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RESOLUTION 2002-053

SPONSOR Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Zury, Mr. King, Mr. Callahan & Teodosio

DATE February 11, 2002

A Resolution authorizing all action necessary to effect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Summit County Board of Elections to submit to the electors of Boston Township.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted natural gas deregulation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3") which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and counties to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of natural gas; 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 customers collectively to participate in the potential benefits of natural gas deregulation through lower natural gas rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually; and

WHEREAS, this Council seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code "the Aggregation Program," for the residents, businesses and other natural gas customers in the Township of Boston and in conjunction jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1 This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Township of Boston, its residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers located within the corporate limits of the Township of Boston to establish the Aggregation Program in the Township. Provided that this Resolution and the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Township pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, the Township is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, the retail natural gas loads located within the Township, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas. The Township 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 a natural gas load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Resolution.

SECTION 2 The Board of Elections of Summit County is hereby directed to submit to the electors of the Township of Boston the following question at the primary election on May 7, 2002:

Shall the Township of Boston have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads in the Township of Boston, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those

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loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out, all in accordance with Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Resolution 2002-053 adopted by Summit County Council?

The Clerk of this Council is instructed immediately to file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the County Board of Elections not less than seventy-five (75) days prior to the May 7, 2002. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of electors voting upon this Resolution and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3 Upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting at the primary election provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Council individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, shall 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 Township. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and location of the hearing. No plan adopted by this Council shall aggregate the natural gas load of any natural gas load center within the Township 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 enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of the enrollment. The state procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt out of the program every two years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under divisions (a) of Section 4928.14 of division (d) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

SECTION 4 This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of the Resolution concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5 Provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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INTRODUCED January 28, 2002

ADOPTED February 11, 2002

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DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL

Kim Huff Burrell

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED February 12, 2002

James D. Burrell

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 13, 2002

ON VOICE VOTE: YES: Callahan, Congrove, Crawford, Croeland, Gallagher, Heydon,
King, Norris, Smith, Teodosio, Zurz

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SPONSOR Mr. McCarthy and Mr. King

DATE June 28, 2004

An amended Resolution submitting to the electors of Bath Township at the November 2, 2004, general election the question of whether Bath Township should have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads in Bath Township, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and counties to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of natural gas; 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 customers collectively to participate in the potential benefits of natural gas deregulation through lower natural gas rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously enacted legislation placing upon the ballot at the May 7, 2002 primary election in the townships of Northfield Center, Twinsburg, Coventry, Springfield, Copley, Franklin, Richfield, Twinsburg and the Village of New Franklin the question of whether they should have the authority to aggregate their retail natural gas loads and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas and further, that such aggregation would occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out, as provided by Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, at the May 7, 2002, primary election, the voters of all of the aforementioned political subdivisions approved their respective opt-out natural gas aggregation ballot measures; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit is certified with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a governmental aggregator and has implemented its natural gas aggregation program in the aforementioned political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Bath Township has adopted Resolution 2004-35, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as if fully restated, which requests that the County take the actions necessary to include Bath Township in the County's Natural Gas Aggregation Program;

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WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information, that submitting to the electors of Bath Township at the November 2, 2004, general election the question of whether Bath Township should have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads in Bath Township, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out, and taking all actions necessary to include Bath Township in the County's Natural Gas Aggregation Program, is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members concurring, that:

SECTION 1

This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of Bath Township, its residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers located within the corporate limits of Bath Township to establish the County of Summit's Natural Gas Aggregation Program in Bath Township. Provided that the aggregation of natural gas is approved by the electors of Bath Township pursuant to Section 3 of this Resolution, Bath Township is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with Section 4929.26 of Ohio Revised Code, the retail natural gas loads located within Bath Township, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas. Bath Township 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. Such aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling, or using a natural gas load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 4 of this Resolution.

SECTION 2

The question of whether Bath Township should have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads in Bath Township, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code to the electors of Bath Township at the election to be held therein on November 2, 2004, as authorized by law. The election shall be held at the regular places of voting in this County as established by the Board of Elections of the County of Summit, Ohio, or otherwise, within the time provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

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SECTION 3

The ballot form for this question shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED GAS AGGREGATION
BATH TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
(Vote ballot with "X")

Shall Bath Township have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads in Bath Township, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

☐ YES

☐ NO

SECTION 4

Upon the approval of a majority of the electors of Bath Township voting at the general election provided for in Section 3 of this Resolution, the County of Summit will take all actions necessary to include Bath Township in the County's Natural Gas Aggregation Program and in its Plan of Operation and Governance. Before amending the Plan to include Bath Township, this Council shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed amended 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. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and location of the hearing. No plan adopted by this Council shall aggregate the natural gas load of any natural gas load center within Bath Township 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 Natural Gas Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by a stated procedure not to be enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of the enrollment. The state procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Natural Gas Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt out of the program every two years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the Natural Gas Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the natural gas company providing distribution service for the person's retail natural gas load, the standard service offer provided under divisions (c) of Section 4928.14 of division (d) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

