



DIS Case Number: 00-2331-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: City of Maumee	Country: United States
Phone: 4198934880	Extension (if applicable):
Street: 400 Conant St.	
Website (if any): www.maumee.org	City: Maumee
	Province/State: OH
	Postal Code: 43537

### A-2. Contact person for regulatory matters

Andrea Flowers  
5577 Airport Highway, Suite 101  
Toledo, OH 43615  
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4195399180

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

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5577 Airport Highway, Suite 101  
Toledo, OH 43615  
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4195399180

### 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: aflowers@palmerenergy.com		City: Toledo
		Province/State: OH



**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

# **City of Maumee**

## **Exhibit B-3**

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

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## Community Electric Aggregation Notification

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program which provides you with exclusive pricing on the electric generation portion of your electric bill. This is possible through governmental aggregation, a community purchasing program where community officials use group buying power to purchase electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. To further increase this buying power, your community joined with other area communities as part of the **Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC)** which selected Energy Harbor to provide your electric generation. This program was approved by voters in your community in November 2000.

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	Toledo Edison	6.30 cents per kWh	May 2025	None
Small Business	Toledo Edison	6.30 cents per kWh	May 2025	None

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.**

**You may choose to leave the program at any time, without penalty, and will NOT be charged a cancellation fee. If you do not want to participate in the aggregation program, you must complete one of the following by the Opt Out Deadline:**

- |                         |
|-------------------------|
| <b>Opt Out Deadline</b> |
| September 28, 2022      |

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.**

If you are interested in supporting renewable energy, you can also elect to purchase power supply that includes **25% solar renewable energy certificates (RECs)** at a price of **6.58 cents per kWh**. To enroll in the solar offer, please call 1-866-636-3749 or go online at [www.energyharbor.com/maumee](http://www.energyharbor.com/maumee).

Sincerely,  
**Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition**

## Community Electric Aggregation Program FAQs v.3.22

### **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 price?**

The price you will receive each month does not change.

### **<sup>1</sup>What is a "25% Solar Fixed Price"?**

The price you will receive each month does not change. Additionally, your electricity is paired with a Renewable Energy Certificate (REC). A REC represents the environmental benefit of electricity generated by a renewable energy resource like wind or solar. For every unit of renewable energy generated, a REC is created. For every kWh you use, Energy Harbor purchases an equivalent number of RECs from a renewable energy source, supporting renewable electricity production. 25% of the RECs paired with your electricity are in addition to the state-minimum for Ohio (see Terms and Conditions).

### **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.

### **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. *You will not be charged an early termination or cancellation fee* if you choose to leave the program at later date for any reason.

### **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, your utility includes supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. No action is necessary to continue that service.

### **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.

### **How can I contact Energy Harbor for questions?**

If you have any other questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm or visit our FAQs located at: [www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation](http://www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation)

## CITY OF MAUMEE OPT OUT REPLY FORM

Option 1: Do Nothing to Join

OR

Option 2: Opt Out by: September 28, 2022

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

Web

[energyharbor.com/optout](http://energyharbor.com/optout)

Government Aggregation – Electric Terms and Conditions	
Product	Fixed Price
Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU")	The Toledo Edison Company
Price and Length of Agreement	6.30 ¢/kWh through your May 2025 meter read
Cancellation/Termination Fee	None

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](http://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](http://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.

# **City of Maumee**

## **Exhibit B-1**

### **Authorizing Ordinance (Electric Program)**

ORDINANCE NO. 191 -2000.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF TOLEDO, OREGON, SYLVANIA, NORTHWOOD, PERRYSBURG, VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, AND LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO A JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS GOVERNMENTAL ENERGY AGGREGATOR WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.20 provides that municipal corporations and boards of county commissioners may aggregate the electric loads within their jurisdictions and enter into agreements for the sale of electricity to serve such loads; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.20 further provides that such municipal corporations and boards of county commissioners may exercise their aggregation authority jointly; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Toledo, Maumee, Sylvania, Oregon, Northwood, and Perrysburg, the village of Holland, and the Lucas County Board of Commissioners desire to jointly exercise their aggregation authority in order to minimize the time and expanse of creating an aggregation program and to maximize the potential for rate savings to their residents; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to immediately begin the work of establishing the joint aggregation program and filing for certification with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio subject to the approval of the aggregation program by the electorate in order to secure the limited amount of low cost

power available in the Toledo Edison service district:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Maumee, Lucas County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to execute and enter into an agreement with the cities of Toledo, Oregon, Sylvania, Northwood, and Perrysburg, the village of Holland, and the Lucas County Board of Commissioners to establish and operate a joint governmental aggregation program within the borders of the signatory communities.

