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

**RE: Electric Governmental Aggregator Renewal Application — Mingo Junction Village,  
Jefferson County, OH.**

**CASE # 13-1349-EL-GAG**

The Village of Mingo Junction is pleased to submit its application for electric governmental aggregator. The original application has been notarized and signed by an authorized official.

Material provided for review:

- Application for Governmental Aggregations and Affidavit
- Exhibit A-2 Authorizing Ordinance reflecting voter authorization;
- Exhibit A-3 Plan of Operation and Governance;
- Exhibit A-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure;

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (614) 425.4885.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Belcastro  
Principal  
614.425.4885  
scott@electricssuppliers.org



## Public Utilities Commission

Original GAG Case Number	Version
13 - 1349 -EL-GAG	August 2004

### RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

Please print or type all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit A-4 Opt-Out Form). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant and should be included on the electronic copy provided. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793.

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#### A. RENEWAL INFORMATION

##### A-1 Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, PUCO certificate number, and web site address

Legal Name Village of Mingo Junction- Jefferson County  
Address 501 Commercial Street, Mingo Junction, Ohio 43938  
PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified 13-710E, July 11th, 2021  
Telephone # (740) 535-1511 Web site address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

##### A-2 Exhibit A-2 "Authorizing Ordinance" provide a copy of the ordinance or resolution authorizing the formation of a governmental aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section 4928.20(A) of the Revised Code.

##### A-3 Exhibit A-3 "Operation and Governance Plan" provide a copy of the applicant's current plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section 4928.20(C) of the Revised Code. The Operation and Governance Plan explained in Exhibit A-3 should include:

- Terms and conditions of enrollment including:
  - Rates
  - Charges
  - Switching fees, if any
- Policies associated with customers moving into/out of aggregation area
- Billing procedures
- Procedures for handling complaints and disputes including the toll-free telephone number and address for customer contacts



**A-4 Exhibit A-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure-"Opt-out Form"** provide a copy of the disclosures/"opt-out" required by Section 4928.20(D) of the Revised Code, if its aggregation program provides for automatic aggregation in accordance with Section 4928.20(A) of the Revised Code. If the opt-out is in draft form, docket the final opt-out (including beginning and ending dates of the 21-day -out period and the selected CRES supplier) with the Commission within 10 days prior to providing or offering service. See #12 in the attached Affidavit .

**A-5 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters**

Name Scott Belcastro  
Title Principal  
Business address 1216 Lexington Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907  
Telephone # 614.425.4885 Fax # 614.417.0410  
E-mail address scott@electricssuppliers.org

**A-6 Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints**

Name Scott Raffeld  
Title Energy Management Specialist  
Business address 1216 Lexington Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907  
Telephone # (877) 861-2772 Fax # 614.417.0410  
E-mail address sraffeld@electricssuppliers.org

**A-7 Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints**

Customer Service address 1216 Lexington Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907  
Toll-free Telephone # 877.861.2772 Fax # 614.417.0410  
E-mail address trebelinfo@trebelllc.com

Dr. Smith, Viceger Adm. v. STAM  
Signature of Applicant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023  
Month Year

Kimberly Crugnale  
Signature of official administering oath

Kimberly Crugnale, Notary  
Print Name and Title

My commission expires on MAY 8, 2027



KIMBERLY CRUGNALE  
Notary Public  
State of Ohio  
My Comm. Expires  
May 8, 2027

# AFFIDAVIT

State of Ohio :

Minerva ss.  
(Town)

County of Lorain :

Don Smith

, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:

He/She is the Affiant (Office of Affiant) of Village of Minerva (Name of Applicant);

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant,

1. The Applicant herein, attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the application for certification renewal are true and complete and that it will amend its application while the application is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided in the application.
2. The Applicant herein, attests it will timely file an annual report with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of its intrastate gross receipts, gross earnings, and sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity pursuant to Division (A) of Section 4905.10, Division (A) of Section 4911.18, and Division (F) of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
3. The Applicant herein, attests that it will timely pay any assessments made pursuant to Sections 4905.10, 4911.18, or Division F of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
4. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all Public Utilities Commission of Ohio rules or orders as adopted pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code.
5. The Applicant herein, attests that it 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 herein, attests that it will fully comply with Section 4928.09 of the Revised Code regarding consent to the jurisdiction of Ohio Courts and the service of process.
7. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
8. The Applicant herein, attests that it 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 herein, attests that it 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, the Applicant herein, attests that 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. (Only applicable if pertains to the services the Applicant is offering)



11. The Applicant herein, attests that it will inform the Commission of any material change to the information supplied in the renewal 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 customer complaints.
12. The Applicant herein, attests that if the opt-out is in draft form, the Applicant will docket the final opt-out (including beginning and ending dates of the 21-day -out period and the selected CRES supplier) with the Commission within 10 days prior to providing or offering service.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct 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.