**NATURAL GAS
AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**PLAN OF OPERATION
AND GOVERNANCE**

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO



Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

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(A) Introduction

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4929.26 regarding governmental automatic aggregation of Natural Gas service. The County of Summit ("County") Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail Natural Gas loads of consumers located in the County to negotiate the best rates for the supply of Natural Gas. It has the potential to combine approximately 30,000 residential and commercial customers into a buying pool that will be attractive to third party suppliers ("Suppliers"). Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer ("Member") has the opportunity to decline to be a Member of the aggregation program and to return to Dominion East Ohio ("Local Utility") standard offer of service or to enter into a service contract with any competitive retail Natural Gas supplier.

At the May 2002 general election, local residents authorized the County of Summit, Ohio (the "County") to create a municipal opt-out natural gas aggregation program (the "Aggregation Program") as provided under Section 4929.26(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the opt-out natural gas Aggregation Program, all eligible natural gas consumers within the County's unincorporated limits initially were automatically included in the Aggregation Program. However, all consumers were also given the opportunity to opt-out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program as detailed herein. The County will follow the Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan") outlined below. This Plan will not be adopted until two public hearings are held in accordance with section 4929.26(C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) Operation and Governance Plan Detail

(1) Description of Services and Professional Assistance

The process of governmental aggregation is set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4929. The chapter 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 Natural Gas consumer. That is, the consumer must give its consent to be included in the Program. Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all Natural Gas consumers within the County will be automatically included in the Program. However, such customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the Program. These customers can opt-out during a 21-day period. A similar opt-out period will be offered at least every two years during which Members can leave the County's aggregation pool without paying a switching fee.

Due to the complexity of deregulation of the Natural Gas utility industry, the County will consult with and obtain the necessary expertise to represent and help administer the Program. The County has passed a Ordinance to contract with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc., a PUCO certified electric broker and aggregator with mailing address of 8870 Darrow Road #F106 Twinsburg, Ohio 44087 to provide the following energy-consulting services:

- Handle day-to-day administration of program (problem Ordinance, press releases, PUCO compliance, supplier & local utility liaison, tariff analysis, contract review, etc.)
- File for PUCO Certification so the County can work with any supplier
- Administer the Request for Proposal process, analyze responses and provide deal structuring services
- Write and maintain the Plan of Operation and Governance
- Hold the required Public Hearings and attend Trustee meetings
- Review customer data from Local Utility
- Write reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the County and the PUCO

The County through its consultant, Buckeye Energy Brokers (Buckeye), will seek bids and negotiate with Certified Natural Gas Suppliers. The County will not assume title to Natural Gas. It will not buy and resell natural gas to the participants of the program. Instead, the County will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a competitive retail Natural Gas supplier to provide natural gas supply to the members of the aggregation program. Similarly, the County will not handle billing or scheduling of natural gas. Those responsibilities rest with the selected Supplier and Local Utility.

Only Suppliers meeting strict criteria will be considered. Suppliers will need to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and registered with the Local Utility to do business in their service territory. Both the certification and registration ensure that Suppliers are managerially, technically, and financially competent to perform the services they offer.

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

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

If the bidder is unable to demonstrate its creditworthiness, the bidder will provide: a Letter of Credit; or a Parental Guaranty from a company that is deemed creditworthy or a Surety Bond. Details of the credit type and amount will be subject to negotiation.

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

(2) Determination of Rates

The County shall receive proposals from Natural Gas suppliers using a competitive selection process. The Request For Proposal ("RFP") shall require the suppliers to offer a natural gas rate for each customer class, load grouping or other appropriate category. It is

the responsibility of each Member to compare the rate with others and decide accordingly. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the County after negotiations with the selected Supplier. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program as part of the opt-out process, through a direct mailing sent to each resident and business within the County limits. The following rate comparison will be completed once the County has selected a supplier.

Customer Class	Rate Class	Supplier Offer (\$/Mcf)	Term
Residential	"Energy Choice"		
Commercial	"Energy Choice"		

Members will be responsible for all other billable charges, such as, taxes, transportation charges, monthly service charge, etc. The contract negotiated with the selected supplier will fall somewhere in the range of 1-4 years commencing on the first possible meter read date.

(3) Plan for Providing Opt-out Notice

The Opt-out notice will be drafted in conjunction with the County, the selected Supplier and Buckeye. Buckeye will also verify the accuracy of the list by using several means, such as, maps, 9-1-1 records, County records, electric service lists, etc. Members will have a 21-day period to opt-out by returning a postcard to the selected supplier or calling their toll-free number.

