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180 East Broad St. 13th Floor
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RE: Electric Governmental Aggregator Renewal Application Case Number 13-1508-EL-GAG

The Board of Trumbull County Commissioners is pleased to submit its renewal application for electric governmental aggregator. The original of the county's filing is enclosed. The original application was docketed as case number 13-1508-EL-GAG.

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (330) 730-4338.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bellish
President

Enclosure

Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

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Public Utilities Commission

Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES)
Governmental Aggregator Application

Case Number: 13 - 1508 -EL-GAG

Please complete all information. Identify all attachments with a label and title (example: Exhibit B-2 Operation and governance plan). For paper filing, you can mail the original and three complete copies to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

A. Application Information

A-1. Applicant's legal name and contact information.

Provide the name and contact information of the business entity.

Legal Name: Board of Trumbull County
Street Address: 160 High Street, NW
City: Warren State: Ohio Zip: 44481
Telephone: (330) 675-2451 Website: commissioners.co.trumbull.oh.us

A-2. Contact person for regulatory matters.

Name: Thomas M. Bellish
Street Address: 66 East Mill Street
City: Akron State: Ohio Zip: 44308
Telephone: (330) 730-4338 Email: tb@buckeyeenergybrokers.com

A-3. Contact person for PUCO Staff use in investigating consumer complaints.

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

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City: Akron State: Ohio Zip: 44308
Toll-free
Telephone: (866) 302-2237 Email: tb@buckeyeenergybrokers.com

B. Managerial Capability

Provide a response or attachment for each of the sections below.

B-1. Authorizing Ordinance.

Provide a copy of the adopted ordinance or resolution authorizing the formation of a governmental aggregation program pursuant to Sections [4928.20\(A\)](#), [4929.26](#), and/or [4929.27](#) of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 Section [4928.20\(C\)](#), [4929.26\(C\)](#), and/or [4929.27\(B\)](#) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with [4901:1-21-16](#) and/or [4901:1-28-03](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

B-3. Opt-out disclosure notice.

Provide a draft copy of the opt-out notice that provides or offers automatic aggregation services in accordance with Sections [4928.20\(D\)](#) or [4929.26\(D\)](#) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with [4901:1-21-17](#) and/or [4901:1-28-04](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The applicant must file the finalized opt-out notice in the certification case docket no more than 30 days and not less than ten days prior to public dissemination.

B-4. Experience and plans.

Describe in detail the applicant's experience and plan for providing aggregation services, including contracting with consultants, broker/aggregators, retail natural gas suppliers and/or retail generation providers, providing billing statements, responding to customer inquiries and complaints, and complying with all applicable provisions of Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section [4929.22](#) and/or [4928.20](#) of the Ohio Revised Code.

As authorized representative for the above company/organization, I certify that all the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in penalties or other legal actions.


Signature


Date


Title

Competitive Retail Electric Service Affidavit

County of Trumbull :

State of Ohio :

Mauro Cantalamessa, President

, 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.

[Signature]
Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26 day of May, 2021
Month Year

[Signature]
Signature of official administering oath

LISA DeNUNZIO BLAIR
Print Name and Title Journal Clerk



LISA DeNUNZIO BLAIR
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF OHIO
My Commission Expires
July 28, 2024

My commission expires on July 28, 2024



TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel E. Polivka

Clerk
Pamela A. Godfrey

May 13, 2009

The following action was taken by the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners on May 13, 2009, and duly recorded in their Journal Volume 132, page 14308.

