

DIS Case Number: 19-0041-EL-GAG

Section A: Application Information

A-1. Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, and web site address

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Legal Name: Village of Hamler	Country: United States
Phone: 419-274- Extension (if applicable): 7651	Street: 871 E. Hubbard St
Website (if any): www.villageofhamler.com	City: Hamler Province/State: OH
	Postal Code: 43524

A-2. Contact person for regulatory matters

Mark Frye
5577 Airport Hwy, Ste 101
Toledo, OH 43615
US
mfrye@palmerenergy.com

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

Mark Frye
5577 Airport Hwy, Ste 101
Toledo, OH 43615
US
mfrye@palmerenergy.com

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

Phone: 419-539-9180	Extension (if applicable):	Country: United States
Fax: 419-539-9185	Extension (if applicable):	Street: 5577 Airport Highway; Suite 101
Email: mfrye@palmerenergy.com		City: Toledo Province/State: OH
		Postal Code: 43615



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.

File(s) attached.

B-2. Operation and governance plans

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.

Files(s) attached.

B-3. Opt-out disclosure notice

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.

File(s) uploaded

B-4. Experience and Plans

Provide a description of the applicant's experience in providing the service(s) for which it is applying (e.g. number and type of customers served, utility service areas, amount of load, etc.). Also provide the plan for contracting with customers, providing contracted services, providing billing statements, and responding to customer inquiries and complaints in accordance with Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4928.10 of the Revised Code.

File(s) attached



Public Utilities
Commission

Application Attachments

Village of Hamler

Exhibit B-3

Automatic Aggregation Disclosure – Opt-out Form (Electric Program)

Village of Hamler
871 E Hubbard Street
PO Box 435
Hamler, OH 43524



Village of Hamler Electric Aggregation Program

<<Address Block>>

<<post mark date>>

Dear Hamler Residents and Businesses,

We are writing to tell you about the Village of Hamler's new electric aggregation program. In November 2018, Hamler voters authorized the Village Council to form a governmental aggregation program to negotiate a favorable price and terms for electricity supply for Village residences and businesses. Hamler Council is pleased to announce that Dynegy has been selected as the Supplier for its program.

Here's What to Expect:

- You receive a Fixed Electricity Price of 4.72 ¢/kWh through your August 2021 meter reading.
- You receive **one** energy bill, including the Dynegy charge, from Toledo Edison, your local utility.
- After your enrollment is finalized, Toledo Edison will send you a confirmation letter.
- You can leave the aggregation program without penalty at any time.

You're Automatically Enrolled

There is no cost to enroll. Enrollment is automatic for those who are eligible, but participation is voluntary. You may opt-out of this program by **August 1, 2019** or leave the program at any time for any reason by providing notice to Dynegy. Please see the enclosed terms and conditions for full details of the program.

How to Opt-Out

If you do not wish to participate, please complete and return the reply card below or call Dynegy, the electric supplier, at 888-682-2170 by **August 1, 2019**. If you choose to opt out, you will be served by Toledo Edison under its standard service offer or until you choose an alternative electric supplier. If you switch back to your local utility, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions.

For questions, contact Dynegy at DynegyCustomerService@dynegy.com call 888-682-2170 or visit <https://www.dynegy.com/municipal-aggregation/communities-we-serve/Ohio/hamler>.

We look forward to providing this program.

Sincerely,
Village of Hamler and Dynegy

Community: Village of Hamler



I do not want to participate in the Village of Hamler Electric Aggregation Program.
By checking this box, I understand that my account will **not** be included in the program.

This opt out must be post marked by **August 1, 2019** and mailed to:
Dynegy, PO Box 650764 Dallas, TX 75265-0764

Customer Name _____

Customer Number <<Customer Number>>

Service Address _____ <<service address>>

Signature _____ Date _____

ABOUT THE PROGRAM***What is an Electric Aggregation Program?***

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

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

How was Dynegy chosen as the supplier?

Your community implemented a formal process where proposals from multiple suppliers were submitted for consideration. Dynegy was selected to be your preferred electricity supplier.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT***Who is eligible to participate?***

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

How do I enroll?

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

Do I have to participate in the aggregation program?

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

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

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

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

RATE AND TERM INFORMATION***What are the Rates & Terms for this Aggregation Program?***

Your competitive rate and terms are explained in your Terms and Conditions. Customers who are enrolled in the program should see the changes on their monthly electricity bill 45 to 60 days after enrollment.

What if my local utility company's rate decreases?

