

July 8, 2013

Docketing Division
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43266-0573

Re:

In the Matter of the Application of the

City of Tipp City, for

Re-Certification as a Governmental Aggregator

Case No. 03-1610-GA-GAG

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the City of Tipp City's completed **RE-CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS**. We have enclosed an original application, notarized and signed by an authorized official and ten conformed copies, including all exhibits, and other attachments.

The material provided includes the following:

- 1) Authorizing ordinance reflecting voter authorization;
- 2) Plan of Operation and Governance;
- 3) Copy of Automatic Aggregation Disclosures;
- 4) Copy of Opt-out Notification;
- 5) Experience statement

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our aggregation program manager, Terry Leach of AMPO, Inc., at tleach@amppartners.org.

Respectfully submitted,

City Manager



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RENEWAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OHIO NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

Please type or print all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit B-1 - Authorizing Ordinance). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 13th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

This PDF form is designed so that you may directly input information onto the form. You may also download the form by saving it to your local disk.

SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

A-1 Renewal Applicant information:

Legal Name

City of Tipp City

Address

260 South Garber Drive, Tipp City, Ohio 45371-0188

Telephone No.

937-669-8477

Web site address

www.tippcityohia.gov

Current PUCO Certificate Number

03-065G (5)

Effective Dates October 9, 2011 - October 9, 2013

Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters:

Name

Jon Crusey

Title

City Manager

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260 South Garber Drive, Tipp City, Ohio 45371-0188

Telephone No.

937-669-8477

Fax No. 937-667-5816

Email Address cruseyi@tippcity.net

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

Name

Jon Crusey

Title

City Manager

Business address

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Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints:

Customer service address

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Toll-Free Telephone No.

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SECTION B - APPLICANT AUTHORITY AND AGGREGATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED

- B-1 <u>Exhibit B-1 "Authorizing Ordinance</u>," provide a copy of the adopted ordinance or resolution that reflects voter authorization to form a governmental aggregation program pursuant to Sections 4929.26 and 4929.27 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- B-2 Exhibit B-2 "Operation and Governance Plan," provide a copy of the applicant's plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Sections 4929.26(C) or 4929.27(B) of the Revised Code. The Operation and Governance Plan should include all information pursuant to Rule 4901:1-28-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- B-3 Exhibit B-3 "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure Notification," if the aggregation program provides for automatic aggregation in accordance with Section 4929.26(A) of the Revised Code, provide a copy of the disclosure notification required by Section 4929.26(D) of the Revised Code,
- B-4 Exhibit B-4 "Opt-Out Notice," provide a draft copy of the applicant's opt out notice that comports with the Opt-Out disclosure requirements pursuant to Rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code. (Ten days prior to public dissemination, the applicant shall docket with the Commission, the finalized Opt-Out notice that provides or offers natural gas aggregation service.)
- B-5 <u>Exhibit B-5 "Experience</u>," provide a detailed description of the applicant's experience and plan for: providing aggregation services (*including contracting with consultants*, *broker/aggregators*, *retail natural gas suppliers*); providing billing statements; responding to customer inquiries and complaints; and complying with all applicable provisions of Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4929.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and contained in Chapter 4901:1-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Applicant Signature and Title

Jon Crusey, City Manager

Month

Year

Signature of official administering oath

Sworn and subscribed before me this

Print Name and Title

My commission expires on



The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation
Affidavit Form
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In the Ma	tter of the Application of)									
City of Tipp city for a Certificate or Renewal Certificate to Provide Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Service in Ohio.)	Case No.	03-1610	-GA-GAG						
						County of	Miami				
						State of	Ohio				

Jon Crusey, City Manager

[Affiant], being duly sworn/affirmed, hereby states that:

- (1) The information provided within the certification or certification renewal application and supporting information is complete, true, and accurate to the best knowledge of affiant.
- (2) The applicant will timely file an annual report of its intrastate gross receipts and sales of hundred cubic feet of natural gas pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A), and 4929.23(B), Ohio Revised Code.
- (3) The applicant will timely pay any assessment made pursuant to Section 4905.10 or Section 4911.18(A), Ohio Revised Code.
- (4) Applicant will comply with all applicable rules and orders adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio pursuant to Title 49, Ohio Revised Code.
- (5) Applicant will cooperate with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and its staff in the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the applicant.
- (6) Applicant will comply with Section 4929.21, Ohio Revised Code, regarding consent to the jurisdiction of the Ohio courts and the service of process.
- (7) Applicant will inform the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of any material change to the information supplied in the certification or certification renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory or emergency purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer complaints.

(8) Affiant further sayeth naught.