**RE: ADOPT PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE
FOR OPT-OUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION
PROGRAM - BUCKEYE ENERGY BROKERS, INC.**

MOTION: Made by Mr. Heitzel, seconded by Mr. Polivka, to adopt the PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR OPT-OUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM as submitted by BUCKEYE ENERGY BROKERS, INC., 1870 Darrow Road, #F106, Twinsburg, OH 44087, for Trumbull County's Electric Aggregation Program; AND to authorize Frank S. Fuda, President of the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners, to execute the Certification/Affidavit Application for Governmental Aggregators with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

SPECIAL NOTE: On April 22, 2009, duly recorded in Journal Volume 132, Page 14279, the Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution to schedule two public hearings on the Trumbull County Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance. The public hearings were held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., whereby any comments or suggestions regarding said Plan have been considered and incorporated as deemed appropriate by the Board. Legal Notice for the Public Hearings was published in the *Trumbull Chronicle* on Monday, April 27, 2009 and Monday, May 4, 2009.

Yeas: Heitzel, Polivka, Fuda
Nays: None

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela A. Godfrey, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Trumbull County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners on May 13, 2009, and is duly recorded in Journal Volume 132, page 14308.

Pamela A. Godfrey
Pamela A. Godfrey, Clerk/Administrator
Board of County Commissioners

/s/

cc: Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM TRUMBULL COUNTY

PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE



Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

For additional information contact:

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1. Purpose of Electric Aggregation Program

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4928.20 regarding governmental aggregation of electric service. Trumbull County ("the County") Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail electric loads of consumers located in the County to negotiate the best rates for the generation supply of electric power. It has the potential to combine residential, commercial and industrial customers into a buying pool that will be attractive to third party suppliers (Suppliers). Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer (Member) has the opportunity to decline to be a member of the aggregation program and to return to the Ohio Edison standard offer of service or to enter into a power supply contract with any competitive retail electric supplier. This Plan of Operation will not be adopted until two public hearings are held in accordance with section 4928.20 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

2. The Process for Municipal Aggregation

The process of governmental aggregation is set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 4928.20. The section defines opt-out aggregation that may be enacted by a governmental entity. Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all electric consumers within the County will be automatically included in the Program. However, such customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the Program. These customers can opt-out during a 21-day period after the election. A similar opt-out period will be offered every two years during which Members can leave the County's aggregation pool without paying a switching fee. In November 2008, Trumbull voters approved the development of the program.

All eligible load centers within the County will be automatically enrolled in the aggregation program. However, for commercial and industrial customers with a peak load demand of 200 kW or greater, special metering data may need to be furnished to alternate suppliers to receive a price offer. In addition, only accounts with "shoppable" rate codes, as defined by FirstEnergy Corporation may participate in the Program. Only townships not already in an active program will be included.

The Supplier and Ohio Edison will identify those customers in the County who have not opted out, who have not renewed their special rate contracts, who are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and who are not on FirstEnergy's "Opt-Off Marketing List." These customers will be transferred to the Supplier selected by the County and enrolled over the period of one month. Ohio Edison shall notify each transferred customer of the transfer with its last bill for standard offer service. Service under the new Supplier shall begin at the start of the billing period following the transfer.

3. Terms and Conditions of Enrollment

3.1 Rates

The County shall receive proposals from electric suppliers using a competitive selection process. The request for proposals shall require the suppliers to offer a generation charge for each customer class, load grouping or other appropriate category that is lower than the standard offer from Ohio Edison. Members will not be switched unless a supplier can be found offering prices less than the respective member shopping credits. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the County Board of Commissioners after negotiations with the selected Supplier. Members were notified of the rates and terms of the Program through the local newspaper, local Cable TV Channels and the County's web site. Opt-out forms will be docketed with the PUCO 10 days prior to mailings.

3.2 Charges

FirstEnergy will continue to bill for Federal Phase I Clean Air Act Compliance, Late Payment, Electric Fuel Component and Monthly Service Fee, etc. These charges apply whether a Member switches or not. Switching generation suppliers will not result in any new charges.

3.3 Switching Fees

At the present time, FirstEnergy is requiring a per customer switching fee for those customers who voluntarily remain in a government aggregation program and are switched to an alternate Supplier. The County's Request for Proposal (RFP) was written to require the selected Supplier to pay for the group's switching fee.