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

What happens at the end of the Agreement term?

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

BILLING AND SERVICE***Who will bill me for electricity? Will I get two bills?***

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

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

Yes, how you pay your bill will not change.

I am currently under the budget billing option with First Energy. Can I continue this service?

Yes, the utility will continue to manage your budget billing and determine your monthly payments. If you have any questions about budget billing, please contact your utility.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Purchase of Electricity – Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC (DES) agrees to sell, and you (Customer) agree to buy, all retail electricity at the price and on the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement. Customer's electric utility remains responsible for the delivery of electricity to the Customer.

2. Residential or Small Commercial Service – Customer acknowledges this Agreement is for electricity for residential or small commercial use only.

3. Price and Initial Term – The price for electricity (Price) will be 4.72¢ per kWh through your August 2021 meter read date (Initial Term). Electricity service under this Agreement will begin with the next available meter read date after DES and Customer's electric utility process Customer's enrollment. In addition to delivering electricity, Customer's electric utility will continue to read Customer's meter, bill the Customer and respond to any outages. If Customer switches back to Customer's electric utility for any reason, Customer may or may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric utility. The Price includes broker fees, but does not include any applicable taxes, fees or charges related to distribution service from the Customer's electric utility. If DES wishes to lower the Price due to a change in market conditions, DES may do so without Customer's consent provided there are no other changes to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

4. Length of Contract - As a part of your community's program, your service from DES will commence with your next available meter reading after processing of enrollment by your electric utility, and will continue for the term as specified in the opt-out notification, ending on your meter read for the last month of service.

5. Billing and Payment – The charges for electricity provided by DES will appear on Customer's monthly bill from Customer's electric utility, and is due and payable to Customer's electric utility on the same day the electric utility's bill is due. Customer will incur additional service and delivery charges from the Customer's electric utility. Customer should continue to follow any bill payment procedures between Customer and Customer's electric utility. Customer agrees to accept the measurements as determined by Customer's electric utility for purposes of accounting for the amount of electricity provided by DES under this Agreement. Though DES does not offer budget billing for the electricity provided, the customer may contact the Customer's electric utility to enroll in the utility budget billing program, if applicable. Customer has the right to request from DES, twice within a twelve-month period without charge, up to twenty-four months of the Customer's payment history. The failure to pay electric utility charges may result in Customer being disconnected from service in accordance with the Customer's electric utility tariff.

6. Customer Cancellation or Termination of the Agreement – Customer's electric utility will send Customer a notice confirming the switch to DES for electricity. **CUSTOMER MAY CANCEL THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT PENALTY WITHIN SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS OF THE POSTMARK ON THE ELECTRIC UTILITY'S CONFIRMATION NOTICE OF THE SWITCH TO DES BY CONTACTING CUSTOMER'S ELECTRIC UTILITY BY TELEPHONE OR IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANCELLATION INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT NOTICE.** After the seven-day cancellation period, Customer must contact DES to terminate this Agreement. There is no fee for early termination during any renewal term. Customer may terminate this Agreement without penalty if Customer moves outside of DES's service area or into an area where DES charges a different price for electricity.

7. DES Termination of the Agreement – DES may terminate this Agreement by giving Customer written notice of at least 14 calendar days if the Customer fails to make any payments under this Agreement or fails to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements. DES may also terminate this Agreement by giving Customer written notice if any Force Majeure Event (See Section 13 of this Agreement), as defined below, physically prevents or legally prohibits DES from performing under the terms of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement, Customer will return to Customer's electric utility for electricity unless Customer has selected another Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider. The effective date of any termination by Customer or DES will be the next available meter read date after expiration of any required notice period and processing by the electric utility and DES of the return of the Customer to the electric utility. Upon termination by any party for any reason, Customer will remain responsible for all charges for electricity through the date of termination.

8. Environmental Disclosure – This Agreement incorporates the information provided to Customer or made available to Customer at DES's website (DynegyOhio.com) regarding the approximate generation resource mix and environmental characteristics of electricity supply.

9. Assignment – DES may assign, subcontract or delegate all or any part of DES's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without consent from Customer. Customer shall not assign its rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of DES.

10. Customer Information – Customer authorizes DES to obtain any information from Customer's electric utility necessary for DES to perform this Agreement, including Customer's account name, account number, billing address, service address, telephone number, standard offer service type, meter readings, when charges hereunder are included on the electric utility's bill, and Customer's billing and payment information from Customer's electric utility. DES is prohibited from disclosing Customer's social security number and/or account number(s) without Customer's consent except for DES's own collections and credit reporting, participation in programs funded by the universal service fund pursuant to section 4928.52 of the Revised Code, or assigning a customer contract to another CRES provider.