B. Smith, Village Administrator  
Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023  
Month Year

Kimberly Crugnale  
Signature of official administering oath

Kimberly Crugnale, Notary  
Print Name and Title

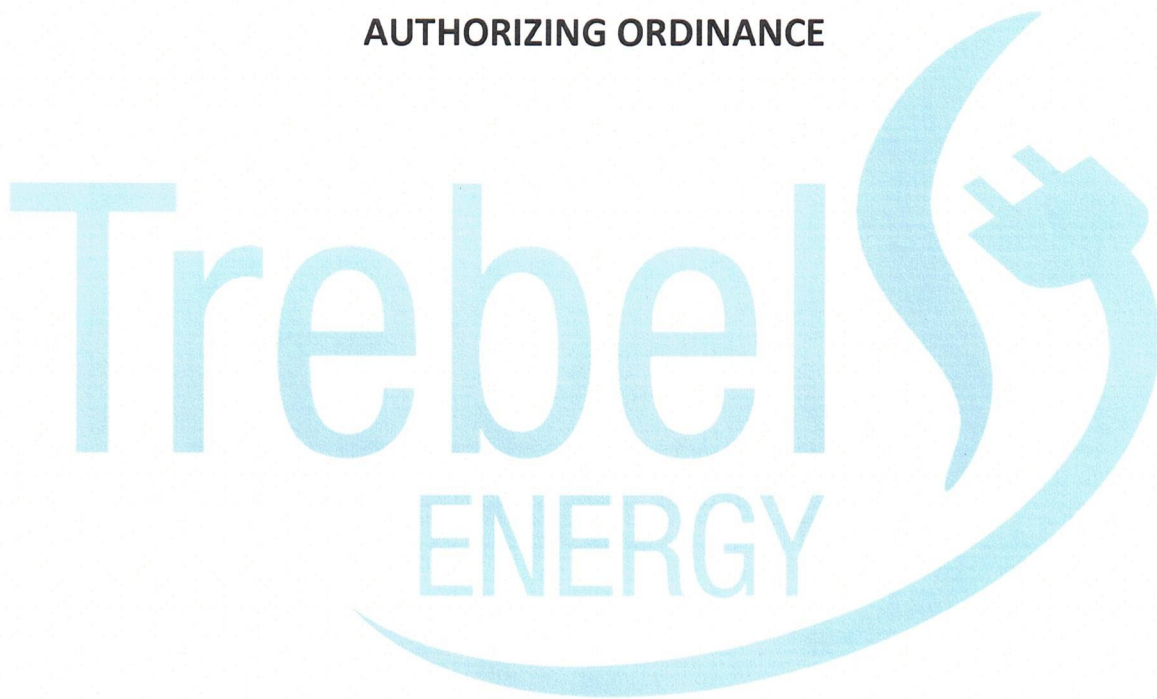
My commission expires on MAY 8 2027



KIMBERLY CRUGNALE  
Notary Public  
State of Ohio  
My Comm. Expires  
May 8, 2027

**EXHIBIT A-2**

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE**





Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Whereas, The Ohio Legislature has enacted electric deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3") which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate the retail electrical loads located within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity ("Governmental Aggregation"); and

Whereas, Such legislative authorities may exercise such authority jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

Whereas, Governmental Aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electricity rates which would not otherwise be available to those electricity customers individually; and

Whereas, this Council, seeks to establish a Governmental Aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code (the "Aggregation Program") for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Shreve, Ohio that:

Section 1: This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village to establish this Aggregation Program in the Village. Provided that the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Village pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance, the Village is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within the Village, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. The Village may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township or county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law. The aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling or using an electric load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 2: The Board of Elections of Jefferson County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Village at the election on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

*Shall the Village of Mingo Junction have the authority to aggregate the retail electric load located in the Village, and for that purpose, enter into services agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?*

The Clerk of this Council is instructed to immediately file a certified copy of this ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to the election. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this ordinance and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: Upon approval of a majority of the electors voting at the general election provided for in Section 2 of this Ordinance, this Council, individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, may develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Council shall hold at least two public hearings on the plan. Before the first hearing, notice of the hearings shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time and place of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Council shall aggregate the electric load of any electric load center within the Village unless it, in advance, clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, 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 a stated procedure not to be so enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions, of enrollment. The stated procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the state procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under division (a) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

Section 4: 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 the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions 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 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village and the inhabitants thereof, and for further reasons that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to file a certified copy of this ordinance and the



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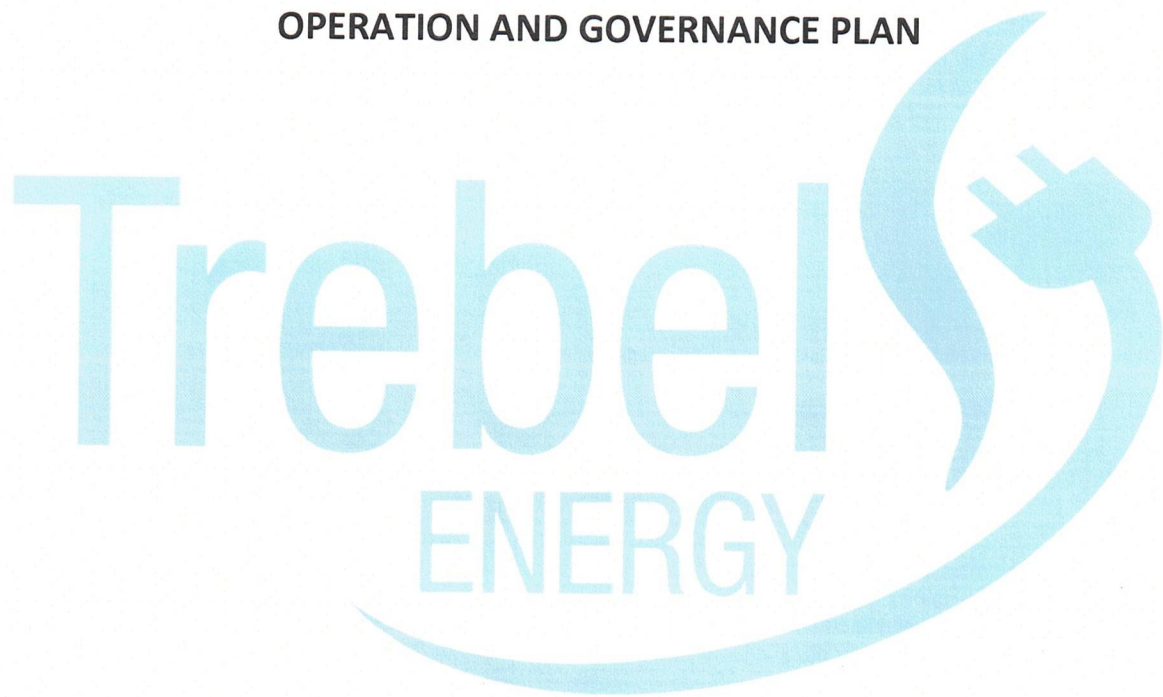
proposed form of the ballot question with the ~~XXX~~ Board of Elections not later than ninety (90) days prior to the May ~~7<sup>th</sup>~~ 2013 election, as provided herein; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members elected and appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

