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

Case No. 16-0251-GA-GAG

# RE: Opt out Letter(s)- — Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, OH

Island Creek is pleased to submit its final copy of Opt-out letter(s) to be sent to all eligible customers on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 with the response deadline of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Material provided for review:

Residential and Business Opt-out letter

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (877) 861.2772.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Belcastro Principal 614.425.4885 scott@electricsuppliers.org

Enclosure

I do not want to participate in the Island Creek Township Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Welcome to the Island Creek Township Aggregation Program.

This notification is in regards to your gas service at:

Sample Address Sample City, OH ZIP

November 3, 2020

Dear Sample Customer,

In November 2015, Island Creek Township voters authorized the creation of a natural gas aggregation program. Your community has selected Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC (Constellation) as the program supplier. The program will offer natural gas at a variable rate calculated by using the converted Nymex 19th day settle plus \$0.098 per Ccf for the term of December 2020 through April 2022 meter read cycles.

# You're Automatically Enrolled

As an eligible Island Creek Township 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; however, if you decide not to take part in the program, please respond with one of the options below by November 24, 2020:

- 1. **Mail:** Return the form below in the pre-addressed stamped envelope
- 2. Phone: Call Constellation at 833-969-2853
- 3. Web: Visit www.constellation.com/ oh-islandcreek

We look forward to providing this program. Sincerely,

Island Creek Township

Kevin Klages SVP Mass Markets Constellation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

The rate offered does not include taxes, Columbia Gas of Ohio distribution or other Columbia 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).



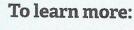
Sample Customer SAMPLE ADDRESS SAMPLE CITY, OH ZIP



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

> Sample Customer SAMPLE ADDRESS SAMPLE CITY, OH ZIP







**Call 833-969-2853** 



### **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 November 24, 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 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 regulations set forth in your Utility's tariff. Supply of natural gas under this Agreement is conditioned upon (1) our verification of the account(s) and information that you provide to us, including information regarding your natural gas usage and the Account(s) and (2).

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 bate"), which we estimate will be in the month of December 2020 (January 2021 billing cycle). We will supply your Account(s) through the month of April 2022 (May 2022 billing cycle). If the Island Creek Township Natural Gas Pricing Program continues beyond March 2022 with Constellation as the supplier, Constellation will send you a notice of renewal including, but not limited to, notice of the new Island Creek Township 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 Island Creek Township Natural Gas Pricing Program at least every two years from the Start Date of the Island Creek Township Natural Gas Pricing Program at least every two years from the Start 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. Price. Island Creek Township. Natural Gas Pricing Program. The Township Price Program will be for a term of seventeen (17) months (17 billing cycles). In order to determine the monthly rate per Ccf for Aggregation Members, Constellation shall use the NYMEX 19th day settlement price for the applicable gas flow month plus a fixed adder of \$0.098 per Ccf unless the Township Triggers a fixed NYMEX price. Township hereby represents and warrants that it is authorized to act as agent regarding natural gas pricing decisions for all Aggregation Members. As authorized agent, Township can request to Trigger the NYMEX price for the remaining months of the Term at any time; provided, however that Township may only Trigger a NYMEX price once for each month of the Term (e.g., multiple Triggers may not be executed for one month, but Township, Constellation shall determine the monthly rate per Ccf by using such fixed NYMEX price is fixed at any time pursuant to such a request by Township, Constellation shall determine the monthly rate per Ccf by using such fixed NYMEX price for the applicable gas flow month plus a fixed adder of \$0.098 Ccf. Aggregation Members will not be charged an early termination fee by Constellation for leaving the program prior to the end of the Term. BY ENROLLING IN THIS PROGRAM, YOU HEREBY APPOINT THE ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP AS YOUR AGENT FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY PRICING DECISIONS AND AGREE THAT THE ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP HAS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO MAKE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY PRICING DECISIONS ON YOUR BEHALF WHILE THIS AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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 cancel your enrollment with us pursuant to your rescission right provided below. You may terminate this Agreement without penalty if you 5 Customer's Passing Participant

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) The Utility 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 (833) 969-2853, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by e-mail at <u>VST@constellation.com</u>, online at <u>www.constellation.com</u>, 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 <u>www.puco.ohio.gov</u>. Residential customers 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at <u>www.pickocc.org</u>.

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 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 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; 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 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, advisors, and independent contractors. Other than for operation, maintenance, assignment and transfer of your Account(s), pursuant to a court 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.

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Utility Name	Utility Abbreviation	Contact Number
Columbia Gas of Ohio	СОН	(800) 282-0157

# IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR SERVICE INTERRUPTION, CONTACT YOUR LITH ITY AT



### 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, 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.

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Summary: Opt-Out Notice electronically filed by Mr. Scott Belcastro on behalf of Island Creek Township, Jefferson Co, OH