(4) Process for Determining the Pool of Customers

The County will provide a letter to the supplier authorizing the supplier to obtain the list of Eligible Customers from the Local Utility and will be relying on the Local Utility to provide an accurate list of eligible customers. Buckeye and the selected supplier will use that list and remove customer records that have returned opt-out forms or are PIPP customers or are non-"Energy Choice" customers. This data would be the final basis for the County's pool of customers and would be turned over to the selected supplier to facilitate switching.

The Local Utility shall notify each affected Member of the pending transfer through a 7-day right of rescission letter. Service under the new Supplier shall begin at the start of the billing period following the transfer. Service under the Program shall include all customer classes in adherence with universal service principles and requirements, and the traditional non-discriminatory practices of local government. Contracts with all Suppliers shall contain provisions to maintain these principles and equitable treatment of all customer classes. Existing customers in the County currently receiving natural gas through an alternate supplier will become eligible upon contract expiration only.

Customers who meet the following criteria will become members of the aggregation program:

- Are up to date with their bill payment;

- Have not opted-out of the program;
- Are currently with the Local Utility;
- Are classified as non-mercantile;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission;
- Are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); and
- New Members may opt-in to the Program upon contract expiration with an alternate supplier. These Members will need to contact the Program Supplier for enrollment information. The Program Supplier has a right of refusal in accordance with Section 8 of this plan.

(5) Customer Billing Procedures

The County will utilize the coordinated billing services of the Local Utility and the selected Supplier. It is anticipated that all Members will receive a single bill from the Local Utility. Members will maintain or choose options that include: budget billing, automatic payments and Internet payment.

(6) Credit and Deposit Policies

Collection and credit procedures remain the responsibility of the Local Utility, the selected Supplier and the individual Member. Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of the Local Utility. This Program will not be responsible for late or no payment on the part of any of its members. The County will have no separate credit or deposit policy.

(7) Governmental Aggregator's Customer Service Procedures & Dispute Ordinance

Members will have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability and billing should be directed to the Local Utility. They continue to read meters handle billing and generally have the most information about a customer's account. Questions regarding the Program administration should go to Buckeye, and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Listed below is a table of toll-free numbers for members to call for assistance.

Nature of Complaint	Contact	Phone Number
Service interruptions or emergencies	Dominion East Ohio	
Service turn on/off	Dominion East Ohio	
Billing disputes	Dominion East Ohio	
Joining/Leaving Program	Supplier	See Opt-Out Notice
Aggregation Program Questions	Buckeye Energy Brokers	1-866-302-2237
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Commission	1-800-686-7826
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Comm. TDD/TTY	1-800-686-1570

If a dispute cannot be resolved, legal action involving any and all disputes arising under or relating to this Program may be brought in a court of the State of Ohio or a Federal District Court. This program shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of

Ohio.

(8) Members Moving Into/Within the Aggregation (New Account Number)

Residents and/or businesses that move into the County will not be automatically included in the program. If this policy changes, residents and/or businesses will be provided an opportunity to opt-out. They may also contact the County or its Supplier at any time to obtain enrollment information. There is however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants. Suppliers are unable to hold price offerings for an unlimited amount of time.

Members moving within the aggregation area with new account numbers may cancel the agreement. If the member does not cancel the agreement, the supplier, is required to automatically continue the offer under a new account number. In addition, Members should request that their local utility transfer their same supplier and offer to their new address.

(9) Members Moving Within the Aggregation (Same Account Number)

Members moving within the aggregation area with the same account number may cancel the agreement without penalty, pursuant to the procedures set forth in rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Administrative Code. If the member does not cancel the agreement, the supplier shall automatically continue the offer under the same account number.

(10) Joining the Program at a Later Date (Opting-in)

Residents desiring to join the program at a later date will be treated similar to residents moving into the County. They will need to contact the County or its Supplier to obtain enrollment information. They will follow an opt-in approach. There is however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants. Suppliers are unable to hold price offerings for an unlimited amount of time, and if County asks for such a requirement, the price offering received from suppliers will be higher to reflect the greater risk. Residents opting-in to the County's program will be responsible for knowing if there is a switching fee for leaving their current supplier.

(C) Availability of Plan of Operation and Governance

This Plan shall be kept available for public inspection and shall, upon request, be copied for any existing or potential customers of the aggregation.

(D) Altering the Plan of Operation and Governance

A governmental aggregator shall not alter its operation and governance plan in any way that would materially affect the customers of the aggregation without first providing notice to all affected customers and providing these customers the opportunity to opt-out of the aggregation according to the procedures established for the initial opt-out disclosure notice set forth in rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Administrative Code. The notice shall set forth the changes to the plan, inform the customer of its right to opt-out of the aggregation without penalty, and identify the method and time frame for the customer to opt-out.

(E) Certification Prior To Sending Opt-out Notices

No governmental aggregator shall send an opt-out disclosure notice to potential customers of an aggregation prior to the governmental aggregator being certified by the commission.

