR TO INITIATE OR BECOME A PARTY TO ANY CLASS ACTION CLAIMS WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

**16. Relationship of Parties.** We are an independent contractor, and nothing in this Agreement establishes a joint venture, fiduciary relationship, partnership or other joint undertaking. You will **not rely, and have not relied**, on us in evaluating the advantages or disadvantages of any specific product or service, predictions about future energy prices, or any other matter under this Agreement. Your decision to enter into this Agreement and any other decisions or actions you may take are and will be based solely upon your own analysis (or that of your advisors) and not on information or statements from us. There is no guarantee that the program you chose will guarantee any price advantage or savings.

**17. Confidentiality.** Consistent with applicable regulatory requirements, we will hold in confidence all information obtained by us from you related to the provision of services under this Agreement and which concern your energy characteristics and use patterns, except that we may disclose such information to our affiliates (excluding Baltimore Gas & Electric, a regulated utility) and such affiliates' employees, agents,

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advisors, and independent contractors. Other than for operation, maintenance, assignment and transfer of your Account(s), pursuant to a court or PUCO order or pursuant to a PUCO rule, we will not release your account number or, other than for credit checking and credit reporting, if applicable, your social security number, without your prior written consent.

**18. Miscellaneous Provisions.** If in any circumstance we do not provide notice of, or object to, any default on your part, such situation will not constitute a waiver of such default or any future default of any kind. If any of this Agreement is held legally invalid, the remainder will not be affected and will be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law and equity, and there will be deemed substituted for the invalid provisions such provisions as will most nearly carry out our mutual intent as expressed in this agreement. You may not assign or otherwise transfer any of your rights or obligations under this Agreement without our prior written consent and any such attempted transfer will be void. We may assign our rights and obligations under this Agreement to a qualified natural gas supplier and will provide you with prior written notice of any such assignment. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between both of us, supersedes any other agreements, discussions or understandings (whether oral or written) regarding the subject matter of this agreement, and may not be contradicted by any prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreement. A facsimile copy with your signature will be considered an original for all purposes. No amendment to this Agreement will be valid or given any effect unless signed by both of us. Applicable provisions of this Agreement will continue in effect after termination or expiration of this Agreement to the extent necessary, including those for billing adjustments and payments, indemnification, limitations of liability, and dispute resolution. Constellation shall have the right to set-off and net any amounts owed to Customer against any amounts owed to it by Customer under this Agreement or any other agreement. This Agreement is a “forward contract” and Constellation is a “forward contract merchant” under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, as amended. Further, we are not providing advice regarding “commodity interests”, including futures contracts and commodity options or any other matter, which would cause us to be a commodity trading advisor under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (“CEA”). Customer’s purpose in entering into this Agreement is not speculation, but rather price volatility control and/or budget management for procurement of natural gas for one or more of its facilities. Customer represents that it qualifies as an “eligible contract participant” as the same is defined under the CEA. The terms of any purchase order (PO) you send to us or any alterations, additions, or modifications you make to the preprinted terms of this Agreement shall be void and without any effect unless and only to the extent we agree in writing to such alterations, additions, or modifications.

### IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR SERVICE INTERRUPTION, CONTACT YOUR UTILITY AT:

| Utility Name  | Utility Abbreviation | Contact Number |
|---|----------------------|----------------|
| Dominion Energy Ohio<br>(The East Ohio Gas Company) | DEO/EOG              | (800) 362-7557 |

### **Natural Gas Aggregation Opt-Out Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is aggregation?**

**A:** Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring the community together for group purchasing power. The community benefits by receiving competitively-priced natural gas from a retail natural gas supplier.

**Q: How is my community able to choose a certified natural gas supplier on my behalf?**

**A:** Residents voted to allow the community to negotiate a contract with a natural gas supplier on their behalf.

**Q: How do I enroll?**

**A:** Enrollment is free and eligible residential and small business customers will be automatically enrolled.

**Q: Who is eligible for the aggregation program?**

**A:** Most residential and small business customers residing within the community receiving natural gas from the local utility are eligible.