3.4 Terms

The aggregation program is designed to reduce the amount consumers pay for electric energy. The County will not buy and resell the power to the participants of the program. Instead, the County will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a competitive retail electric supplier to provide firm, all-requirements generation service to the members of the aggregation 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 not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); and
- Have a shoppable rate code.

3.5 Opt-Out Disclosure

The County is using an Opt-out form of Governmental Aggregation pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. The County will disclose to the person owning, occupying or using the load center that the person will be enrolled automatically in the aggregation program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by the following procedure not to be so enrolled. Any such person that opts out of the aggregation program pursuant to stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided by FirstEnergy until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

Procedure:

1. The County distributed the Opt-Out Form (refer to Exhibit A-4 “Automatic Aggregation Disclosure”);
2. Recipients have 21 days to notify the County; and
3. The County will exclude those opting out from the Program.
4. Customers will receive written notification from FirstEnergy Corp. stating that they are about to be switched and have 7 days if they wish to rescind the contract.

4. Policies for Customers Moving Into/Out of the Municipality

Members who have left the Program, or who have moved into the County, may contact the County or its Supplier at any time to obtain enrollment information. There is however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants. Suppliers are unable to hold price offerings for an unlimited amount of time, and if the County asks for such a requirement, the price offering received from suppliers will be higher to reflect the greater risk.

Customers may opt out of the Program at no charge within a 21-day period following passage of the ballot. Two public hearings will be held shortly after the ballot to discuss the plan of operation and the process for opting-out. Customers who provide the required opt-out notice will remain customers of Ohio Edison until such time as they select a different generation provider. A similar period in which customers can opt-out of the Program without charge will be offered every two years.

5. Billing Procedures

The County will utilize the coordinated billing services of FirstEnergy and the selected Supplier. We anticipate residential customers will receive a single bill from FirstEnergy that itemizes among other things, the cost of generation provided by the selected supplier. In some instances, dual billing will be used for commercial and industrial group members. In these instances, one bill will be sent from the Supplier and one will be sent from FirstEnergy for their respective services.

6. Procedures for Handling Customer Complaints

Members will have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability should be directed to Ohio Edison or CEI as appropriate, questions regarding the Program administration should go to the County, and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and/or The Ohio Consumers Council. Listed below is a table of toll-free numbers for members to call for assistance.

Nature of Complaint	Contact	Phone Number
Power interruptions or outages	Ohio Edison/CEI	1-800-633-4766/1-800-589-3101
Power turn on/off	Ohio Edison/CEI	1-800-633-4766/1-800-589-3101
Billing disputes	Ohio Edison/CEI	1-800-633-4766/1-800-589-3101
Joining/Leaving Program	Supplier	See optout notice
Program Regulatory Questions	Buckeye Energy Brokers	1-866-302-2237
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Commission	1-800-686-7826
Unresolved Disputes	Ohio Consumers Council	1-877-742-5622

7. Rights and Responsibilities of Program Members

7.1 Universal Access to Aggregation Program

"Universal access" is a term derived from the traditional regulated utility environment in which all customers desiring service receive that service. For the purposes of this Program this will mean that all existing customers within the County borders shall be eligible for service from the contracted supplier under the terms and conditions of the supply contract. It is a goal of the Program to provide the basis for aggregation of all Members on a non-discriminatory basis.

Service under the Program shall include all customer classes in adherence with universal service principles and requirements, and the traditional non-discriminatory practices of local government. Contracts with all Suppliers shall contain provisions to maintain these principles and equitable treatment of all customer classes.

Existing customers in the County currently receiving electric power through an Affinity Group offer or other similar mechanism will become members of the Program. Those members wishing to rejoin their group will need to Opt-out of the Program. Residents who are currently PIPP customers are not eligible to become Program Members.