*John R. Folmer*  
President of Council Date

*Ronald M. O'Callahan* 12-19-2012  
Mayor Date

**EXHIBIT A-3**

**OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN**





**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION  
PROGRAM  
Village of Mingo Junction, OHIO**

**PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE**

**Adopted by the Village of Mingo Junction  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## **1. Purpose of Electric Aggregation Program**

This Operations and Governance Plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4928.20 regarding governmental aggregation of electric service. The Village of Mingo Junction ("the Village") Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail electric loads of consumers located in the Village to negotiate the best rates for the generation supply of electric power. It has the potential to combine residential and small commercial customers into a buying pool that will be attractive to third party suppliers. Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer has the opportunity to decline to participate (become a "Member") in the Program and to stay with or return to the standard offer of service from The Ohio Power Company ("Utility") or to enter into a power supply contract with any competitive retail electric supplier.

## **2. The Process for Municipal Aggregation**

The process of governmental aggregation is set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 4928.20. On May 7, 2013, Mingo Junction voters approved the development of a form of government electric aggregation known as "opt-out" aggregation. As required by state law, the Village Council passed an Ordinance which authorized submitting the selection of opt-out aggregation to the Village's voters.

As required by regulations of the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO), the Village has developed this Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance" (the "Plan"). The Village will file an application with the PUCO for certification as a Government Aggregator as soon as the Village Council approves the Plan. Public notice of public hearings to consider the Plan was published in the Herald Star on Saturday, May 12th, and two public hearings were conducted on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7 pm and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 7 pm in accordance with section 4928.20 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code. The Opt-out Notice for the Village's Program will be sent to all eligible electric customers in the Village upon approval of this Plan.

Under the Opt-out program, all eligible electric consumers within the Village 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 the period of time specified in the notification sent to all eligible customers which shall be at least twenty-one days from the date of the postmark on the written notice. A similar opt-out period will be offered every three years during which Members can leave the Village's Program without paying a penalty.

Upon certification, the Village Council of Mingo Junction will select its Retail Electric Generation Provider ("Retail Electric Generation Provider" or "Provider"), to provide the electric power for the Mingo Junction Aggregation Program. Under this Program, the Utility will continue to deliver the electricity purchased from the Village's provider, and all metering, repairs and emergency service will continue to be provided by the Utility.



All eligible load centers within the Village consuming less than 700,000 kWh over the most recent 12 months that do not opt out will be automatically enrolled in the Program. For eligible commercial and industrial customers with a peak load demand over the past 12 months of 100 kW or greater, the customer shall pay for any interval meter required, and the customer is responsible for paying the installation and maintenance of an analog phone line or cellular phone modem.

### 3. Operational Plan

3.1 Provider: Mingo Junction will use a contractor to perform and manage aggregation services for its Members. The Village will select its Provider once certified by the PUCO. The Provider shall provide adequate, accurate, and understandable pricing terms and conditions of service, including any switching fees and the conditions under which a Member may rescind a contract without penalty. The Provider must provide the Village, if requested, an electronic file containing the Members' usage, and charges. The Provider must have a local Mingo Junction phone number or a toll free number for Members to call.

3.2 Database: The Retail Electric Generation Provider will maintain a database of all Members, which shall include the name, address, Utility account number, the Provider's account number for each Member and other pertinent information such as rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months usage and demand, and meter read cycle. This database will be updated at least quarterly. The Provider shall implement a process that will be able to accommodate at a minimum Members who (i) leave the program due to relocation outside the Village, (ii) opt out; (iii) decide to enter the Program; (iv) relocate within the Village, and (v) move into the Village and desire to enter the Program. This database shall be capable of eliminating Percentage of Income Payment Plan ("PIPP") customers from the Program, those customers who are on the "Do Not Aggregate" list maintained by PUCO, those customers served by other providers of competitive retail electric service and those who have opted out.

3.3 Member Education: The Provider will develop, in consultation with the Village, an educational program that provides Members with general information about the Aggregation Program, provides updates and disclosures required by Ohio law and regulations, and implements a process to allow any Member enrolled in the Program to opt-out of the program at least every three years, without paying a penalty to the Village or to the Provider.

3.4 Customer Service: Members will have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability should be directed to the Utility as appropriate, questions regarding the Program administration should go to the Village, and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and/or The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (for Members who are residential consumers). 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	The Ohio Power Co.	1-800-672-2231
Power turn on/off	The Ohio Power Co.	1-800-672-2231
Billing disputes	The Ohio Power Co.	1-800-672-2231
Joining/leaving Program	Energy Provider	TBD
Unresolved disputes	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	1-800-686-7826
	Ohio Office of Consumers' Counsel	1-800-613-6743

Members should make all efforts to address complaints or concerns in accordance with the guidance provided above for Handling Customer Complaints. If Members are unable to resolve their concerns through these channels, they may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio or (if they are residential customers) the Ohio Office of the Consumers' Counsel at the telephone numbers set forth above.

**3.5 Billing:** The Ohio Power Company will include Provider's charges for generation service on its monthly invoice. There will be no administrative fee for billing charged by the Provider. Provider may provide a budget billing option to residential accounts for supplier related charges. Provider must be able to obtain at least 7 months of historical usage for the account or premise. Billing statements rendered by the Utility reflecting charges of Provider shall comply with the guidelines issued by PUCO.

Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of the Utility. 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 the Utility, the Provider and the individual Member.

**3.6 Notification to the Utility:** The Village's consumers that do not opt-out of the Village's Aggregation Program will be enrolled automatically in the Program. Members in the Village's Aggregation Program will not be asked to take other affirmative steps in order to be included in the Program. To the extent that the Utility requires notification of participation by Members, the Village will coordinate with the Provider to submit such notice to the Utility. Provider will inform the Utility of any consumers who may have been permitted to join the Program after the expiration of the enrollment period.