**Q: Who is not eligible?**

**A:** Residential and business customers who are not eligible for automatic enrollment in the program include:

- A customer that is not located within community boundaries.
- Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) customers.
- A customer who is under contract with another natural gas provider.
- A customer who has a special contract with the natural gas utility company.
- Customers who are behind on their payments to the utility.
- A mercantile customer that has not provided consent to join the program. "Mercantile customer" means a commercial or industrial customer if the natural gas consumed is for non-residential use and the customer consumes more than 500 Mcf per year or is part of a national account involving multiple facilities in one or more states.

**Q: When will I see my new rate?**

**A:** You can expect to see the new rate one to two billing cycles following your enrollment in the program. Please note: supply rates do not include taxes, delivery service charges or other utility fees.

**Q: Who will bill me for natural gas?**

**A:** You will continue to receive one monthly bill from your local utility.

**Q: What if my business qualifies for tax exemption status?**

**A:** Tax exempt customers should send their most recent tax exempt certificate to Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC, 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300, Houston, TX 77002 or via email to [CNETaxForms@Constellation.com](mailto:CNETaxForms@Constellation.com), or fax to 877-243-4968.

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

**A:** Yes, how you pay your natural gas bill will not change.

**Q: Who do I call if I have a problem with my natural gas service?**

**A:** To report service problems, a gas leak and for billing questions, contact your local utility company.

**Q: What if I have already selected another supplier?**

**A:** Based on the records provided by the utility, we assumed you are not with another supplier. However, if you recently signed up with a new supplier, carefully review the terms and conditions of that agreement before proceeding as your ability to terminate early with that supplier may be restricted.

**Q: Is there an early termination fee for leaving the program outside of the 21 day opt-out period?**

**A:** No, there is no early termination fee.

**Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions about this offer?**

**A:** If you have additional questions about the program, please contact Constellation.

## Village of Silver Lake Exhibit B-5 "Experience"

The Village of Silver Lake is well versed in negotiating, contracting and providing for common services to Village residents. Some examples of experience as a service provider are:

1. Police Service
2. Fire Service
3. Parks and Recreation
4. Public Works

The Mayor, Village Council and Village Staff routinely negotiate for services and supplies that benefit the residents of Silver Lake. However, due to the complexity of Governmental Aggregation, the Village has hired Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining the Program. Independent Energy Consultants are:

- Certified Electric Aggregators and Brokers #04-116(9) in the State of Ohio.
- Certified Natural Gas Aggregators and Brokers #04-078(9) in the State of Ohio.
- Licensed Agent/Broker/Consultant in the State of Illinois.
- Licensed Electric and Natural Gas Aggregators and Brokers #A-17 in the State of Virginia.
- Registered Aggregators #80252 in the State of Texas.

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. has designed, implemented and administered numerous opt-in and opt-out Governmental Aggregation Programs in Ohio. Contact information for Independent Energy Consultants is:

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc.  
215 W. Garfield Road Suite 210  
Aurora, Ohio 44202  
Phone: 330 995-2675  
Fax: 800 574-4508  
Email: [info@naturalgas-electric.com](mailto:info@naturalgas-electric.com)  
[www.naturalgas-electric.com](http://www.naturalgas-electric.com)

Among other services, Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. will:

- Draft and assist in maintaining the Plan of Operation and Governance.
- Lead any required Public Hearings and attend Village Council meetings upon request.
- Assist the Village in the day-to-day administration of program (problem resolution, press releases, PUCO compliance, supplier liaison, contract review, etc.).
- Design and issue the Request for Proposal, analyze supplier responses and provide recommendations for the supply agreement.
- Review customer data provided by Dominion East Ohio that would serve as the basis for an Opt-Out Notice.

## Village of Silver Lake Exhibit B-5 “Experience”

- Write/prepare reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the Village, PUCO, and the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel.

The Village of Silver Lake will not take title to natural gas, issue bills, read meters or staff a call center for complaints. Those functions will be provided by Dominion East Ohio and the selected CRNGS supplier as detailed in Section 7 of its Plan of Operations and Governance. The Village will comply with its responsibilities as a Governmental Aggregator (ORC 4929.20) and will respond to questions concerning the Aggregation Program.



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