SECTION 2. The agreement shall provide for the conditional execution of the agreement prior to the certification of the vote of the Maumee electorate for planning and organizational purposes only. In the event that the aggregation issue is disapproved by the Maumee electorate, Maumee's conditional execution shall be revoked and Maumee shall be relieved of all responsibilities, obligations, and benefits under the agreement.

SECTION 3. The Administration is authorized and instructed to obtain certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to operate a governmental aggregation program.

SECTION 4. The Administration, in conjunction with the other named communities, is authorized to seek proposals from energy marketers to supply the communities' residents with electrical energy under the joint aggregation program.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety in that the this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order for the Administration to begin preparations for the creation of a governmental aggregation program within a competitive time frame.

Vote on emergency clause:

Passed as an emergency measure:

Yeas 7 Nays 0  
November 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

Richard L. Ruff  
Municipal Clerk

James L. Ruff  
Mayor

# **City of Maumee**

## **Exhibit B-2**

### **Operation and Governance Plan**

#### **(Electric Program)**

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**Exhibit A-3**

**Operation and Governance**

**Plan**

**City of Maumee**

## **Purpose**

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code section 4928.20 regarding governmental aggregation of electric service consumers.

The City of Maumee Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail electric loads of consumers located in the city to negotiate the best rates for the supply and distribution of electric power. It has the potential to combine residential, commercial and industrial customers into a buying pool that will be very attractive to marketers. Participation in the City of Maumee aggregation program is voluntary. Any individual has the opportunity to decline to be a member of the aggregation program and to remain with the Toledo Edison standard offer of service or to enter into a power supply contract with any competitive retail electric supplier.

## **Process**

The process of governmental aggregation is set out in Ohio Revised Code section 4928.20. The section defines two different types of aggregation that may be enacted by a governmental entity -- opt-in aggregation and opt-out aggregation. Opt-in aggregation can occur only with the prior consent of each electric consumer. That is, the consumer must give its consent to be included in the governmental aggregation program. Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all electric consumers within the City of Maumee will be automatically included in the governmental aggregation program. However, such customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the governmental aggregation program. These customers can opt-out during a 30-day period at the beginning of the program without paying a switching fee. A similar 30-day opt-out period will be offered every two years during which customers can leave the City's aggregation pool without paying a switching fee.

## **Maumee's Aggregation Program**

Maumee's aggregation program will be administered by the Division of Public Utilities, with the assistance of the Director of Law. The Division of Public Utilities currently administers the natural gas purchasing program that contracts for natural gas service to all of the City's facilities. The Department has expertise in the law and regulations



applicable to the aggregation program and experience in contracting with marketers for energy services.

The aggregation program is designed to reduce the amount consumers pay for electric energy. Maumee will not buy and resell the power for the participants of the program. Instead, Maumee will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a competitive retail electric supplier to provide firm, all-requirements service to the members of the aggregation program. The contract will be for fixed price service to each class of customers at a rate that is lower than the standard offer from Toledo Edison. Once the contract has been negotiated, it will be submitted to Maumee City Council for approval.

Once the contract has been approved, notice will be sent to each customer disclosing the rates to be charged for electricity and other terms of the contract with the competitive retail electric supplier. Customers will be advised in the notice that they may opt out of the program during a 30-day period following the mailing of the notification. Customers who opt out of the City's aggregation program during this initial notification period will remain on Toledo Edison's standard service offer unless and until the customer chooses an alternative power supplier.

### Services

The Division of Public Utilities of the City of Maumee will provide technical analysis, competitive procurement of services, regulatory approvals, accounting and fiscal management, contract maintenance, communications, program coordination and administrative support for the Maumee Aggregation Program using existing staff.

### Funding

The primary expenses of the Maumee Aggregation Program are expected to be publication of notices, written notification to customers, switching fees to Toledo Edison, regulatory fees and registration with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Except, possibly, for the initial notification of customers, these expenses will be the responsibility of the marketer supplying services to the aggregation program. The City of Maumee anticipates that the startup costs will not exceed \$10,000.

### Notification of customers

Following the approval of the power supply contract by Maumee City Council, the Division of Utility Billing will begin notifying customers of the rates to be charged to all participants in the Maumee aggregation program. Notices will be sent out by (1) a notice included within the electric bill or by a separate mailing; (2) newspaper notices; and (3) public service announcements.

The notice shall inform customers that they have the right to opt out of the Maumee aggregation program without penalty within 30 days after the mailing of the notice. In addition, the notice shall prominently state all charges to be applicable to service under the aggregation program including a comparison with the Toledo Edison standard offer. Finally, the notice will explain how to opt out of the City's aggregation program.

New customers moving into or within the pool will be notified in accordance with applicable state law and PUCO regulations.