11. Dispute Resolution – If Customer has a billing or other dispute involving this Agreement, Customer may contact DES at the telephone number, e-mail address or mailing address listed below. If your complaint is not

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Residential and Small Commercial Electric Supply Agreement Terms and Conditions

resolved after you have called your electric supplier and/or your electric utility, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). The Ohio consumers' counsel (OCC) represents residential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <http://www.pickocc.org>.

12. Limitation of Liability – Customer agrees that neither DES nor any of its employees, affiliates, agents, or subcontractors (collectively, DES Parties) will be liable for any damages or claims for matters within the control of Customer's electric utility or the regional transmission organization controlled electricity grid. The DES Parties will not be responsible for any failure to commence or terminate power and energy service on the date specified herein due to any failure or delay in enrolling Customer with Customer's electric utility. The DES Parties' liability will be limited to direct actual damages only. In no event will the DES Parties be liable for any punitive, incidental, consequential, exemplary, indirect, attorney's fees, third-party claims or other damages whether based on contract, warranty, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, or for lost profits arising from any breach or nonperformance of this Agreement.

13. Force Majeure – If a Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or part, its obligations under this Agreement (the "Claiming Party") and gives notice and details of to the other Party as soon as practicable, then the Claiming Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement (other than the obligation to make payments then due or becoming due with respect to performance prior to the Force Majeure). The Claiming Party shall remedy the Force Majeure with all reasonable dispatch. During the period excused by Force Majeure, the non-Claiming Party shall not be required to perform its obligations under this Agreement. "Force Majeure" shall mean an event or circumstance which prevents the Claiming Party from performing its obligations or causes delay in the Claiming Party's performance under this Agreement, which event or circumstance was not anticipated as of the date this Agreement was agreed to, which is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the Claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence or use of good utility practice, as defined in the applicable transmission tariff, the Claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided, such as, but not limited to, acts of God; fire; flood; earthquake; war; riots; strikes, walkouts, lockouts and other labor disputes that affect Customer or DES. Force Majeure shall not be based on 1) Customer's inability to economically use the electricity purchased hereunder; or 2) Supplier's ability to sell the electricity at a price greater than the price under this Agreement.

14. REGULATORY OUT – Changes to laws, regulations, rules, decisions, entries, findings, or orders governing the generation, transmission, or sale of electricity may be made by different entities, including state agencies and regulatory bodies such as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), federal agencies and regulatory bodies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) that operate multi-state regional electric transmission systems such as PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM), the RTO that operates the regional electric transmission system in a multi-state region that includes Ohio. Such changes may include, without limitation, new, revised, altered, amended, or reinterpreted laws, regulations, rules, decisions, entries, findings, or orders relating to (i) the generation of electricity, (ii) the availability and reliability of electricity supply resources (including, without limitation, capacity), (iii) the reliability of the electricity grid, (iv) the transmission or delivery of electricity, and (v) the sale or marketing of wholesale and retail electricity (collectively, Regulatory Events). DES has no control over Regulatory Events. If any Regulatory Event makes this Agreement uneconomic or unprofitable for DES, Customer agrees that DES may propose new contract terms to Customer, including, without limitation, an increased price for the electricity delivered by DES under this Agreement. If DES proposes new contract terms in accordance with this clause, DES will provide written notice to the Customer that identifies (1) the Regulatory Event(s) at issue, (2) the new contract terms proposed by DES, and (3) when the new contract terms will take effect following Customer's acceptance. Customer will have thirty (30) days from the date of the written notice to affirmatively accept or reject the new contract terms. If Customer does not affirmatively accept the new contract terms within thirty (30) days of the written notice, DES may in its sole discretion elect to terminate this Agreement without penalty on the next available meter read date after the expiration of the thirty-day notice period and processing by the electric utility and DES, after which Customer will return to Customer's electric utility or another CRES provider of Customer's choosing for electricity; alternatively, DES may, in its sole discretion, elect to continue supplying electricity to Customer under the original terms of this Agreement.