7.2 Dispute Resolution

Members should make all efforts to address complaints or concerns in accordance with the guidance provided in section 6.0 "Procedures for Handling Customer Complaints" of this plan. If Members are unable to resolve their concerns through these channels, they may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (1-800-686-7826) or the Ohio Consumers Council (1-877-742-5622) for additional assistance.

7.3 Bill Payment

Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of FirstEnergy 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. Collection and credit procedures remain the

responsibility of FirstEnergy, the selected Supplier and the individual Member.

7.4 Leaving the Aggregation Program

Members who wish to opt-out of the program may do so:

1. During the program's initial 21-day opt-out period;
2. Every two years without paying a switching fee; and
3. At any other time, but may be required to pay a switching fee

8. Reliability of Power Supply

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

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

9. Supplier Qualification Selection Criteria

Only Suppliers meeting strict criteria will be considered. The selected Supplier will need own generating facilities or be directly affiliated with a utility that does. Suppliers will need to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and registered with FirstEnergy Corporation to do business in their service territory. Both the certification and registration ensure that Suppliers are managerially, technically, and financially competent to perform the services they offer.

The successful bidder shall also demonstrate its creditworthiness by possessing an investment grade long-term bond ratings from at least two of the following rating agencies:

Standard & Poors	BBB or Higher
Moody's Investors' Services	Baa3 or Higher

10. Funding the Aggregation Program

The primary expenses of the Program are expected to be publication of notices, written notification to customers, switching fees due to Ohio Edison, regulatory fees and registration with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Except, possibly, for the initial notification of customers, these expenses and administrative fees will be the responsibility of the selected Supplier.

11. Maintenance and Reporting of the Aggregation Program

The County will rely on its consultant Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to monitor and report on a quarterly basis. Buckeye Energy will track the performance of the selected Supplier, report on estimated savings and provide an analysis of current and future market conditions. Reports will be provided to the Board of Commissioners. Members wishing to view the reports should make arrangements to do so by contacting the County during normal working hours.

12. Professional Assistance

Due to the complexity of deregulation of the electric utility industry, the County will consult with and obtain the necessary expertise to represent and administer the Program. The County has contracted with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to provide energy consulting services.

Jan 13 - Feb 2, 2021

Exhibit B-3 Opt-out disclosure notice

Trumbull County

Community Electric Aggregation Notification

Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program. In November 2008, members of your community voted in favor of government aggregation, a program authorizing your local officials to purchase electricity from an electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to be your electric service provider.

How You Benefit

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

	Your Electric Utility	Fixed Price	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	The Illuminating Company	4.96 cents per kWh	March 2022	\$25.00
Small Business	The Illuminating Company	4.96 cents per kWh	March 2022	\$50.00

Same Reliable Service

You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility with your Energy Harbor charges included. There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and **you do not need to do anything to participate.**

Opt Out Information

If you do not want to participate in the aggregation, you must complete one of the following by the Opt Out Deadline:

- **MAIL:** Return the enclosed **Opt Out Reply Form**
- **PHONE:** Call Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749 to opt out over the phone

Opt Out Deadline
Feb 3 - Feb 23, 2021

Enrollment Information

Following the opt out deadline, future bills will reflect the Energy Harbor price listed above upon your next available meter read date, which may take up to 30-45 days. If you are not currently receiving electric generation from Energy Harbor, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your participation. **To become a member of your community's electric aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives.**

Please refer to the enclosed Terms and Conditions and FAQs (reverse) for more information. Your community encourages members with questions regarding the electric aggregation program to contact Energy Harbor directly. If you have any questions or wish to opt out, please contact us toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Sincerely,

Trumbull County

How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?

Under government aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Residents voted to allow the community to contract with an electric generation supplier on their behalf. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to provide you with exclusive pricing on your electric generation.

Who is Energy Harbor?

Energy Harbor is a fully integrated retail energy provider and independent power producer capable of generating substantial carbon-free energy. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio. The company proudly serves nearly one million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan. Your community is one of over 200 who have chosen Energy Harbor to provide electric aggregation programs.