**3.7 Rates:** The prices to be charged by the Retail Electric Generation Provider to Members in the Program will be set by Village Council after negotiations with the Provider. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program through the local newspaper and the Village's website and in Opt-out forms sent to all eligible consumers by the Provider. Final Opt-out forms and any supplemental Opt-out forms will be docketed with the PUCO no more than 30 days but at least 10 days prior to mailings as the regulations require.



3.8 Charges: Certain fees assessed by the Utility are non-bypassable, and will continue to be billed by the Utility. These charges apply whether a consumer in the Village becomes a Member of the Program or opts out.

3.9 Switching Fees: There are no switching fees assessed to customers that join the governmental aggregation program from the Utility standard offer. The Provider shall not assess a fee to join the Program.

3.10 Program Participation: Customers who meet the following criteria will become members of the aggregation Program:

- Have not opted out of the Program
- Are not participants in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)
- Are not included on the PUCO's "Do Not Aggregate" List
- Are not receiving competitive retail electric service from another provider
- Are not receiving service under a special arrangement with the Utility
- Have a Utility rate code that permits shopping for electric generation supplies.

3.11 Opt-Out Disclosure: The Village has adopted an "Opt-out" form of Governmental Aggregation pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Village will notify in writing consumers owning, occupying or using a load center that the consumers will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the consumer affirmatively elects by the following procedure not to be so enrolled. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided by the Utility unless or until the person chooses an alternative Supplier.

**Opt-out Procedure:**

1. The Village distributes the Opt-Out Form (refer to Exhibit A "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure");
2. Recipients have at least twenty-one (21) days from the date of postmark on the written notice to notify the Village or its designee of election to opt out;
3. The Village will exclude those opting out from the Program;
4. Customers who do not opt out using this procedure will receive written notification from the Utility stating that they are about to be switched to the Program and have seven (7) days if they wish to rescind the contract;
5. The Provider will commence generation service to Members who have not rescinded their contracts within the seven (7) day notification period beginning with the Member's normal meter read date within the month when power deliveries begin under the Aggregation Program.
6. Every three years, Members will be notified of their right to opt out of the Program without paying any penalty, following the same procedure for opting out set forth above.



7. At any other time, a Member may opt out of the Program but may be required to pay an early termination fee.

3.12 Policies for Customers Moving Into/Out of the Municipality: Members who have left the Program or who have moved into the Village may contact the Village or its Provider 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.

3.13 Reliability of Power Supply: The Program will only affect the generation source of power. The Utility will continue to deliver power through its delivery systems. Responsibility for maintaining system reliability continues to rest with the local utility. If Members have service reliability problems, they should contact the Utility 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, the Utility is required to be the "Provider of Last Resort." This means, should the selected Provider fail for any reason to deliver any or all of the electricity needed to serve the Members' needs, the Utility will immediately provide for the shortfall. The Utility would then bill the Provider for the power provided on their behalf. The Members would incur no additional cost.

**4. Mingo Junction's Retail Electric Generation Provider: TBD**

The electric provider satisfies each of the following requirements:

- Sufficient sources of power to provide retail firm power to Members in the Village
- Certified by PUCO as a provider of competitive retail electric service
- Registered as a generation provider with the Utility
- Certified Supplier Agreement executed with the Utility
- Management and personnel in place to sell retail firm power to the Utility customers in the Village
- Call center capable of handling the Village's Aggregation Program Member inquiries and customer service complaints
- Toll-free number as required by PUCO for customer service complaints relating to the Village's Aggregation Program
- Will execute Master Service Agreement with the Village
- Will assist the Village in filing the annual reports required by PUCO and Section 4905.10(A), Section 4911.18(A) and Section 4928.06(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Will administer the opt-out process on behalf of the Village
- Will develop Consumer Education Plan in consultation with the Village.

**5. Changes, Extension or Renewal of Master Service Agreement**

If the Master Service Agreement is extended or renewed past the initial contract period, Members will be notified as required by law and PUCO rules as to any change in rates or service conditions. At least every three years all customers in the Village who are Members will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Program, and Opt out notices will be provided as required by PUCO rules. Members will also be notified of their right to return to the Utility's Standard Service Offer or to select an alternate generation supplier.

**6. Termination of Master Service Agreement**

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

**7. Liability**

THE VILLAGE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO MEMBERS IN THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR ANY CLAIMS, HOWEVER STYLED, ARISING OUT OF THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM OR THE PROVISION OF AGGREGATION SERVICES BY THE VILLAGE OR THE PROVIDER. MEMBERS IN THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM SHALL ASSERT ANY SUCH CLAIMS SOLELY AGAINST THE PROVIDER PURSUANT TO THE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT.

**8. Funding the Aggregation Program**

The primary expenses of the Program are expected to be publication of notices, written notification to customers, regulatory fees and registration with the PUCO. These expenses and administrative fees will be the responsibility of the selected Provider.



**THE VILLAGE OF  
MINGO JUNCTION**

**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION  
PROGRAM**

***OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE  
PLAN***

**Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Prepared by:**





## **I. Overview**

In Mingo Junction, a majority of voters authorized The Village of Mingo Junction ("Village") to create a form of government electric aggregation known as "opt-out" aggregation and to create an opt-out electric aggregation program ("the Aggregation Program") as provided under Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the opt-out electric aggregation program, all eligible electric consumers within the Village's limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program initially. However, all consumers will also be given the opportunity to opt out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program as detailed herein. Additionally, Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis.

The purpose of the Aggregation Program is to represent local consumer interests in emerging competitive electricity markets by combining multiple electric loads within the Village's limits and negotiating affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of local consumers. The Village may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other legislative authorities.