### Notification of Toledo Edison

At the same time that customers are being notified of the contract prices under the Maumee aggregation program, the Division of Utility Billing or its selected power supplier shall notify Toledo Edison that the City has negotiated a contract with a competitive retail electric service provider to supply firm, all-requirements service to members of the Maumee aggregation program. Toledo Edison will be advised to prepare for the transfer of these customers from the standard service offer to the offer of the selected power supplier.

### Activation of customer service

The City's marketer and Toledo Edison will identify those customers in the City currently receiving the standard offer or a special contract offer including PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) customers. Those customers who have not opted out, who have not renewed their special rate contracts and who are not on the PIPP will be transferred to the supplier selected by the City and enrolled over the period of one month. Toledo Edison shall notify each transferred customer of the transfer to the supplier of the Maumee aggregation program 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.

### Customer opt-out

Customers may opt out of the Maumee aggregation program at no charge within a 30-day period following the mailing of the notice containing the rates and terms of the aggregation program. Customers who provide the required opt out notice will remain customers of Toledo Edison until such time as they select a different generation provider. A 30-day period in which customers can opt-out of the aggregation program without charge will be offered every two years.

### Customer opt-in

Customers who have left the Maumee aggregation program or who have moved into the City may opt-in to the City's aggregation program at any time by contacting the City or its marketer.

### Disputes

The procedure for handling complaints and disputes will be facilitated by the energy marketer. The chosen marketer will obtain a toll-free number for customer related complaints. Dispute resolution provisions will be in accordance with PUCO regulations.

### Termination of power supply program

The power supply program may be terminated upon the termination or expiration of the power supply contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent supply contract being negotiated. Each individual customer receiving power supply service under the Maumee aggregation program will receive notification of the termination of the program 90 days prior to termination. In the event of termination, customers in the Maumee aggregation program would either return to the Toledo Edison standard offer or choose an alternative supplier.

## Rates

The Division of Utility Billing 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 Toledo Edison. The prices to be charged to customers in the Maumee aggregation program will be set by City Council after negotiations with the selected supplier.

## Billing

Toledo Edison will continue to bill customers on behalf of itself and the marketer, using an itemized format approved by the PUCO.

### Eligibility

Only non-mercantile consumers shall be eligible for the Program through the opt-out process. Other eligibility restrictions such as peak demand or use may be negotiated within the Contract.

### Liability

THE CITY 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 CITY 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.

### **INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT NUMBERS**

Potential participants can receive more information about the program or Copies of this Plan from The City of Maumee free of charge by calling 419-897-7177.

**Any electric customer, including any participant in the City'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. For all TDD/TYY calls, the PUCO may be reached at 1-800-686-1570.**

## **Appendix A -- Education Process**

The Provider will develop an educational program in conjunction with the City. Its purpose will be to explain the aggregation program to City 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 City limits 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 City to provide opportunities for educating eligible City consumers about the Program and their rights under the law, PUCO rules and this Program. In addition, the Provider and City 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.
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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**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 the Provider; or
  - b. The consumer and The PUCO Staff ("Commission Staff"), when a complaint is referred to the Provider by the Commission Staff.
2. If an investigation is not completed within 14 calendar days, the Provider shall provide status reports to the consumer and the City, or if applicable, to the consumer, the City, the City 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. Provider shall inform the Member, or the Member, the City, City consultant and 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 City, the City consultant, or 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. 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, Provider will, 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.
5. The City 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 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.

# **City of Maumee**

## **Exhibit B-4**

### **Experience and Plan (Electric Program)**

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## Experience

City of Maumee officials are experienced in negotiating and providing for common services for the City. However, due to the complexity of Governmental Aggregation, the City 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.

City of Maumee has been an active member in the natural gas and electric energy programs of Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC). NOAC was designed specifically to help communities in Lucas and Northern Wood Counties save money on their natural gas and electric bills by utilizing the strength of group buying. By grouping together, communities can leverage their buying power when shopping the market, thus securing the best deals possible. The independent energy professionals of Palmer Energy Company, on behalf of NOAC, obtained the best price for electric and natural gas from various reputable suppliers through the RFP process.

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. Provide customer service support for consumers in the City to call for information during the 21-day enrollment and opt out period for the City'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 City.
- Write and prepare reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the City, PUCO, PUCO's Market Monitoring division, and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
- 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 Lucas :

State of Ohio :

Patrick Burch, 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.

Patrik Durich  
Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2022  
Month Year

Alan J. Lehenbauer  
Signature of official administering oath

ALAN J. LEHENBAUER - NOTARY  
Print Name and Title - LAW DIRECTOR



ALAN J. LEHENBAUER  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
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