What does it mean to have a fixed or variable price?

This notification states if your price is fixed or variable. With a fixed price, the price you will receive each month does not change. With a variable price, Energy Harbor provides a set % off discount each month regardless of the utility price. Because the actual price per kWh charged by your utility may change each month, your price per kWh from Energy Harbor will also vary, but your % discount is guaranteed to remain the same.

How will I know if I can save money in the aggregation?

You'll know you are saving money as long as your price with Energy Harbor is lower than the utility Price to Compare (PTC) communicated on your bill. To calculate your savings on a % off discount, locate the PTC on your electric bill. Divide your PTC by 100, then multiply it by the % discount (ex: 6% = 0.06) to determine your savings per kWh. Multiply this by your total monthly usage for an average monthly savings estimate.

Why am I receiving this letter if I'm in the aggregation?

As a current member of your community's electric aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt out of the program at least every three years. Whether your current contract term with Energy Harbor, or another supplier, is coming to an end, this is your opportunity to either opt out or continue the benefits of the program.

What does it mean to opt out?

Opt out means that you can decide to not participate in your community's electric aggregation program. If you chose to opt out via any of the methods indicated on the front of this notification, you will not be enrolled with Energy Harbor and will not receive further notifications until the end of the current term.

What happens if I do not opt out?

Whichever method you chose, you must do so by the Opt Out Deadline, or you will be automatically included in your community's electric aggregation program.

Can I opt out of the program at a later date?

Yes, you may leave the aggregation program at any time, but may be subject to an early termination fee as outlined on the front of this notification if you do so after the Opt Out Deadline.

What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?

If you opt out or leave the program at a later date you will be returned to your utility's standard service offer and might not be served under the same rates, terms, or conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric utility. You may also shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the PUCO and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (7826).

As part of the aggregation, will Energy Harbor continue or allow me to begin to budget bill my supplier charges?

For customers in Toledo Edison, The Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison and Duke Energy your utility includes supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. No action is necessary to continue that service. However, Energy Harbor will not automatically budget the generation portion of your electric bill in AEP Ohio and DP&L service areas. AEP Ohio and DP&L will continue to budget the delivery portion of your bill. If you are currently on, or enter into, a budget billing program with AEP Ohio or DP&L after enrolling with Energy Harbor and have at least 10 months of usage with Energy Harbor at your current service address, please call 1-866-636-3749, to determine if a budget billing offer through Energy Harbor is available in your community.

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

Yes. How you pay your electric bill will not change.

Who is not eligible for an electric aggregation program?

Customers on a special arrangement with the utility such as net-metering, Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and mercantile customers who have not provided affirmative consent to join are not eligible for the program. Mercantile and customers with usage greater than 700,000 kWh must contact Energy Harbor to opt-in to the program.

What is the toll-free number for questions?

If you have any other questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Trumbull County OPT OUT REPLY FORM

Option 1: Do Nothing to Join	OR	Option 2: Opt Out by: February 3, 2021
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MAIL TO: Community Electric Aggregation Opt-Out c/o Energy Harbor, 168 E Market St, Akron, Ohio 44308

Account Holder Signature: _____

Mail	Return This Form
Phone	1-866-636-3749

Government Aggregation – Electric Terms and Conditions	
Product	Fixed Price
Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU")	The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.
Price and Length of Agreement	4.96 ¢/kWh through your March 2022 meter read
Cancellation/Termination Fee	\$25.00

These Terms and Conditions apply to you because you are enrolling for electric generation service with Energy Harbor LLC ("Energy Harbor") through either (a) affirmative consent or (b) not opting out of your community electric aggregation program. If you enroll by affirmative consent, these Terms and Conditions and the enrollment information on the website are your Agreement ("Agreement"). If you choose to remain in the community aggregation program by not "opting-out" or exercising the right of rescission, these Terms and Conditions and your opt-out notification are your Agreement. Please keep a copy of this Agreement for your records.