Many small commercial and residential electric consumers lack the knowledge, expertise, and bargaining power to effectively negotiate power supply rates and services. A governmental aggregation program provides these consumers with an option for expert representation and the bargaining power of a larger, more diverse consumer group that may be more attractive to suppliers, allowing them to effectively participate in the competitive process and achieve the benefits of retail electric competition.

The Aggregation Program is designed to combine multiple electric loads in order to obtain the best electric generation rate available for those who participate in the Aggregation Program, and to gain other favorable economic and non-economic terms in supply agreements. The Village will not buy and resell power, but will act as the agent for the Aggregation Program, representing the collective interests of the consumers in the Village to establish the terms and conditions for service. Through a negotiation process, the Village and its Consultant will develop a contract with a Competitive Retail Electric Services Provider (CRES Provider) or Providers for firm, all-requirements electric service. The contract will run for a fixed term (i.e., one to three years).

The Aggregation Program covers the power supply or generation portion only of a Participant's electric bill. American Electric Power (AEP) will continue to deliver electricity to Aggregation Program Participants' homes and businesses through the electric transmission and distribution system as an electric distribution utility function regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). AEP will also continue to install, operate and maintain their systems of poles, wires, transformers, and other electric distribution components. Aggregation Program Participants should continue to call AEP if



their power goes out or if they have billing questions. The PUCO will continue to oversee AEP electric safety and reliability service standards.

## **II. Process**

Under an opt-out aggregation program, each eligible consumer within the Village's boundaries initially will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program on a non-discriminatory basis. However, prior to actual enrollment, each consumer for whom electric rates, terms, and conditions have been negotiated will receive a notice from the Village detailing the Aggregation Program's rates, terms, and conditions.

Each consumer will then have a 21-day period to opt out of or decline to participate in the Aggregation Program without additional fees charged. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on AEP's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider. If the term of the Aggregation Program is longer than three years, a similar opt-out period will be offered every three years during which time consumers can leave the Aggregation Program without paying an early termination fee or penalty.

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Village cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. Opt-in Participants enrolling in the Aggregation Program will execute an opt-in contract with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program.

Participants who relocate within the Village's limits and retain the same electric account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as at their former location, provided the utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the utility.

The Village, through its Consultant, will negotiate a contract with a CRES Provider to implement and operate the Aggregation Program. Contracts for power supply and other related services will be negotiated, recommended, and monitored for compliance by the Village's Consultant on behalf of local consumers.

The Village developed this Plan of Operation and Governance in compliance with Ohio law regarding governmental aggregation programs and opt-out aggregation of electric consumers.

After adoption of this Plan of Operation and Governance by resolution or ordinance pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Village will file such Plan with the PUCO and will likewise maintain its certification as a governmental aggregator with the PUCO and its registration as a governmental aggregator with AEP.

### III. Plan of Operation and Governance

#### A. Definitions

1. **Aggregation:** Combining the electric loads of multiple customers for the purpose of supplying or arranging for the supply of competitive retail electric service to those customers.
2. **Aggregation Program Manager or Consultant:** The individual or company retained by the Village to oversee the operation and management of the Village's Aggregation Program.
3. **Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES):** A component of retail electric service that is deemed competitive under the Ohio Revised Code or pursuant to an order of the PUCO. This includes, but is not limited to, the services provided by competitive retail electric service providers, power marketers, aggregators, and governmental aggregators.
4. **Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider (CRES Provider):** A person or entity certified by the PUCO and registered with an electric distribution utility which supplies or offers to supply a competitive retail electric service over an electric distribution utility's transmission and/or distribution system. This term does not apply to an electric distribution utility in its provision of standard offer generation service.
5. **Consumer:** Any person or entity that is an end user of electricity and is connected to any part of the applicable electric distribution utility's transmission or distribution system within the Village's boundaries.
6. **Delivery Charge:** Charge imposed by the electric distribution utility for delivering electricity to a consumer's home or business. The charge includes meter reading, billing, maintaining electric system reliability and responding during emergencies and outages (also called a distribution charge).
7. **Distribution:** The delivery of electricity to a consumer's home or business over an electric distribution utility's local poles, wires, transformers, substations, and other equipment. Electric distribution utilities' distribution system operations are regulated by the PUCO.
8. **Electric-Related Service:** A service that is directly related to the consumption of electricity at a consumer's home or business. This may include, but is not limited to, the installation of demand side management measures at a consumer's premises, the maintenance, repair or replacement



of appliances, lighting, motors or other energy-consuming devices at a consumer's premises, and the provision of energy consumption measurement and billing services.

9. **Electric Supply Charge:** All charges related to the generation of electricity by the CRES Provider.
10. **Governmental Aggregator:** An incorporated village or city, Village, or county acting as an aggregator for the provision of a CRES under authority conferred by Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.
11. **Kilowatt-hour (kWh):** A kilowatt-hour is 1,000 watts of electricity used for one hour. For example, a 1,000-watt appliance operating for one hour will consume one kilowatt-hour of electricity. Consumers are charged for electricity in cents per kilowatt-hour.
12. **Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC):** The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) was established by the Ohio Legislature in 1976 to represent the interests of Ohio's residential utility customers served by investor-owned utilities in proceedings before the PUCO, other regulatory agencies, and in the courts.
13. **Participant:** An eligible consumer enrolled in the Village's Aggregation Program.
14. **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO):** The state agency charged with assuring that all residential and business consumers have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices.
15. **Standard Offer Generation Service:** The electric generation service a consumer will receive from its default electric service provider if the customer does not choose a CRES Provider.

#### **B. Aggregation Program Management**

Due to the complexity of the electric utility industry, the Village has entered into an Energy Management and Consulting Agreement with the Consultant to provide the necessary expertise to represent the Village's interests in legislative and regulatory matters and to serve as the Aggregation Program Manager. Such services may include, but are not limited to, overall management of the Aggregation Program, facilitating consumer enrollment and the opt-out process, assisting with consumer education, addressing consumer questions and concerns, providing reports on program operation, negotiating CRES Provider contracts, providing analysis and review of the Village's energy service usage and costs, and providing consulting services to aggregate and procure energy and/or energy-

related services, products, and accounts, and representing the Village in dealings with CRES Providers, the Ohio Legislature, the PUCO, and the OCC.