(F) Opt-out Disclosure Policies

- (1) Prior to including a customer's natural gas account or accounts in an aggregation, the County shall provide each eligible customer written notice that the customer's account(s) will be automatically included in the aggregation unless the customer affirmatively opts out of the aggregation. The notice shall, at a minimum, include:
 - (A) A summary of the actions that the County took to authorize the aggregation.
 - (B) A description of the services that the County will be provide under the aggregation.
 - (C) Disclosure of the price that the Supplier will charge customers for competitive retail natural gas service. The price shall be expressed in dollars and/or cents per hundred cubic feet of gas ("Ccf") or thousand cubic feet of gas ("Mcf"), depending on the unit that is used by the natural gas company that serves the customer. If a variable rate is offered, it shall be accompanied by an understandable description of the factors that will cause the price to vary (including any associated indices) and disclosure of how frequently the rate will change. If different rates will be charged to different rate classes within the aggregation, the County shall disclose the applicable rate(s) to customers within the various rate classes.
 - (D) An itemized list and explanation of all fees and charges that are not incorporated into the rates charged for natural gas that the County or Supplier will charge the customer for participating in the aggregation, including any applicable switching fees or early termination penalties. These switching fees and/or early termination penalties shall not apply to a customer that moves out of the governmental aggregator's territory.
 - (E) Disclosure of the dates covered by the aggregation, including an estimated service commencement date and notice that the customer may opt-out of the aggregation at least every two years without penalty.
 - (F) Disclosure of any credit and/or deposit policies and requirements.

- (G) Disclosure of any limitations or conditions on customer acceptance into the aggregation.
- (H) A description of the process and associated time period for customers to opt-out of the aggregation. The process shall include provisions for customers to return a postcard or similar notice to the governmental aggregator or its agent. The process may include, in addition, other opt-out methods, such as telephonic or Internet notice, provided that these methods provide for verification of a customer's election to opt-out of the aggregation. The time period for a customer to choose to opt-out of the aggregation shall extend at least twenty-one days from the date of the post mark on the written notice. A customer's return postcard or notice that is postmarked before the opt-out deadline has elapsed shall be deemed to have opted out.
- (I) A local or toll-free telephone number that customers can call with questions regarding the formation or operation of the aggregation, including associated calling hours.
- (2) At least every two years from the establishment of its initial aggregation pool, a governmental aggregator shall provide notice to all customers served by the aggregation of their right to opt-out of the aggregation without penalty. This notice shall follow the procedures established for the initial opt-out notice set forth in this rule and shall prominently disclose to customers all changes to the terms and conditions associated with the aggregation.
- (3) No governmental aggregator or retail natural gas supplier serving a governmental aggregation shall impose any terms, conditions, fees, or charges on any customer served by a governmental aggregation unless the particular term, condition, fee, or charge was clearly disclosed to the customer at the time the customer chose not to opt-out of the aggregation.
- (4) To assist its preparation and dissemination of required opt-out notices, the County will provide a letter to the supplier authorizing the supplier to obtain the list of Eligible Customers from the Local Utility and will be relying on the Local Utility to provide an accurate list of eligible customers consistent with division (A) of rule 4901:1-28-05 of the Administrative Code. The governmental aggregator shall not, without the customer's express written consent, disclose or use for any purpose other than formation and operation of its aggregation a customer's account number or social security number or any customer information regarding customers who had opted-off of a natural gas company's pre-enrollment list. Before a governmental aggregator releases any customer account number, social security number, or any information related to a customer who has opted off of a natural gas company's pre-enrollment list, the governmental aggregator shall obtain the customer's signature on a release. The release shall be on a separate piece of paper. The release shall be clearly identified on its face as a release of personal information and all text on the release shall be in at least 16-point type. The following statements shall appear prominently on the release, just prior to the signature, in type larger and darker than the type in the surrounding sentences: **I realize that, under the rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, I may refuse to allow (name of aggregator) to release the information set forth above. By my signature, I freely give (name of aggregator) permission to release the information designated above.** The information that the governmental aggregator seeks to release shall be specified on the form. Forms requiring a

customer to circle or to check off preprinted types of information to be released may not be used.

- (5) The County shall use its best efforts to ensure that only eligible customer accounts within its governmental boundaries and customers who have not opted-out are included in its aggregation. If ineligible accounts, accounts from outside of the governmental aggregator's governmental boundaries, or accounts for customers who opted-out of the aggregation are switched to the governmental aggregation, the governmental aggregator upon notification of such a switch shall promptly contact the natural gas company to have the customer switched back to the customer's former supplier. The governmental aggregator shall reimburse the customer for any switching fees that were paid by the customer as a result of the switch. In addition, if the customer's former rate was less than the rate charged by the governmental aggregator, then the governmental aggregator shall reimburse the customer the difference between the customer's former rate and the governmental aggregator's rate multiplied by the customer's usage during the time that the customer was served by the governmental aggregator.