Energy Harbor is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to offer and supply electric generation services in Ohio. As a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") provider, Energy Harbor will supply the electric generation to your Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU") based on your usage. Your EDU then distributes or delivers the electricity to you. Energy Harbor sets the generation prices and charges that the customers pay. The PUCO regulates distribution prices and services. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates transmission prices and services.

Definitions: *Generation Charge* – Charge for the production of electricity. *Transmission Charge* – Charge for moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of the EDU. *Distribution Service* – Basic service for delivering electricity over a distribution system to a customer from the transmission system.

Right of Rescission: If you do not opt-out or you give your affirmative consent and are enrolled to receive generation service from Energy Harbor, your EDU will send you a confirmation letter. You have the right to rescind your enrollment within seven (7) calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation letter by contacting the EDU by telephone or in writing as described in the letter. The Right of Rescission only applies when a customer switches to a generation supplier and not on renewal enrollments. Your EDU will not send a confirmation notice upon any renewal of this Agreement. Should you choose to opt-out of your community's program, you will be served by your EDU's standard service offer established pursuant to section 4928.14 of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") unless you choose an alternate supplier of electricity.

Eligibility: Only eligible residential and small commercial customer accounts not enrolled in the Percentage of Income Plan Program ("PIPP") may enroll in this offer from Energy Harbor. Net-metered customers are not eligible for this offer. Energy Harbor reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any customer with an outstanding balance.

Basic Service Prices: During the term of this Agreement, you agree to pay Energy Harbor a price for combined Generation and Generation Related Charges ("Retail Electric Service"), specified in the table above. Your Price to Compare ("PTC") consists of bypassable transmission, generation and transmission and generation related components, which are charges associated with the costs of purchased power and the cost to deliver the power through the transmission system. These are the charges that you would avoid for that billing period when you switch to Energy Harbor. If your product in the table above is a % Off PTC product, your monthly price per kWh will vary because the EDU's PTC may change based on any changes made by the EDU in its calculations. In addition to Energy Harbor's charges, you will be charged by your EDU for distribution and various other charges. Your price may also include a fee assessed by a broker or agent representing your community.

Length of Agreement: As a part of your community's program, your Retail Electric Service from Energy Harbor will commence with the next available meter reading and after processing of the enrollment by your EDU and continue through the term indicated in the table above. The program may be terminated prior to the term pursuant to the terms of the master agreement between Energy Harbor and your community for the aggregation program. Should the program be terminated, you will be returned to your EDU's standard service offer or its successor. In the event that (1) the PUCO approves or implements a phase-in credit for generation and/or transmission charges of the EDU or takes any other action which affects the PTC or otherwise does not allow the EDU to reflect the full cost to procure generation and transmission in the PTC or other regulatory action; or (2) there is any change in any statute, rule, regulation, order, law, or tariff promulgated by any court, governmental authority, utility, Independent System Operator ("ISO"), Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") or other service provider, or any change in operating procedure, which alters to the detriment of Energy Harbor its costs to perform under this Agreement, you may receive a notification from Energy Harbor. This notification will include a description of one or more of the situations described above. Energy Harbor may offer you new Terms and Conditions. You must indicate your affirmative consent to the new Terms and Conditions as specified in the notices. If you do not contact Energy Harbor to accept the new terms, this Agreement will terminate on the date specified in the notices, and you may be returned to your EDU for Retail Electric Service. Alternatively, Energy Harbor may decide to terminate this Agreement, and you will receive prior written notice of the termination, after which you may be returned to your EDU for Retail Electric Service. Whether Energy Harbor offers you new terms or terminates this Agreement under this provision, you will not be responsible for any cancellation/termination fee. You must still pay all Energy Harbor charges through the date you are returned to your EDU or switched to another CRES provider for service.