The CRES Provider's rates will include an administrative fee, which shall be collected on behalf of the Village to fund the implementation and administration of the Village's Aggregation Program, including consulting fees. The administrative fee may be adjusted annually to cover the Village's cost of administering the program.

Oversight of the Aggregation Program will be the responsibility of the Village's Consultant, in consultation with the Village. The Consultant, in consultation with the Village, will have the authority to develop specifications for the Aggregation Program. The CRES Provider will work under the direction of the Consultant with the advice and counsel of the Village.

### **C. Selection of a CRES Provider and Contract**

The Village will not buy and resell power to Aggregation Program Participants. The Village, through its Consultant, will negotiate with potential CRES providers to provide affordable, reliable electric supply, and other electric-related services on behalf of local consumers. The Village will consider cooperating with other governmental aggregators if it appears beneficial to do so.

Through a negotiation process driven by its Consultant, the Village will develop a contract with a CRES Provider or Providers for firm, all-requirements service. Each Aggregation Program Participant shall be individually bound by the terms and conditions found in the opt-out notice and the contract and shall be solely responsible for payment and performance. The Village will contract only with a CRES Provider that possesses, at a minimum, the following criteria:

1. Is certified as a CRES Provider by the PUCO;
2. Is registered with AEP;
3. Has a service agreement under AEP's Open Access TransmissionTariff;
4. Has successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with AEP, and the CRES Provider's EDI computer system is capable of effectively processing Aggregation Program EDI transactions in a timely manner;
5. Will maintain a database of Aggregation Program Participants, which will include all necessary information for the CRES Provider, Village, and Consultant to serve and manage the Aggregation Program;
6. Meets standards of creditworthiness established by the Village;



7. Has or has arranged for a customer call center capable of effectively handling Participants' questions, concerns and disputes in a timely manner using a toll-free telephone number;
8. Holds the Village harmless from any financial obligations arising from offering electricity and/or energy-related services to Aggregation Program Participants; and
9. Will assist the Village and its Consultant with the filing of reports required by Ohio law and the PUCO.

The CRES Provider's contract will run for a fixed term (i.e., one to three years) and contain all pricing, charges, switching fees, etc. in clear and easily understandable terms.

The Village will require any CRES Provider to disclose any subcontractors that it uses in fulfillment of the services described herein.

#### **D. Electric Supply Charges**

The Village, through its Consultant, will aggregate electric loads within the Village's applicable boundaries (including Village facilities) and negotiate mutually agreeable pricing, terms, and conditions of service with the CRES Provider for affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of Participants. The Village may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other entities. CRES Providers will supply information on electric supply charges by utility customer rate classification or other appropriate pricing category as approved by the Village. All electric supply charges will be fully and prominently disclosed in consumer enrollment materials, the opt-out notice, and will be subject to approval by the Village.

#### **E. AEP's Regulated Customer Classifications and Rates**

The applicable electric distribution utility assigns customer rate classifications, character of service, and associated regulated rates subject to PUCO-approved tariffs. In addition to the CRES Provider's generation charges, consumers will continue to be billed for AEP's service and delivery charges. Although the Village may participate in regulatory proceedings and represent the interests of consumers regarding these regulated rates, it cannot assign or alter customer rate classifications.

It is the intention of the Village to offer its Aggregation Program to eligible residential and non-mercantile commercial customers in any and all customer classifications, and in all rate categories, for which the CRES Provider can offer a savings compared to the electric distribution utility's avoidable costs or price to compare.



**F. Developing the Pool of Eligible Accounts**

The Village or its Consultant shall request the electric distribution utility to provide current customer information for all customers within the Village's boundaries. The provided information shall include the following:

- Customer name;
- Customer service address;
- Customer billing address;
- Electric distribution utility customer account number;
- Electric distribution utility rate code;
- Electric distribution utility PIPP code;
- Customer load data;
- Whether or not a customer has a present contract with a CRES Provider; and
- Whether or not a customer has a special service contract with the electric distribution utility.

From this information, the Village, its Consultant, and the CRES Provider will develop the pool of customers eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program, for which the CRES Provider can offer savings.

**G. Initial Consumer Notification and Enrollment**

After contract approval by the Village and its Consultant, the CRES Provider will work with the Village, its Consultant, and the electric distribution utility to identify all eligible consumers within the Village's boundaries.

All eligible consumers will be notified in writing of the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of participation in the Aggregation Program and that they will be automatically enrolled in the Aggregation Program unless they opt out of, or decline participation in, the Aggregation Program. Consumers will be given 21 days from the postmark date of the opt-out letter in which to notify the Village that they wish to opt out of, or decline participation in, the Aggregation Program without penalty fees. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on the applicable utility's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider.

Consumers may opt out of the Aggregation Program by returning a postage-paid post card or other form provided in the opt-out letter.

After the initial 21-day opt out period has elapsed, all eligible consumers who have not notified the Village of their desire to opt out of the Aggregation Program will

be enrolled automatically by the CRES Provider at the earliest date practicable. No other affirmative steps will be required of consumers in order to be included in the Aggregation Program as Participants.

Consumers ineligible to participate in the Aggregation Program include those customer accounts that are located outside the Village's boundaries, customers who are already in contract with a CRES provider, customers in a "special rate" contract with an electric distribution utility, and Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) consumers and consumers whose accounts are not current with their present electric distribution utility, as appropriate. The aggregation of PIPP customers is under the direction of the State of Ohio.

Consumers enrolled in the Aggregation Program by the CRES Provider will receive a letter from their electric distribution utility notifying them of their enrollment. Consumers will have seven calendar days to notify the electric distribution utility of any objection to their enrollment in the Aggregation Program. The applicable electric distribution utility will notify the CRES Provider of consumer objections or any reason that a consumer was not enrolled in the Aggregation Program and the CRES Provider will maintain a list of customers who have opted out under the Aggregation Program rules.