(G) Cooperation Between Natural Gas Companies and Governmental Aggregators

- (1) Pursuant to O.A.C. section 4901:1-28-05, it is expected natural gas company shall cooperate with governmental aggregators to facilitate the proper formation and functioning of governmental aggregations. To assist a certified governmental aggregator's compliance with the opt-out disclosure notice requirements established in division (D) of section 4929.26 of the Revised Code, upon request, the natural gas company shall provide, on a best efforts basis, an updated list of names, account numbers, service and mailing address, rate schedules (class and subclass), applicable riders, load profile reference category, meter type, interval meter data indicator, budget bill indicator, meter read date or schedule, and historical consumption data for each of the most recent twelve months for all customers residing within the governmental aggregator's boundaries. Except for inclusion of information for customers who have opted-off and account numbers, the customer information contained in such list shall be consistent with any pre-enrollment list that is provided to retail natural gas suppliers.
- (2) Charges and/or fees for services and information provided to governmental aggregators by natural gas companies shall be published in an approved tariff filed with the commission.
- (3) Unless the customer notifies the natural gas company of the customer's intent to not join a governmental aggregation by returning a confirmation notice or providing some other notice as provided by the natural gas company's tariffs, a natural gas company shall switch customer accounts to or from a governmental aggregation under the same processes and time frames provided in published tariffs for switching other customer accounts.

Exhibit B-3 "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure"

The Opt-out notice will be drafted in conjunction with the County, the selected Supplier and Buckeye Energy Brokers (Buckeye). Buckeye will also verify the accuracy of the list by using several means, such as, maps, County records, list providers, etc. Members will have a 21-day period to opt-out by returning a post card to the selected supplier or calling their toll-free number.

The County will provide a letter to the supplier authorizing the supplier to obtain the list of Eligible Customers from the Local Utility and will be relying on the Local Utility to provide an accurate list of eligible customers. Buckeye and the selected supplier will use that list and remove customer records that have returned opt-out forms or are PIPP customers or are non-"Energy Choice" customers. This data would be the final basis for the County's pool of customers and would be turned over to the selected supplier to facilitate switching.

The Local Utility shall notify each affected Member of the pending transfer through a 7-day right of rescission letter. Service under the new Supplier shall begin at the start of the billing period following the transfer. Service under the Program shall include all customer classes in adherence with universal service principles and requirements, and the traditional non-discriminatory practices of local government. Contracts with all Suppliers shall contain provisions to maintain these principles and equitable treatment of all customer classes.

Customers who meet the following criteria will become members of the aggregation program:

- Are up to date with their bill payment;
- Have not opted-out of the program;
- Are currently with the Local Utility;
- Are classified as non-mercantile;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission;
- Are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); and
- New Members may opt-in to the Program upon contract expiration with an alternate supplier. These Members will need to contact the Program Supplier for enrollment information. The Program Supplier has a right of refusal in accordance with Section 8 of this plan.

Exhibit B-4 "Opt Out Notice"



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An Exelon Company

Selected Natural Gas Supplier



Welcome to the County of Summit
Natural Gas Governmental
Aggregation Program.

<First Name> <Last Name>
<Address Line 1>
<Address Line 2>
<City> <State> <Zip>

This notification is in regards
to your natural gas service at:

<Service Address Line 1>
<Service Address Line 2>
<Service City> <Service ST> <Zip>

FOLD
LINE

Dear <First Name> <Last Name>:

FOLD
LINE

The County of Summit has selected Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc. ("Constellation") as the preferred supplier for its Natural Gas Program in 2014. The program offers a fixed price of \$4.38 per Mcf for the term of March 2014 through February 2015 billing cycles. Before the end of your February 2015 billing period, your community will determine your rate for the remainder of the program.

You're Automatically Enrolled

As an eligible County of Summit residential or small business customer, you are automatically enrolled unless you decide to opt-out. To learn more about the program, please see the enclosed General Terms and Conditions and the FAQs.

How To Opt-Out

You don't need to do anything to get this new low price. However, if you decide not to take part in the program, we must receive your response in one of two ways by January 3, 2014 as described below.

1. Mail: Return the completed form below to:

ATTN: Ohio Natural Gas Program
Constellation
1221 Lerner Street, Suite 750
Houston, TX 77010-9928

2. Phone: Call Constellation at 1-800-718-1493.

It's our pleasure to serve as your natural gas provider.

Sincerely,

The County of Summit

Bruce Stewart, Chief Marketing Officer
Constellation

Here's how you benefit.

- You receive a natural gas rate of \$4.38/Mcf for March 2014 through February 2015 billing cycles.
- You still receive one bill from Dominion East Ohio (DEO). It will include Constellation's natural gas charge.
- You will continue to contact DEO for emergency or maintenance issues.
- Budget billing and automatic payment options are still available from DEO.