Contact Information

In the event of an emergency involving Customer's electric service (for example, an outage or downed power lines) Customer should call the emergency line for Customer's electric utility. In all other situations, Customer may contact DES toll free at 888-682-2170. Customer Care Representatives are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm ET. During all other hours please leave a message for a return call. Customer may also contact DES by email at DynegyCustomerService@dynegy.com, or by US Mail at DYNEGY, LLC, Attn: Customer Care, PO Box 650764 Dallas, TX 75265-0764. Customer may also visit Dynegy's website at <https://www.dynegy.com/electric-supplier>.

Village of Hamler

Exhibit B-1

Authorizing Ordinance

(Electric Program)

Resolution 008-2018

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ELECTRIC POWER AGGREGATION PLAN OF
OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE.**

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2018 voters in Village of Hamler, Henry County, Ohio approved a referendum that authorized the Village of Hamler- (the Village") to pursue Automatic Governmental Aggregation;

WHEREAS, as a Governmental Aggregator, the Village will be authorized to combine multiple retail electric customer loads within its geographic boundaries (the "Aggregation") for the purpose of facilitating the purchase of electric supply in Ohio's competitive retail electric market;

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamler anticipates that utilizing its aggregation authority will provide individual residential and small commercial consumers benefits such as price reductions that these consumers are typically unable to obtain since they lack the bargaining power, expertise and the economies of scale enjoyed by larger consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes it is in the best interest of the Village of Hamler, Ohio and the Village citizens to approve the Electrical Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance as it is drafted on "Exhibit A."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the council of Hamler, Ohio:

Section 1: The Village of Hamler approves the Electrical Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance attached as "Exhibit A."


Section 2: The Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents related to the approval the Electrical Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance attached as "Exhibit A."

Section 3: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 4: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village of Hamler, Ohio, for the reasons listed in the preamble and also to expeditiously begin attempting to retain lower electric rates for the Village of Hamler and its citizens.

Passed & Adopted: 3 Dec, 2018.

Attest:


Village Fiscal Officer


Mayor

Village of Hamler

Exhibit B-2

Operation and Governance Plan

(Electric Program)

**Village of
Hamler
Henry County, Ohio**

**Electric Power
Aggregation
Plan of Operation and
Governance**

Approved Dec 3, 2018

Village of Hamler, Henry County, Ohio

Electric Power Aggregation

Plan of Operation and Governance

I. INTRODUCTION

On November 6, 2018 voters in Village of Hamler, Henry County, Ohio approved a referendum that authorized the Village of Hamler (the "Village") to pursue Automatic Governmental Aggregation. The Village approved this Plan of Operation and Governance as prescribed by Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Village has developed this Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan of Operation") in accordance with the governmental aggregation provisions in Section 4901.1-21-16 Ohio Administrative Code. Once certified as a Governmental Aggregator, the Village will be authorized to combine multiple retail electric customer loads within its geographic boundaries (the "Aggregation") for the purpose of facilitating the purchase of electric supply in Ohio's competitive retail electric market.

Village of Hamler anticipates that utilizing its aggregation authority will provide individual residential and small commercial consumers benefits such as price reductions that these consumers are typically unable to obtain since they lack the bargaining power, expertise and the economies of scale enjoyed by larger consumers.

II. PROCESS

Under the opt-out program, all Toledo Edison residential and commercial customers in the Village are automatically included as participants in the Aggregation Program unless they opt-out of the program by providing written notice of their intention not to participate. As required by state law, the Village Council passed a Resolution and/or Ordinance, which authorized submitting the selection of opt-out aggregation to the Village's voters.

In addition to obtaining necessary Village Council approvals, the Village is also required to comply with various PUCO regulations. The Village will file an application with the PUCO for certification as a Government Aggregator as soon as the Village Approves the Plan. As required by regulations, the Village developed this Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan"). The Village advertised the public hearings dates to discuss the Plan and held two hearings on the Plan.

The Village anticipates selection of a Provider prior to or shortly after receiving approval from the PUCO as a governmental aggregator. Upon Provider selection an Opt-out notice for the Village's Program will be sent to all eligible electric customers in the Village upon approval of this Plan, setting forth the rates, terms and conditions of the program, and giving 21 days to return and opt out card or other similar notice.

The Village has decided to use an energy consultant to assist it in the establishment and implementation of its aggregation program. An RFP will be issued to select the best CRES supplier to provide electric power for the Hamler Aggregation Program. Under this program, Toledo Edison will still deliver the electricity purchased from the Village's selected provider to

customers of the program. Such customers will receive only one bill (from Toledo Edison, and all metering, repairs and emergency service will continue to be provided by Toledo Edison.