The CRES Provider will report to the Village the status of the Aggregation Program enrollment on at least a quarterly basis.

#### **H. Leaving the Aggregation Program**

In addition to the initial opt-out period described above, each Participant will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Aggregation Program every three years without paying an early termination fee or penalty as required by law and PUCO rules. Consumers who choose to opt out of the Aggregation Program at any time other than during the initial 21-day opt-out period or during subsequent opt-out periods offered by the Village may be subject to an early termination fee and may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric distribution utility.

Any consumer who opts out of the Aggregation Program during the initial opt-out period or subsequent opt-out periods will be returned to their electric distribution utility's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as the consumer selects another approved CRES Provider.

#### **I. CRES Provider Responsibilities**

The CRES Provider will build and maintain a database of all Aggregation Program Participants. The database will include the name, address, utility service delivery identification (SDI) number, and other pertinent information as agreed upon by the



Village, Consultant, and the CRES Provider. Such information may include the CRES Provider's account number (if different from utility's SDI number), rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months of kWh consumption and kW demand, and meter reading cycle. The Aggregation Program database will be updated at least quarterly. The Village will have the right to access information in the database for purposes of auditing.

The CRES Provider will provide and maintain the required Electronic Data Interchange computer system to effectively process Aggregation Program enrollments, opt outs, billing, etc., with the applicable electric distribution utility.

The CRES Provider will provide a local or toll-free telephone number for Participant questions or concerns about enrollment, opt-out provisions, billing, and other Aggregation Program issues.

The CRES Provider will develop internal controls and processes to help ensure that the Village remains in good standing as a governmental aggregator that complies with all laws, rules, and regulations regarding the same as they may be periodically amended.

#### **J. New and Returning Participants**

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Village cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. Opt-in Participants enrolling in the Aggregation Program will execute an opt-in contract with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program. Consumers may contact the Village's consultant to obtain current enrollment information and the opt-in contract.

Participants who relocate within the Village limits and retain the same electric utility account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as at their former location, provided the electric utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the consumer's former electric distribution utility. The CRES Provider will comply with all local, state and federal rules and regulations regarding discontinuing service to Aggregation Program Participants.

#### **K. Billing**

At this time, the Village plans to utilize the applicable electric distribution utility's consolidated billing service in which each consumer account receives one bill itemizing the CRES Provider's electric supply charges and electric distribution utility's delivery, and other PUCO-approved charges. The billing statement will be consistent with applicable PUCO rules and regulations. The Village will consider other billing options, including CRES Provider consolidated or dual billing, if and when they become available and if it appears advantageous to do so.

#### **L. Questions and Concerns**

The Aggregation Program only impacts the source of generation or power supply. The applicable electric distribution utility will continue to deliver the electricity purchased through the Aggregation Program to Participants' homes and businesses through its electric transmission and distribution system.

Participants with questions or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a power outage, a downed power line, sparking power lines or equipment, low voltage, etc., should continue to contact their electric distribution utility. Meter reading or other billing questions should also be directed to AEP. Questions regarding Aggregation Program enrollment and opting out should be directed to the CRES Provider. Any other general questions regarding the Aggregation Program should be directed to the Village's Consultant.

<b>Question or Concern</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Power outage or interruption	AEP	1-800-672-2231
Connect/disconnect service	AEP	1-800-672-2231
Meter reading/billing	AEP	1-800-672-2231
Enrollment in or opting out of Aggregation Program	CRES Provider Trebel LLC	1-888-XXX-XXXX 1-877-861-2772
Aggregation Program Questions or Concerns	Trebel LLC	1-877-861-2772
Unresolved disputes	PUCO	1-800-686-7826 (voice) 1-800-686-1570 (TDD)

#### **M. Reliability and Indemnification of Consumers**

Electric service reliability is essential to Aggregation Program Participants. The Village will strive to provide high-quality service and reliability through provisions of the CRES Provider contract, through traditional proceedings related to your electric distribution utility's regulated transmission and distribution services, and



through direct discussions with your electric distribution utility concerning specific or general problems related to quality and reliability of its transmission and distribution system.

If for any reason a CRES Provider fails to provide uninterrupted service, the Village and its Consultant will attempt to acquire an alternative power supply. If this attempt fails, Participants will default to the applicable electric utility's Standard Offer Generation Service. In no case will Participants be without power as a result of the CRES Provider's failure to provide the supply of generation. The Village and its Consultant will seek to minimize this risk by contracting only with reputable CRES Providers that have demonstrated reliable service. The Village, through its Consultant, also intends to include conditions in its CRES Provider contract that will indemnify Participants against risks or problems with power supply service and price.

#### **N. Participant Rights**

All Aggregation Program Participants shall enjoy the protections of law afforded to consumers as they currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time. These include rights to question billings or service quality or service practices. All consumers shall also enjoy the individual right to decline participation in the Aggregation Program subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All Aggregation Program Participants will be treated equitably. They will be guaranteed the rights to raise and resolve disputes with the CRES Provider, be provided all required notices and information, and always retain the right to opt out of the Aggregation Program or switch suppliers subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All consumers within the Village's boundaries shall be eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program on a non-discriminatory basis, subject to the terms and conditions described herein, Ohio law, PUCO rules and regulations governing electric service, and the applicable electric utility's approved tariffs.

Service under the Aggregation Program shall be available to all eligible customer classes. CRES Provider contracts shall also contain non-discrimination provisions to ensure the equitable treatment of all customer classes.

Low-income consumers shall remain subject to all provisions of Ohio law and PUCO rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time regarding their rights to return to the applicable electric utility's Standard Offer Generation Service and participation in the Aggregation Program.

#### **O. Participant Responsibilities**

Aggregation Program Participants are subject to the same standards and responsibilities as other electric consumers, including payment of billings and access to metering and other equipment necessary to carry out utility operations.