To learn more:

Call 1-800-718-1493

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The rate provided will NOT include taxes or local utility charges. If you are already enrolled with another natural gas supplier, a cancellation fee may apply to end your agreement with that supplier. The General Terms and Conditions govern your participation in the Program. Please do not contact the supplier. If you have additional questions about this offer, contact Constellation. Ohio Supplier License #023-0220 (S)

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LINE
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FOLD
LINE
PEW
1/14



<First Name> <Last Name>
<Address Line 1>
<Address Line 2>
<City> <State> <Zip>



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I do not want to participate in the County of Summit Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program.

Phone Number

☐ Cell ☐ Work ☐ Home

Service Address

<Service Address Line 1>
<Service Address Line 2>
<Service City> <Service ST> <Zip>

<Code>

Opt-Out Code

DEO Account Number

Signature

Date

County of Summit Aggregation MMS 1004 (OPT-OUT) 12-03-13

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Generally the words "you" and "your" refer to the Customer and the words "we" and "us" refer to Constellation, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1. Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas. If you do not "opt-out" by January 3, 2014 pursuant to these General Terms and Conditions (the "Agreement"), you will purchase from us on an exclusive basis, and we will take all reasonable action to supply or cause to be supplied, all of your natural gas requirements at the price and for your accounts ("Account(s)"). Pursuant to the Agreement, you authorize us to (i) enroll your Account(s) with your Utility so that we can supply the Account(s), (ii) aggregate your Account(s) with those of other customers of Constellation or its affiliates, (iii) request and receive usage and other information from your Utility with respect to the Account(s) and (iv) enter into agreements with your Utility as necessary under the Utility's tariff to facilitate supply of the Account(s). You agree to cooperate with Constellation to ensure enrollment of your Account(s) in a timely manner. You give us the authority to choose the source of your natural gas supply. Your Utility will continue to deliver your natural gas and provide billing and other services to you. You acknowledge that such transportation service is subject to regulations set forth in your Utility's tariff. Supply of natural gas under this Agreement is conditioned upon (1) our verification of the accuracy of all information that you provide to us, including information regarding your natural gas usage and the Account(s) and (2) acceptance of enrollment of your Account(s) by the Utility.

2. Term. This term of the Agreement is effective when enrollment occurs with the Utility with Constellation as your natural gas supplier, subject to your rescission right set forth under "Customer's Rescission Right" below. Subject to successful enrollment of your Account(s), we will supply the Account(s) with natural gas from the first regularly scheduled Utility meter read date after your Utility switches you to Constellation ("Start Date"), which we estimate will be in the month of February, 2014 (March 2014 billing cycle). We will supply your Account(s) through the month of September, 2015 (October 2015 billing cycle). If the County of Summit Natural Gas Pricing Program continues beyond September 2015 with Constellation as the supplier, Constellation will send you a notice of renewal including, but not limited to, notice of the new County of Summit Natural Gas Pricing Program, notice of your right to opt-out of the County of Summit Natural Gas Pricing Program, and any other changes. The opt-out mailing shall include a provision for return of a post card or similar notice to Constellation, to be returned no earlier than twenty-one (21) days from the post-marked date, and receipt of the opt-out mailing post-marked before the opt-out deadline has elapsed shall count as timely sent. You are entitled to opt-out of County of Summit Natural Gas Pricing Program at least every two years from the Start Date of the County of Summit Natural Gas Pricing Program, without a penalty. If for any reason you do not wish to continue, you may cancel this Agreement as provided in Section 4 below. If you do not cancel, this Agreement will renew, and any changes to the General Terms and Conditions will become effective for the term provided in the renewal notice.

3. County of Summit Natural Gas Pricing Program. Through January, 2015 (February 2015 billing cycle), your price will be a fixed price of \$4.36/Mcf. **IN THIS PROGRAM, YOU HEREBY APPOINT THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT AS YOUR AGENT FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY PRICING DECISIONS AND AGREE THAT COUNTY OF SUMMIT HAS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO MAKE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY PRICING DECISIONS ON YOUR BEHALF WHILE THIS AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT.**

Note: The fixed or variable price includes (i) all related interstate pipeline charges required to deliver gas to the Delivery Point, plus (ii) administrative costs and fees, in addition to the fixed or variable price, you will also pay the Utility's service charges.

4. Termination. You may terminate this Agreement without penalty at any time for any reason by providing notice to Constellation. Please note that once enrolled, it may take one to two billing cycles beyond the current billing cycle for the cancellation to be effective, as the effective date of all cancellations are subject to your Utility's guidelines. Should you fail to pay any Utility invoice or fail to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangement, your service and this Agreement may be automatically terminated in accordance with the Utility's tariffs. In addition, this Agreement will terminate if (i) the requested service location is not served by the Utility, (ii) you move outside the Utility's service area or to an area not served by Constellation, (iii) we return you to the Utility's sales service pursuant to any termination of this agreement by us, or (iv) you cancel your enrollment with us pursuant to your rescission right provided below. You may terminate this Agreement without penalty if you relocate outside the service territory of the Utility.