Affiant Signature & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this

Jon Crusey, City Manager

Month

Year

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Signature of Official Administering Oath

Print Name and Title

My commission expires on

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EXHIBIT B-1

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. ___05 - 03

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AN ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO PROMOTE NATURAL GAS SAVINGS, LOWER COST NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN NATURAL GAS CONSUMERS, AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT AN OPT-OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND ARTICLE XVIII SECTION 4 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION; DIRECTING THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AMPO, INC. FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Whereas, Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution grants the City of Tipp City (the "Municipality") certain authority related to utility service; and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 4929 of the Ohio Revised Code, to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits, certain governmental entitles may aggregate certain natural gas consumers within their jurisdiction; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 4929.26, Revised Code, the Municipality is authorized to establish an opt-out natural gas aggregation program ("Gas Aggregation") for the benefit of certain natural gas consumers within the Municipality so that the consumers may realize lower cost natural gas supplies and other benefits from the aggregation and collective purchasing of natural gas supplies; and

Whereas, Gas Aggregation provides an opportunity for natural gas consumers collectively to realize natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits that the consumers may not otherwise be able to realize individually; and

Whereas, the Municipality desires to submit to the electors of the Municipality the question of whether the Municipality should create a Gas Aggregation program to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits in accordance with Section 4929.26, Revised Code; and

Whereas, this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare in that opportunities to coordinate aggregation activities with certain suppliers of natural gas may become limited; and

Whereas, the Municipality has adopted this Ordinance pursuant to the authority conferred by Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 4929.26, Revised Code; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Tipp City:

Section 1. That this Council finds and determines that to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits, it is in the best interest of the Municipality and certain natural gas consumers within the jurisdiction of the Municipality to establish an opt-out natural Gas Aggregation program in the Municipality pursuant to Section 4929.26, Revised Code. Provided that this Ordinance and the Gas Aggregation program is approved by the electors of the Municipality in accordance with this Ordinance, the Municipality is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to affect a Gas Aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.26, Revised Code. The Municipality may exercise this authority jointly with other entitles to the full extent permitted by law, and for such purposes, the City Manager of the Municipality is hereby authorized to execute and deliver an agreement with AMPO. Inc. to assist the Municipality as its consultant and agent to effect the Gas Aggregation program. Actions necessary to effect the Gas Aggregation program include determining and entering into service agreement(s) with natural gas suppliers to facilitate the sale and purchase of all natural gas commodity and services to serve the enrolled natural gas consumers. Municipality shall be authorized by the electors to be the only entity authorized to act for and on behalf of the enrolled natural gas consumers to determine and select the natural gas supplier(s) to provide the commodity and all other services for the Gas Aggregation program and the enrolled consumers.

Section 2. The Gas Aggregation program shall not apply to persons meeting any of the following criteria, as more specifically described in Section 4929.26(A)(2), Revised Code: (i) the person is both a distribution service customer and a mercantile customer, (ii) the person has an existing commodity sales service contract with a retail natural gas supplier, (iii) the person has an existing commodity sales service as part of a retail natural gas aggregation pursuant to Rules and Orders of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"), or (iv) such other persons that are not eligible pursuant to Rules and Orders of the Commission or the plan of operations and governance (the "Plan") for the Gas Aggregation program.

Section 3. The Board of Elections of Miami County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Municipality at the primary election on May 6, 2003:

To facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost natural gas supplies, and other benefits, shall the City of Tipp City have the authority to aggregate retail natural gas loads located in the City of Tipp City and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of natural gas commodity and other services, such aggregation to occur automatically, except where any person affirmatively elects not to be so enrolled by a stated procedure?

FOR, the City of Tipp City to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings and other benefits by acting as an aggregator.

NOT FOR, the City of Tipp City to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings and other benefits by acting as an aggregator.

The Clerk of this Council is instructed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Miami County Board of Elections not later than February 20, 2003, which is seventy-five (75) days prior to May 6, 2003. The Gas Aggregation program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon the proposed ballot question at the election held in accordance with this Ordinance and Sections 4929.26, Revised Code. Upon approval, the Gas Aggregation shall take effect at the earliest permissible point in time and continue thereafter in accordance with Section 4929.26, Revised Code, and other requirements of Chapter 4929, Revised Code.

Section 4. Upon approval by a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in this Ordinance, the Municipality shall develop and adopt a Plan of pperations and governance for the Gas Aggregation program. Consumers enrolled in the Gas Aggregation program shall be supplied their natural gas requirements and other services in accordance with supply agreement(s) determined and arranged by the Municipality, as opportunities become available to provide benefits on behalf of the natural gas consumers enrolled in the Gas Aggregation program and the consumers located within the jurisdiction of the Municipality. The Municipality shall be authorized by the electors to be the only entity authorized to act for and on behalf of the natural gas consumers that have enrolled in the Gas Aggregation program to determine and select the natural gas supplier(s) to provide the commodity and all other services for the Gas Aggregation program and the enrolled consumers. Before adopting such Plan, at least two public hearings on the Plan shall be held. Before the first hearing, notice of the first hearing shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality. The notice shall summarize the Plan and state the date, time, and location of each hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 -03

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF TIPP CITY'S PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR MUNICIPAL OPT-OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION

WHEREAS, City Council deems it in the financial interest of residents and other eligible natural gas customers within the corporate limits to have access to alternative natural gas supply options as provided for by Ohio Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, City Council did adopt Ordinance 05-03 to place a referendum on the May 6, 2003 ballot on the question of whether or not the City should be authorized to become a natural gas aggregator in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 4929.26, and