III. DEFINITIONS.

In order to clarify certain terminology, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Aggregation Program" means the program developed by the Village of Hamler, as a Government Aggregator under Section 4928.20 Ohio Revised Code, to provide Toledo Edison customers in the Village with retail electric generation services.

"Government Aggregator" means the Village and its legislative authority acting as an aggregator for the provision of a competitive retail electric service under the authority conferred under Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.

"Member" means a person or consumer enrolled in the Hamler Government Aggregation Group for competitive retail electric services.

"Retail Electric Generation Provider" ("Provider") means an entity certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to provide competitive retail electric service(s), and which is chosen by the Village to be the entity responsible to provide the required service related to Government Aggregation as defined in Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and applicable provisions of the rules of the PUCO.

"Competitive Retail Electric Service" ("CRES") means a component of electric retail service that is deemed competitive pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code or pursuant to an order of the PUCO.

IV. OPERATIONAL PLAN:

A. Aggregation Services

1. **Provider:** Hamler will use a contractor ("Retail Electric Generation Provider") to perform and manage aggregation services for its Members. The Village will select a supplier following a Request for Proposal (RFP) process administered by its consultant. The selected supplier shall provide adequate, accurate, and understandable pricing terms and conditions of service, including any switching fees and the conditions under which a Member may rescind a contract without penalty. The selected supplier must provide the Village or its authorized consultant, if requested, an electronic file containing the Members usage, and charges. Upon request this information shall be sent to the Village or its authorized consultant within 30 days. The selected supplier must have local and/or a toll free number for Members to call.
2. **Database:** The Retail Electric Generation Provider will build and maintain a database of all Members. The database will include the name, address, Toledo Edison account number, and Retail Electric Generation Provider's account of the Member and other pertinent information such as rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months of usage and demand, and meter read cycle. This database will be updated at least quarterly. Accordingly, the Retail

Electric Generation Provider will develop a process to be implemented that will be able to accommodate at a minimum Members who: 1) leave the program due to relocation, opting out, etc.; 2) decide to enter the Program; 3) relocate within eligible areas within the Village; and 4) move into the Village and desire to enter the Program. This database shall also be capable of eliminating PIPP customers, mercantile accounts, and commercial accounts using more than 700,000 KWh annually from the Program as well as those who have previously switched to an alternate supplier or previously opted out. The Retail Electric Generation Provider will use this database to perform bill audits for clerical and mathematical accuracy of Member bills.

3. **Member Education:** The Retail Electric Generation Provider will develop, with the assistance of the Village and its authorized consultant, an educational program that generally explains the Aggregation Program to Members, provides updates and disclosures mandated by Ohio law and PUCO rules, and implements a process to deal with allowing any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt out of the program at least every three years, without paying a switching fee to the Village or the Provider. See Appendix A for a detailed description of the Education Process.
4. **Customer Service:** The Retail Electric Generation Provider will develop and administer a customer service process that, at a minimum, will be able to accommodate: 1) Member inquiries and complaints about billing; and 2) answer questions regarding the Program in general. This process will include at a minimum, a description of how telephone inquiries will be handled, either internally or externally, how invoices will be prepared, how remittance of payment will be dealt with, and how collections for delinquent accounts will be addressed. See Appendix B for a detailed description of the Customer Service Plan.
5. **Billing:** Hamler will use the Retail Electric Generation Provider, or its designated agent, to provide billing services to each Member for the Competitive Retail Electric Services, with no additional administrative fee. At this time, Toledo Edison will render the billing statement, which should be consistent with all applicable guidelines issued by the PUCO. As this market develops, the Hamler may, at its option and in consultation with the Provider, change this function to the Retail Electric Generation Provider or a billing agency.
6. **Compliance Process:** The Retail Electric Generation Provider will develop internal controls and processes to ensure the Village remains in good standing as a Government Aggregator that complies with all laws, rules and regulations surrounding the same, as they may be amended from time to time. It will be the Retail Electric Generation Provider's responsibility to deliver periodic reports that will include at a minimum 1) the number of Members participating in the Program; and 2) a savings estimate or increase from the previous year's baseline. The Retail Electric Generation Provider will also develop a process to monitor and provide notification of any changes in laws, rules or regulations.
7. **Notification to Toledo Edison:** The Village's Toledo Edison consumers that do not opt-out of the Village's Aggregation Group will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program. Participants in the Village's Aggregation Group will not be asked to take other affirmative steps in order to be included in the Group. To the extent that Toledo Edison requires notification of participation, the Village and its consultant will coordinate with its Provider to provide such notice to Toledo Edison. The Provider will inform Toledo Edison of any individuals who may

have been permitted to join the Aggregation Group after the expiration of the enrollment period.

