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February 15, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: City of Washington Court House  
Case # 09-0043-GA-GAG

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find attached for filing in the above-referenced case record the opt-out notice for eligible residential and small commercial natural gas customers in the City of Washington Court House. The opt-out notice will be mailed on March 9, 2022 with a response due date of March 30, 2022.

Very truly yours,

VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

*/s/ John L. Einstein, IV, Esq.*

John L. Einstein, IV, Esq.



DO NOT DISCARD:  
Important Natural Gas Aggregation  
Information Enclosed.

Welcome to the  
City of Washington Court House  
Natural Gas Aggregation Program!

March 9, 2022

Dear Natural Gas Consumer,  
The City of Washington Court House has selected Volunteer Energy as its preferred supplier for its Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program. Under this 2008 voter approved program, city officials bring together citizens in order to gain buying power for the purchase of natural gas from a retail supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. As the City's selected supplier, Volunteer Energy is pleased to offer natural gas for your home or business at a fixed rate of \$0.548 per Ccf effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, and then a fixed rate of \$0.474 per Ccf from April 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024. Before the end of your November 2024 bill cycle, your community will determine your rate for the next period of the program. CenterPoint Energy is still your utility and will continue to provide monthly billing and service.

You are automatically enrolled.

As an eligible City of Washington Court House resident or small business, you are automatically enrolled and **do not need to take any further steps in order to receive this negotiated rate.** Or, you may choose at this time to opt-out of the program by taking the steps outlined below. After you become a participant in the City's natural gas aggregation program, CenterPoint Energy will send a letter confirming your selection of Volunteer Energy as your natural gas provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with Volunteer Energy within seven (7) business days of its postmark date. To remain in the City's government aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives. You will be automatically enrolled. To learn more about Volunteer Energy and the Governmental Aggregation Program please see the enclosed Terms and Conditions and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Because of your community's buying power, you will receive a negotiated natural gas rate of \$0.548 per Ccf effective April 2022 through March 2023 and \$0.474 per Ccf from April 2023 through October 2024.
- You will still receive one bill from CenterPoint Energy. That bill will simply list Volunteer Energy as your natural gas supplier, along with your negotiated rate.
- You will still contact CenterPoint Energy for all service calls and emergencies.
- Budget billing and auto payment are still available from CenterPoint Energy.

[VolunteerEnergy.com/what-is-energy-aggregation/](http://VolunteerEnergy.com/what-is-energy-aggregation/)

If you choose to opt-out.

You don't need to do anything to get this exclusive rate. However, if you decide not to participate in the program we must receive your opt-out response by March 30, 2022 either by mail or phone.

**mail** — Return the completed form below to:  
*Washington Court House Governmental Aggregation Program*  
*Volunteer Energy*  
*790 Windmill Drive*  
*Pickerington, OH 43147*

**phone** — Call 800-977-8374 and speak directly with a Volunteer Energy representative.

The rate provided will NOT include taxes or local utility charges. If you are already enrolled with another natural gas supplier, a cancellation fee may apply if you choose to end your agreement with that supplier. The Terms and Conditions govern your participation in the program. Please do not contact the City of Washington Court House. If you have additional questions about this offer, contact Volunteer Energy. Ohio supplier certification # 02-022G

AGGREGATION PROGRAM OPT-OUT FORM

☐ I do NOT want to participate in the Washington Court House Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program.

Governmental Aggregation opt-out number:

EMAIL ADDRESS

( )  
PHONE

service address:

SIGNATURE REQUIRED Account Holder

PRINTED NAME

DATE

ACCOUNT HOLDER'S SIGNATURE

☐ Check here if any of the information above is incorrect. Please make corrections on the back of this form.

Detach completed form and return by March 30, 2022 to: **Washington Court House Governmental Aggregation Program, Volunteer Energy, 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147**



ENERGY SUPPLY  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

UTILITY .....	CenterPoint Energy
RATE PLAN .....	City of Washington Court House Aggregation Rate
PRICE & TERMS .....	Fixed rate of \$0.548 per Ccf 4/22 - 3/23 and then \$0.474 per Ccf 4/23 - 10/24
CANCELLATION FEE .....	None

These TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE have important information you need to know before you commit to natural gas service from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. ("VESI"). VESI is an Ohio corporation whose customers include a variety of Ohio natural gas end users. As a natural gas supply customer of VESI, you agree to the Terms and Conditions of VESI's natural gas supply contract.

**Service Arrangement:** VESI's energy supply will be delivered to your residence or facility via the CenterPoint Energy pipeline on a month to month basis. Upon acceptance by the utility company the cost will be a fixed rate of \$0.548 per Ccf effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, and then \$0.474 per Ccf from April 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024.