5. Customer's Rescission Right. Upon processing your enrollment, the Utility will send you a confirmation letter, which is notice of the transfer of your supply to Constellation. You have a seven (7) day period from the postmark date of the Utility's confirmation letter during which time you may cancel your enrollment, without penalty, by calling the Utility's toll-free number provided in the confirmation letter or by providing written notice to the Utility, which will be effective as of the postmark date.

6. Your Invoice. You will be invoiced by the Utility monthly for all charges applicable to your natural gas usage, including the rates set forth herein, applicable Taxes (which are passed through to you) and all applicable Utility customer charges and franchise fees. You authorize us to act as your payment agent if deemed necessary by us to facilitate consolidated billing. You have the right to request up to twenty-four (24) months of your payment history for services rendered by Constellation without charge.

7. Switching. The Utility may charge a switching fee in accordance with its tariff when you change your natural gas supplier to Constellation. If the Utility charges a switching fee when you change your natural gas supplier to Constellation in accordance with this Agreement, Constellation agrees to pay such switching fee. Constellation will not separately charge a switching fee. If you voluntarily return to the Utility after switching to a competitive supplier, you may be charged a price other than the Utility's regulated sales service rate.

8. Customer Service. For questions or complaints about our services, contact us at our Customer Service Department by calling toll-free (800) 786-4373 (between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time), by e-mail at feedback@constellation.com, online at www.constellation.com, or in writing at Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc., P.O. Box 4911, Houston, TX 77210. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called Constellation, or for general utility information, you may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for assistance at (800) 686-7826 (toll free) or for TTY at (800) 686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, or at www.puco.ohio.gov. Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for assistance with complaints and utility issues at (877) 742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, or at www.ohioconsumers.org.

9. Definitions. "Delivery Point" means any existing and future points of interconnection between your Utility transmission and/or distribution system and those of a third party pipeline supplying natural gas to the Utility. "Taxes" means all taxes, duties, fees, levies, premiums or any other charges of any kind, whether direct or indirect, relating to the sale, purchase or delivery of natural gas, together with all interest, penalties or other additional amounts imposed, including but not limited to gross receipts, sales, consumption, use, value added, per Mcf, commercial activity or other privilege tax, and any other tax (whether in effect as of the effective date of this agreement or thereafter) imposed by any governmental entity. "Utility" means your local natural gas distribution utility owning and/or controlling and maintaining the distribution system required for delivery of natural gas to the Account(s).

10. Notices. All notices will be in writing and delivered by hand, first class mail, or by express carrier to our respective business addresses. Either of us can change our address by notice to the other pursuant to this paragraph.

11. Changes in law, market structure, and/or your natural gas needs or classifications. If a change in or implementation of law, rule, regulation, ordinance, statute, judicial decision, administrative order, Utility tariffs, or the like causes our costs under this Agreement to increase, we will have the right to pass such increased costs on to you. The changes described in this Section may change any or all the charges described in this Agreement.

12. Events beyond either of our reasonable control. If something happens that is beyond either of our reasonable control that prevents either of us from performing our respective obligations under this Agreement, then whichever one of us cannot perform will be relieved from performance until the situation is resolved. Examples of such events include: acts of God, fire, flood, hurricane, war, terrorism; labor disputes; declaration of emergency by a governmental entity or the Utility; curtailment, disruption or interruption of natural gas transmission, distribution or supply; regulatory, administrative, or legislative action, or action or restraint by court order or other governmental entity; and actions taken by third parties not under your or our control, such as the Utility. However, such events shall not in any event excuse any failure to make payments due in a timely manner for natural gas supplied to you. The parties shall notify each other immediately of an operational flow or curtailment order from the applicable pipelines or Utility and shall take all required steps to comply with such orders.

13. **Delivery Point obligations.** We will deliver natural gas to the Delivery Point. Title and risk of loss related to the natural gas transfer to you at the Delivery Point, and you are responsible for all transmission, distribution, and other costs (including Taxes and other fees) related to the final delivery to the facilities to which the Account(s) relate as well as your use of the natural gas. While we will arrange for the delivery of natural gas to you by your Utility, we will have no liability or responsibility for matters within the control of the Utility, which include maintenance of pipelines and systems, service interruptions, loss of service, quality of the natural gas, deterioration of services, or meter readings. 14. **Limitation on Liability.** IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY OR ITS AFFILIATES, OWNERS, OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST OPPORTUNITIES OR LOST PROFITS. Each party's total liability related to this Agreement, whether arising under breach of contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, will be limited to direct, actual damages. Each party agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the damages it may incur. NO WARRANTY, DUTY, OR REMEDY, WHETHER EXPRESSED, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, ON CONSTELLATION'S PART IS GIVEN OR INTENDED TO ARISE OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OR USE.