B. Power Supply Agreement

The Power Supply Agreement will provide for the Provider to serve the Village's Government Aggregation Group. Under the Agreement, the term for power supply to Members will be determined following the RFP process.

C. Hamler's Retail Electric Generation Provider

The selected Provider must satisfy each of the following requirements:

- Has a sufficient source of power to provide retail firm power to the residents and businesses of Hamler.
- Is a licensed Federal Power Marketer license with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Is certified as a CRES by the PUCO.
- Is registered as a generation supplier with Toledo Edison.
- Has a Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service under Toledo Edison's Open Access Transmission Tariff.
- Has the corporate structure to sell retail firm power to the Toledo Edison customers in the Village.
- Its Electronic Data Interchange computer network is fully functional and capable of handling the Toledo Edison retail electric customers in Hamler.
- Has the marketing ability to reach all Toledo Edison retail electric customers to educate them on the Village's Aggregation Program.
- Has a call center capable of handling the Village's Aggregation Group customer calls.
- Has a toll-free number as required by the PUCO for customer service and potential complaints related to the Village's Aggregation Program.
- Will hold the Village financially harmless from any financial obligations arising from supplying power to the Toledo Edison retail electric customers in the Village.
- Satisfies the State of Ohio's, Toledo Edison's and the Village's credit requirements.
- Will execute the Power Supply Agreement.
- Will provide necessary information to the Village's selected consultant and the Village to allow for filing the quarterly and annual reports required by the PUCO and Sections 4805.10(A), 4911.18(A) and 4928.06(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Will assist in developing a Consumer Education Plan.

D. Activation of Service

After a notice is sent out to all electric customers in the Village providing 21 days to opt out of the Program, all customers who do not opt out will be automatically enrolled in the Program. Generation service activation will occur thereafter without consumer action beginning on the customer's normal meter read date within the month when power deliveries begin under the Aggregation Program.

E. Changes, Extension or Renewal of Service

The Agreement for power supply service with the selected Provider will provide service for the term agreed upon following the RFP process. If the Agreement is extended or renewed, Members will be notified as required by law and the rules of the PUCO, as to any change in rates or service conditions. At least every three years all Toledo Edison customers in the Village will be given an opportunity to opt into or out of the Program, and reasonable notice will be provided as required by law and PUCO rules. Participants will also be notified of their right to select an alternate generation supplier and of their ability to return to EDU's Standard Service Offer.

F. Termination of Service

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

G. Opt-In Procedures

Toledo Edison customers will be automatically enrolled in the Program after a 21 day opt out period, unless they return the form to be provided, notifying the Provider that they do not want to participate. Toledo Edison consumers in the Village may request to join the Aggregation Group after the expiration of the enrollment period by contacting the Provider, who shall determine whether to accept them into the Program, and, if so, at what rate, subject to written policies mutually agreed upon by the Village and the Provider. The agreed upon policy in the Contract shall be consistent with the EDU's service activation requirements. Aggregation Group participants who move from one location to another within the corporate limits of the Village shall retain their participant status.

H. Opt-out Procedures

Toledo Edison consumers may opt-out of the Village's Aggregation Group at any time during the opt-out period without additional fees charged by the Provider or the Village. Aggregation Group participants who switch to a different generation supplier after the expiration of the Opt-out period will be allowed to do so in correlation with the consumer's next scheduled meter read date but may be charged a switching fee in an amount and method determined by the Contract. Switching to a different generation supplier on the next meter read date, however, will occur when the next meter read date is twelve (12) business days or more from the date of the consumer's notice of intent to opt-out of the Aggregation Group. Notification of intent to opt-out of the Aggregation Group may be made by contacting the Provider by telephone or in writing. Members who opt-out of the Aggregation Group will default to the EDU's Standard Service Offer, until the consumer selects an alternate generation supplier.

I. Rates

Residential and Commercial Rates:

Through the efforts of its consultant, the Village will seek proposal from PUCO certified Retail Electric Generation Providers. The RFP shall require the suppliers to offer a generation charge for firm, full-requirements supply. The selected Provider may provide a fixed price per KWh or "percent-off" pricing structure by customer rate classification or customer class. The prices to be charged to consumers will be set through a formal bid process in which the Village of Hamler will select a qualified supplier. Consumer 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. An opt-out notification will be sent to all eligible residents and business in accordance with PUCO guidelines.