**Term:** The term of this Agreement shall commence when accepted by VESI and shall be from April 2022 through October 2024 unless otherwise cancelled by either party. Natural gas service will begin within 60 days of acceptance by CenterPoint Energy. You may terminate this Agreement with VESI by providing a 30-day notice in writing to VESI or by telephone. CenterPoint Energy will continue to deliver VESI-supplied natural gas to your home at the agreed upon rate.

**Office Locations and Hours:** VESI's offices are located at 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 and are open from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. VESI can be reached by telephone at (614) 856-3128 or toll free at 800-977-8374. Telephone service hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. E-mail address is sraffeld@volunteerenergy.com.

**Bill Payment Process:** CenterPoint Energy will continue to bill you monthly for natural gas delivery services and also for VESI's natural gas service. Should you fail to pay the bill or fail to meet any agreed upon payment arrangement, CenterPoint Energy may terminate your service in accordance with its company tariffs, and this agreement with VESI may be automatically terminated.

**Complaint Dispute Resolution:** If you have any complaints regarding your natural gas service or your monthly bill, please contact us at 1-800-977-8374. Upon request, VESI will provide you up to twenty-four months of your payment history without charge. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called VESI, 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). Additionally, the Ohio consumers' council (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>.

**Emergency Service Problems:** If you become aware of a gas emergency condition, or experience an unanticipated loss of gas service, you should contact CenterPoint Energy at the telephone number listed on your gas bill.

**Termination/Rescission of Agreement:** You may terminate / rescind your natural gas supply enrollment with VESI within seven (7) business days of the post mark date of the confirmation letter from CenterPoint Energy. After the initial seven (7) business day period, either you or VESI may terminate the contract at any time by providing the non-terminating party thirty (30) days written notice of such termination, without penalty. You will remain responsible for all natural gas consumed by you prior to the actual termination of service. If your supply contract with VESI is terminated, your natural gas supply will automatically be provided by CenterPoint Energy under its standard tariff unless or until you choose another supplier. If you voluntarily terminate participation in the City's natural gas governmental aggregation program, you may be charged a price other than the CenterPoint Energy regulated sales service rate. **There will be no early termination fees associated with the City of Washington Court House program.** Service will automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the requested service location is not served by CenterPoint Energy; (2) you move outside the CenterPoint Energy service area or to an area not served by VESI; or (3) VESI terminates your supply agreement and returns you as a customer to CenterPoint Energy. You have the right to terminate natural gas service with VESI, without penalty, for any reason at any time.

**Program Compliance:** CenterPoint Energy's deregulation program is subject to the ongoing jurisdiction of the PUCO. If the PUCO cancels the program, this contract is rendered void with no penalty to either party. The laws of the State of Ohio will govern the terms of natural gas supply.

**Change In Law:** In the event that there is a change (including a change in interpretation) in law, administrative regulation, rule, filed tariff (in effect at the start of the Initial Term, not pending and disputed), regulatory design, market or transportation design or structure, ordinance, order, judicial decision, or statute, including, without limitation, changes in utility tariffs and pipeline protocols, or any fees or costs, including any charged by pipelines or utility, or the commencement of enforcement of a change in law or administrative regulation, and such results in VESI incurring additional costs and expenses in providing your natural gas service under this Contract, such additional costs and expenses will be your responsibility and will be assessed in your rate, charges and fees for natural gas service, notwithstanding the type of product you elected.

**Eligibility:** VESI's rate excludes CenterPoint Energy charges and taxes. Natural gas service is subject to enrollment processing timelines as determined by CenterPoint Energy and VESI's aforementioned Terms and Conditions of Service. To be eligible to participate in the City of Washington Court House natural gas aggregation program, you must: (1) have a residence or business located in the City of Washington Court House; (2) be eligible to receive natural gas from CenterPoint Energy; (3) meet Ohio non-mercantile requirements; (4) be current with your natural gas payments or payment arrangements; (5) not be enrolled in the PIPP program; and (6) currently not taking natural gas supply service from another natural gas marketer.

If you believe you received this letter in error or are not located in the City of Washington Court House, please contact VESI to remove your account from our aggregation list.

790 Windmill Dr. · Pickerington, OH 43147 · p. 800.977.8374 · [volunteerenergy.com](http://volunteerenergy.com)

PLEASE COMPLETE IF THE INFORMATION ON THE FRONT OF THIS FORM IS INCORRECT

NAME as it appears on your utility bill

SERVICE ADDRESS as it appears on your utility bill

City STATE ZIP

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Summary: Opt-Out Notice electronically filed by Mr. John L. Einstein IV, Esq. on  
behalf of City of Washington Court House