**P. Termination of the Aggregation Program**

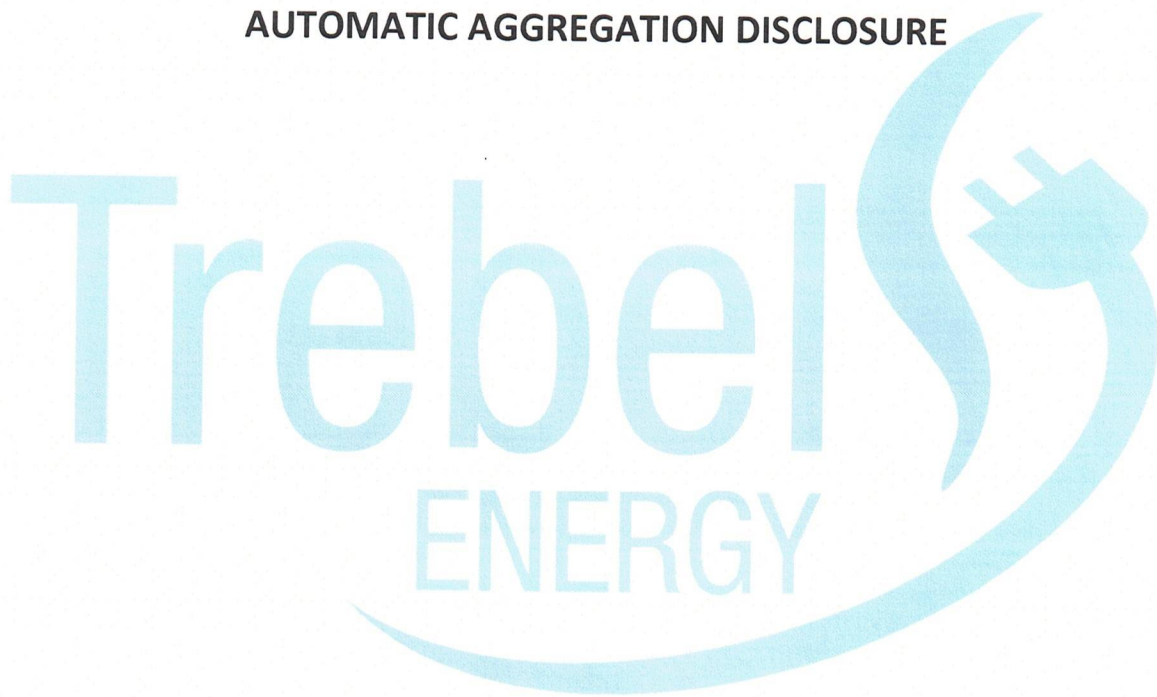
The Aggregation Program may be discontinued upon the termination or expiration of the CRES Provider contract without any extension, renewal, or subsequent contract being executed. In the event of Aggregation Program termination, each Participant will receive written notification of the termination at least 60 days prior to such program termination and will have the option to return to the applicable electric utility's Standard Generation Offer Service or select another approved CRES Provider.

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**EXHIBIT A-4**

**AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION DISCLOSURE**



February 14-24, 2023

## Village of Mingo Junction

### Community Electric Aggregation Notification

#### Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program. In May 2013, 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	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	AEP Ohio	4.64 cents per kWh	October 2023	None
Small Business	AEP Ohio	4.64 cents per kWh	October 2023	None

#### 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. If your residential account is on a budget billing plan with your electric utility, and meet Energy Harbor's minimum eligibility requirements, you will continue to receive that service (see FAQs)<sup>1</sup>. 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

**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:

- **MAIL:** Return the enclosed **Opt Out Reply Form**
- **PHONE:** Call Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749 to opt-out over the phone
- **WEB:** Enter your 10-digit **Opt Out Code** online at [energyharbor.com/opt-out](https://energyharbor.com/opt-out)

Opt Out Deadline
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March 7-17, 2023
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#### 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,

Village of Mingo Junction



## Community Electric Aggregation Program FAQs v.12.20

### **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.

### **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).

### **<sup>1</sup>As part of the aggregation, will Energy Harbor continue or allow me to begin to budget bill my supplier charges?**

Yes. 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. In AEP Ohio and AES Ohio service areas, budget billing will automatically be provided to eligible residents who currently have budget billing with their utility and at least 10 months of historical usage at their current service address. If you have less than 10 months of usage, you will still receive the community exclusive pricing listed herein but will be ineligible to budget the generation portion of your bill. AEP Ohio and AES Ohio will continue to budget the delivery portion of your bill. Under budget billing service, Energy Harbor will calculate your budgeted amount based on your average electric usage over the prior months. Periodically, Energy Harbor may examine your budget and may adjust to more closely match your usage from the previous year. Energy Harbor will conduct a final true-up at the end of the contract - or upon your leaving the program should you 'opt out' before the program term end - to reconcile between the actual amount of electricity used and the amount paid under the plan. The new budget amount may vary from the level of your current budget payment. You will continue to receive a levelized amount from your utility for delivery service and may experience true ups with your utility during the contract. If you are currently on, or enter into, a budget billing program after enrolling with Energy Harbor and have at least 10 months of usage, call 1-866-636-3749.

### **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)

VILLAGE OF MINGO JUNCTION OPT OUT REPLY FORM

Option 1: Do Nothing to Join	OR	Option 2: Opt Out by: March 7-17, 2023
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MAIL TO: Community Electric Aggregation Opt-Out c/o Energy Harbor, PO Box 3500, Akron, Ohio 44309

Account Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail	Return This Form
Phone	1-866-636-3749
Web	<a href="http://energyharbor.com/optout">energyharbor.com/optout</a>



Government Aggregation – Electric Terms and Conditions	
Product	Fixed Price
Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU")	Ohio Power Company
Price and Length of Agreement	4.64 ¢/kWh through your <b>October 2023</b> 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.

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**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.



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