Billing: You will receive a consolidated bill monthly from your EDU for both your Energy Harbor and EDU charges. If you do not pay your bill by the due date, Energy Harbor may cancel this Agreement after giving you a minimum of fourteen (14) days written notice. Upon cancellation you will be returned to your EDU as a customer. You will remain responsible to pay Energy Harbor for any electricity used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges, if applicable. Your EDU may charge you switching fees. Energy Harbor reserves the right to convert you from consolidated billing to dual billing if such a conversion will facilitate more timely billing, collections, and/or payment. Furthermore, your failure to pay EDU charges may result in your electric service being disconnected.

in accordance with the EDU tariff. If you have 12 months of billing history and you are enrolled in budget billing with the EDU, you are eligible to enroll in a budget billing program once per year, where available. At the end of the contract term, you are responsible for payment of any outstanding balance upon final contract true up. Energy Harbor reserves the right to adjust your monthly budget amount prior to final contract true up. If you enroll in budget billing, then choose not to be in the program or if you become two consecutive monthly payments overdue, you will be removed from budget billing, your account will be reconciled, and you will be billed for the outstanding budget balance on your next billing cycle. Budget billing exclusive offers are not available for all aggregation programs and you will not be automatically enrolled in an Energy Harbor budget billing exclusive offer unless explicitly stated in the opt-out notification materials you receive as part of the program. If you meet the eligibility requirements, contact Energy Harbor to determine if an exclusive budget billing offer exists for your community, otherwise, your EDU may be responsible for maintaining your budget billing service.

Penalties, Fees and Exceptions: If you do not pay the full amount owed Energy Harbor by the due date of the bill, Energy Harbor reserves the right to charge a 1.5% per month late payment fee.

Cancellation/Termination Provisions: You may terminate this Agreement at any time without penalty. Customer and Energy Harbor both agree that the following will constitute force majeure events under this Agreement and that Energy Harbor shall have the right to terminate or modify the agreement without liability if: (1) the Electric Security Plan (ESP), Market Rate Offer (MRO) and/or Competitive Bid Process (CBP), or other generation procurement process results in a Price to Compare ("PTC") that is equal to or less than the comparable annualized generation and transmission rates and riders in effect as of the effective date of this Agreement, or (2) the PUCO approves or implements a phase-in credit for generation and/or transmission charges of the EDU or takes any other action which affects the PTC or otherwise does not allow the EDU to reflect the full cost to procure generation and transmission in the PTC or other regulatory action. In the event that the program is terminated, you will be returned to your EDU's standard service offer. Upon termination with Energy Harbor and return to standard service offer with your EDU, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other EDU customers.

Customer Consent and Information Release Authorization: By choosing not to opt-out of your community's aggregation program, or to affirmatively join it, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with Energy Harbor. You authorize Energy Harbor to obtain information from the EDU that includes, but is not limited to: billing history, payment history, historical and future electricity usage, meter readings, and characteristics of electricity service. Energy Harbor reserves the right to determine if your credit standing is satisfactory before accepting your enrollment request. This Agreement shall be considered executed by Energy Harbor following acceptance of your enrollment request by Energy Harbor, the end of the seven (7) day rescission period, and subsequent acceptance of the enrollment by your EDU.

Customer Consent to Communications: By participating in your community's aggregation program, you agree to receive pre-recorded/artificial voice messages calls and/or use of an automatic dialing device, text messages and/or emails from Energy Harbor or its agents/assigns at any phone number or email address. You agree to be responsible for any charges you may receive on that number, including standard telephone, SMS or text message fees. You may revoke this express consent at any time by calling us at 1-866-636-3749. Such revocation has no bearing on your ability to contract with Energy Harbor.

Contract Expiration: At least every three (3) years, you will be given the opportunity to opt-out of your community's aggregation program at no cost. You are responsible for arranging your electric supply upon termination of this Agreement.