J. Universal Service and Low Income Customer Assistance

The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), under the electric restructuring law, will provide one-stop shopping for low income assistance programs. There are five low-income assistance programs: 1) Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); 2) The Home Energy Assistance Program; 3) The Home Weatherization Program. Ohio law allows the Director of the Ohio Department of development to aggregate consumers that participate in PIPP and to competitively auction the generation supply for PIPP customers. Accordingly, PIPP customers may be included in the State's PIPP customer aggregation. In the event that Ohio law and PUCO regulations are modified to allow PIPP participation, PIPP customers would be included in the Village's aggregation program unless they choose to opt out.

V. MISCELLANEOUS GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

- A. Village Council shall approve through Resolution or Ordinance the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Aggregation program and any Amendments thereto.
- B. The Village shall contract with only Retail Electric Generation Providers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for the provision of Competitive Retail Electric Service to the Aggregation Program Members.
- C. The Village will require any Provider to disclose any subcontractors that it uses in fulfillment of the services described above.
- D. The Village will require the Provider to maintain either a toll free telephone number, or a telephone number, that is local to Village residents who are Members.
- E. All costs of the Aggregation Program development/administration will be paid through the inclusion of an adder that will be added to Member bills.

VI. LIABILITY

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

VII. INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT NUMBERS

Potential Participants can receive information about the program or copies of this plan from the Village free of charge by calling 419-274-7651.

Any electric customer, including any participant in the Village's Aggregation Program, may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for information, or to make a complaint against the Program, the Provider or EDU. The PUCO may be reached toll free at 1-800-686-7826. The PUCO may be reached at 1-800-686-1570 for all TDD/TYY calls. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel may be reached at 1-877-742-5622.

Appendix A -- Education Process

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

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

Appendix B --- Customer Service Plan

A. Member Access:

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

_____ Corporation
Address: _____
Village: _____,
Toll-free telephone number: 1-_____
Hours: _____

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

B. Member Complaints:

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

5. Provider shall retain records of Member complaints, investigations, and complaint resolutions for one year after the occurrence of such complaints, and shall provide such records to the Commission Staff within five calendar days of request.
6. Provider shall make good faith efforts to resolve disputes.

C. Member Billing and Payments

1. The Provider shall arrange for Toledo Edison or its agent to bill Members for such services according to a tariff approved by the commission. Residential Member bills issued by or for the Provider shall be accurate and understandable, be rendered at intervals consistent with those of Toledo Edison, and contain sufficient information for Members to compute and compare the total cost of competitive retail electric service (s). Such bills shall also include:
 - a. The Member's name, billing address, service address, the Member's EDU account number, and if applicable, Provider account number;
 - b. The dates of service covered by the bill, an itemization of each type of competitive service covered by the bill, any related billing components, the charge for each type of service, and any other information the Member would need to recalculate the bill for accuracy;
 - c. The applicable billing determinants, including beginning meter reading, ending meter reading(s), demand meter reading(s), multipliers, consumption(s), and demands;
 - d. For Member-generators with net metering contracts, a statement of the net metered generation;
 - e. The unit price per kWh charged for competitive service, as calculated by dividing current-period competitive service charges by the current-period consumption;
 - f. An identification of the provider of each service appearing on the bill;
 - g. The amount billed for the current period, any unpaid amounts due from previous periods, any payments or credits applied to the Member's account during the current period, any late payment charges or gross and net charges, if applicable, and the total amount due and payable.
2. The due date for payment to keep the account current. Such due date shall be no less than:
 - a. Fourteen days after the postmark date on the bill for residential Member; and Twenty-one days after the postmark date on the bill for nonresidential Members;
 - b. Current balance of the account, if a residential Member is billed according to a budget plan;
 - c. Options and instructions on how Members may make their payments;
 - d. For each provider whose charges appear on the bill, a listing of the provider's toll-free telephone number and address for Member billing questions or complaints;
 - e. A listing of the toll-free consumer assistance telephone numbers and available hours for applicable state agencies, such as the commission, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and the Ohio Attorney General's office;

- f. The Toledo Edison 24-hour local/toll-free telephone number for reporting service emergencies;
 - g. Identification of estimated bills or bills not based upon actual end-of-period meter readings for the period; and
 - h. An explanation of any codes and abbreviations used.
3. If applicable, the provider, upon request, provide Members with the name and street address/location of the nearest payment center and/or authorized payment agent.
4. If applicable, when a Member pays the bill at a payment center or to an authorized payment agent, such payment shall be credited to the Member's account as of the day such payment center or agent receives it.
4. The Village and Provider shall establish policies and procedures for handling billing disputes and requests for payment arrangements.