15. **Governing Law/Venue.** THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS. WE ALSO BOTH AGREE IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY TO WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY. ALL LITIGATION MUST BE LITIGATED IN THE AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT, COUNTY OF SUMMIT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, OR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION, AND CONSTELLATION SUBMITS ITSELF TO THE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THOSE COURTS.

16. **Relationship of Parties.** We are an independent contractor, and nothing in this Agreement establishes a joint venture, fiduciary relationship, partnership or other joint undertaking. You will not rely, and have not relied, on us in evaluating the advantages or disadvantages of any specific product or service, predictions about future energy prices, or any other matter under this Agreement. Your decision to enter into this Agreement and any other decisions or actions you may take are and will be based solely upon your own analysis (or that of your advisors) and not on information or statements from us. There is no guarantee that the program you chose will guarantee any price advantage or savings.

17. **Confidentiality.** Consistent with applicable regulatory requirements, we will hold in confidence all information obtained by us from you related to the provision of services under this Agreement and which concern your energy characteristics and use patterns, except that we may disclose such information to our affiliates (excluding Baltimore Gas & Electric, a regulated utility) and such affiliates' employees, agents, advisors, and independent contractors. Other than for operation, maintenance, assignment and transfer of your Account(s), pursuant to a court or PUCO order or pursuant to a PUCO rule, we will not release your account number or, other than for credit checking and credit reporting, if applicable, your social security number, without your prior written consent.

18. **Miscellaneous Provisions.** If in any circumstance we do not provide notice of, or object to, any default on your part, such situation will not constitute a waiver of such default or any future default of any kind. If any of this Agreement is held legally invalid, the remainder will not be affected and will be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law and equity, and there will be deemed substituted for the invalid provisions such provisions as will most nearly carry out our mutual intent as expressed in this agreement. You may not assign or otherwise transfer any of your rights or obligations under this Agreement without our prior written consent and any such attempted transfer will be void. We may assign our rights and obligations under this Agreement to a qualified natural gas supplier and will provide you with prior written notice of any such assignment. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between both of us, supersedes any other agreements, discussions or understandings (whether oral or written) regarding the subject matter of this agreement, and may not be contradicted by any prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreement. A facsimile copy with your signature will be considered an original for all purposes. No amendment to this Agreement will be valid or given any effect unless signed by both of us. Applicable provisions of this Agreement will continue in effect after termination or expiration of this Agreement to the extent necessary, including those for billing adjustments and payments, indemnification, limitations of liability, and dispute resolution. Constellation shall have the right to set-off and net any amounts owed to Customer against any amounts owed to it by Customer under this Agreement or any other agreement. This Agreement is a "forward contract" and Constellation is a "forward contract merchant" under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, as amended. Further, we are not providing advice regarding "commodity interests", including futures contracts and commodity options or any other matter, which would cause us to be a commodity trading advisor under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("CEA"). Customer's purpose in entering into this Agreement is not speculation, but rather price volatility control and/or budget management for procurement of natural gas for one or more of its facilities. Customer represents that it qualifies as a "eligible contract participant" as the same is defined under the CEA. The terms of any purchase order (PO) you send to us or any alterations, additions, or modifications you make to the preprinted terms of this Agreement shall be void and without any effect unless and only to the extent we agree in writing to such alterations, additions, or modifications.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR SERVICE INTERRUPTION, CONTACT YOUR UTILITY AT:

Utility Name	Utility Abbreviation	Contact Number
Dominion East Ohio (The East Ohio Gas Company)	DEO/EOG	(800) 362-7557

Governmental Aggregation Filing

Exhibit B-5 "Experience"

Summit County Council has a wealth of experience in negotiating, contracting and providing for common services to the County residents. Some examples of experience as a service provider are:

1. Water Service
2. Police & Fire Services
3. Electric Aggregation Program

The Board routinely negotiates for services and supplies that benefit the residents of the County. However, due to the complexity of municipal aggregation, the County will rely on the services of Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining the Program. Buckeye Energy Brokers is a PUCO certified (00-002(5)) Electric Aggregator and PUCO certified (02-006(4)) Natural Gas Aggregator. They have experience working with over 200 buying groups in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

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

- The County is contracting with the following consultant to provide third party assistance:

Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.
8870 Darrow Rd. #F106
Twinsburg, OH 44087
(330) 730-4338
- The County has contracted with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to assist the County in designing, implementing and maintaining its aggregation program.
- Below is a detailed summary of services being provided:
 - Broker shall provide energy related Services, including but not limited to the following:
 - Volume data collection and verification
 - Energy savings estimates
 - Energy buying consultation
 - Write customized Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - All contact with potential energy suppliers
 - Release all necessary client information to switch energy suppliers
 - Pre-qualify any energy suppliers wishing to bid on the RFP
 - Contract negotiation and closing with selected supplier
 - Monitor energy cost savings with quarterly reports.

The County will utilize the coordinated billing services of the Local Utility and the selected Supplier. It is anticipated that all Members will receive a single bill from the Local Utility.