Dispute Procedures: Contact Energy Harbor with any questions concerning the terms of service by phone at 1-866-636-3749 (toll-free) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST weekdays, or in writing at Energy Harbor, 168 E Market St, Akron, OH 44308. Our web address is www.energyharbor.com. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called your electric supplier and/or your electric utility, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST 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 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or at <http://www.pickocc.org>.

Miscellaneous: You have the right to request from Energy Harbor, twice within a twelve (12) month period, up to twenty-four (24) months of payment history, without charge. Energy Harbor is prohibited from disclosing a Customer's Social Security number and/or account number(s) without the Customer's written consent except for Energy Harbor's collections and reporting, participating in programs funded by the universal service fund, pursuant to section 4928.52 of the Revised Code, or assigning a customer's contract to another CRES provider. Energy Harbor's environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website www.energyharbor.com/disclosure-statements. You agree that Energy Harbor will make the required annual and quarterly updates to the environmental disclosure statement electronically on our website. Energy Harbor will also provide the information upon request. Energy Harbor may assign its rights to another, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO. Energy Harbor assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the EDU: operation and maintenance of the EDU's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, or deterioration of the EDU's service. **In the event of a power outage, you should contact your local EDU.** Customer is responsible for providing Energy Harbor with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, Energy Harbor reserves the right to reprice the applicable account(s) or terminate the Agreement. Energy Harbor reserves the right to return any customer to the EDU if the customer's rate code is changed and the account is no longer eligible for this offer. Customer authorizes, but does not obligate, Energy Harbor to exercise customer's governmental aggregation opt-out rights.

Warranty: Energy Harbor warrants title and the right to all electricity sold hereunder. THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE EXCLUSIVE AND ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER STATUTORY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ARISING OUT OF ANY COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE.

Exhibit B-4 Experience and plans

Trumbull County routinely negotiates for services and supplies that benefit the residents and is experienced in contracting and providing for common services to the County residents. Examples of service provider experience include: Natural Gas Aggregation Program, Police, Fire, Park and Roadways.

However, due to the complexity of municipal aggregation, the County will rely on the services of Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining the Program. Buckeye Energy Brokers is a PUCO certified 00-002 Electric Aggregator and Broker in the State of Ohio and a PUCO certified 02-006 Natural Gas Aggregator and Broker in the State of Ohio. They have experience working with over 200 buying groups in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

Contractual Arrangements for Capability Standards: If the applicant is relying upon contractual arrangements with a third-party(ies) to meet any of the certification requirements, the applicant must provide with its application all of the following:

- Trumbull County is contracting with the following consultant to provide third party assistance and to assist the County in designing, implementing and maintaining its aggregation program:

Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.
66 East Mill Street
Akron, OH 44308
(330) 730-4338

- Below is a detailed summary of services being provided:
 - Broker shall provide energy related Services, including but not limited to the following:
 - Usage data collection and verification
 - Energy savings estimates
 - Energy buying consultation
 - Write customized Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - All contact with potential energy suppliers
 - Release all necessary client information to switch energy suppliers
 - Pre-qualify any energy suppliers wishing to bid on the RFP
 - Contract negotiation and closing with selected supplier
 - Monitor energy cost savings with quarterly reports.

The County will utilize the coordinated billing services of the Local Utility and the selected Supplier. It is anticipated that all Members will receive a single bill from the Local Utility. Members will maintain or choose options that include: budget billing, automatic payments and Internet payment. The Municipality shall receive proposals from Electric suppliers using a competitive selection process. The Request For Proposal ("RFP") shall require the suppliers to offer a Electric rate for each customer class, load grouping or other appropriate category. It is the responsibility of each Member to compare the rate with others and decide accordingly. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the Municipality after negotiations with the selected Supplier. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program as part of the opt-out process, through a direct mailing sent to each resident and business within the Municipality limits in accordance with Section 4928.10 of the Revised Code.

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