D. Collections for delinquent accounts:

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

Village of Hamler

Exhibit B-4

Experience and Plan (Electric Program)

Experience

The Village of Hamler officials are experienced in negotiating and providing for common services for the Village. However, due to the complexity of Governmental Aggregation, the Village has selected Palmer Energy Company, to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining the Program.

Palmer Energy Company is a Toledo based energy consulting firm founded in 1980. Palmer Energy was a natural gas industry pioneer by working on their customers' behalf as an external consultant. Purchased by Mark Frye in 1994, Palmer Energy has become a leader in unbiased energy management and consulting. While its evolution continues alongside the energy industry, Palmer Energy Company is dedicated to operating as an integral member of a client's energy management team.

Palmer Energy is also the energy consultant for The Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC). NOAC is a coalition of communities in Lucas and northern Wood Counties providing governmental aggregation services for electric and natural gas customers within the Cities of Maumee, Northwood, Oregon, Perrysburg, Rossford, Sylvania, Toledo and Waterville, the Villages of Delta, Holland, Ottawa Hills and Walbridge, the Wood County Townships of Lake and Perrysburg, and all the unincorporated township areas of Lucas County (through the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio). Mark Frye, President of Palmer Energy, is NOAC's designated consultant and has testified on behalf of NOAC in several matters before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Palmer Energy recently partnered with the Ohio Municipal League to help manage a natural gas and electric program for the facilities, as well as electric and natural gas government aggregation programs for the residents of member cities and villages. This program was designed specifically to help cities and villages save money on their natural gas and electric bills by utilizing the strength of group buying.

Palmer Energy Company will:

- Assist 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 the utility that would serve as the basis for an opt-out notice.
- Write and prepare reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the Village, PUCO, PUCO's Market Monitoring division, and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
- Review customer data provided by the utility that would serve as the basis for an opt-out notice. Provide customer service support for consumers in the Village to call for information during the 21-day enrollment and opt out period for the Village's Aggregation Program.

- Respond to customer inquiries, billing questions and/or complaints. While the billing of customers for the retail generation supply will be provided through the electric distribution utility, Toledo Edison (TE), and the billing process will be coordinated with TE by the selected supplier, for the Aggregation Group, Palmer Energy will offer assistance as needed on behalf of the Village.
- Palmer Energy is well versed in the rules adopted by the PUCO, and is thus in a position to ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 4928.10 of the Revised Code, and the rules adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto.

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Competitive Retail Electric Service Affidavit

County of Henry :

State of OH :

G. Jeff Brubaker

, 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, and that it will amend its application while it is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided.
2. The applicant will timely file an annual report of its intrastate gross receipts, gross earnings, and sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A), and 4928.06(F), Ohio Revised Code.
3. The applicant will timely pay any assessment made pursuant to Sections 4905.10, 4911.18, and 4928.06(F), Ohio Revised Code.
4. The 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. The applicant will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and its Staff on any utility matter including the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the applicant.
6. The applicant will fully comply with Section 4928.09, Ohio Revised Code regarding consent to the jurisdiction of Ohio Courts and the service of process.
7. The applicant will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
8. The applicant will use its best efforts to verify that any entity with whom it has a contractual relationship to purchase power is in compliance with all applicable licensing requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
9. The applicant will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the electric distribution companies, the regional transmission entities, and other electric suppliers in the event of an emergency condition that may jeopardize the safety and reliability of the electric service in accordance with the emergency plans and other procedures as may be determined appropriate by the Commission.
10. If applicable to the service(s) the applicant will provide, it will adhere to the reliability standards of (1) the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), (2) the appropriate regional reliability council(s), and (3) the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
11. The Applicant will inform the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of any material change to the information supplied in the application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating consumer complaints.

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

13. Affiant further sayeth naught.

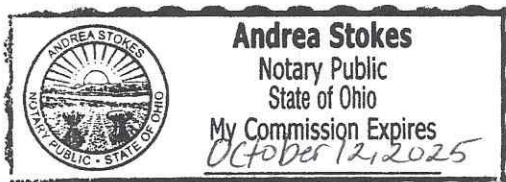
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Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 4th day of November 2020
Month Year

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Signature of official administering oath

Andrea Stokes, Program Manager
Print Name and Title

My commission expires on October 12, 2025



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