WHEREAS, the voters overwhelmingly approved, by a vote of 522 in favor and 40 against, authorizing the City to become a natural gas aggregator; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said referendum, the City, by and through its agent, AMPO inc., has prepared a "Plan of Operation and Governance For Municipal Opt-Out Natural Gas Aggregation", a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, said plan has been presented to and reviewed by City Council after having held the required two public hearings on the Plan, and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan by the City of Tipp City will provide an opportunity for certain natural gas customers within the corporation limits to achieve lower natural gas billis.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIPP CITY HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. That the Council hereby accepts and adopts the proposed Plan of Operation and Governance For Municipal Opt-Out Natural Gas Aggregation as presented and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:	atude S. C.S.
	President of Council

ATTEST: 1 Clerk of Council

APPROVED: Law birector

RESOLUTION NO. 26 -05

BY: Mr. Mains
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 30-03 TO AMEND THE CITY OF TIPP CITY'S PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR MUNICIPAL OPT- OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION
WHEREAS, on July 21, 2003, City Council adopted Resolution 30-03 formally adopting the City's Plan of Operation and Governance for Municipal Opt-Out Natural Gas Aggregation and forwarded same to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend and timely file said Plan of Operation with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for the benefit of certain natural gas customers within the corporation limits; and
WHEREAS, the amendment of said plan is necessary in order to obtain a renewal of the City's Natural Gas Aggregator Certification by the Public Utilities Commission.
NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIPP CITY HEREBY RESOLVES:
SECTION 1. That the Council hereby accepts and adopts the amended Plan of Operation and Governance For Municipal Opt-Out Natural Gas Aggregation as presented and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law,
PASSED: JUL 1 8 2005 President of Council
ATTEST: Trusty Cox APPROVED: Law Director

EXHIBIT B-2

OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN

Overview

At the May 6, 2003 general election, local residents, by a vote of 522 in favor, and 40 against, authorized the City of Tipp City (the City) to create a municipal opt-out natural gas aggregation program (the Aggregation Program) in compliance with Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the opt-out natural gas aggregation program, all eligible natural gas consumers within the City's corporation limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program initially. However, all consumers will also be given the opportunity to opt-out or decline participation in the Aggregation Program as detailed herein.

The City's purpose in creating the Aggregation Program is to represent local consumer interests in emerging competitive natural gas markets by aggregating natural gas loads within the City's corporation limits (including municipal facilities) and negotiating affordable, reliable natural gas supplies and other related services on behalf of local consumers. The City may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other entities.

Many small commercial and residential natural gas consumers lack the leverage to effectively negotiate natural gas supply rates and services. A governmental aggregation program provides them with an option for professional 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 benefits.

1. Description of Services

The Aggregation Program is designed to reduce the amount a consumer pays for natural gas energy, and to gain other favorable economic and non-economic terms in service contracts. The City will not buy and resell natural gas, but will represent collective consumer interests to set terms and conditions for service. Through a negotiation process, the City will develop a contract with a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Services Provider (CRNGS Provider) or Providers for firm all-requirements natural gas service. Once the contract has been finalized, it will be submitted to the Tipp City Council for approval.

The Aggregation Program covers the natural gas supply portion only of a participant's natural gas bill. Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio (VEDO) will continue to deliver natural gas to Aggregation Program participants' homes and businesses through its natural gas distribution system as a monopoly function regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). VEDO will also continue to install, operate and maintain its system of pipelines, Rights of Way, meters and other natural gas distribution components. Aggregation Program participants should continue to call VEDO if their natural gas is interrupted or if they have billing questions. The PUCO will continue to oversee VEDO natural gas safety and reliability service standards.

Oversight of the Aggregation Program will be the responsibility of Director of Utilities, who shall report to the City Manager. The City Manager, subject to City Council approval, will have the authority to develop specifications for the Aggregation Program, to appoint an Aggregation Program Manager, and to select, hire and manage the CRNGS Provider. The CRNGS Provider and the Aggregation Program Manager will work under the direction of the City Manager with the advice and counsel of the City Attorney.

Due to the complexity of the natural gas utility industry and the uncertainties of its associated restructuring activities, the City of Tipp City may contract with a consultant or consultants to provide the necessary expertise to represent the City's interest in legislative and regulatory matters and/or to serve as the Aggregation Program Manager. Such services may include, but are not limited to, facilitating consumer enrollment and opt-out, assisting with consumer education, addressing consumer questions and concerns, providing reports on program operation, enrollment and savings, negotiating future CRNGS Provider contracts, and representing the City in dealings with CRNGS Providers, VEDO, the Ohio Legislature, the PUCO and the Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC).

The City deems any and all information related to an eligible customer to be confidential and proprietary trade secret information. The CRNGS Provider shall keep all eligible customer information provided to it by the City or VEDO in supplying eligible customers within the City's corporation limit confidential and shall not disclose such information to any third party, unless such disclosure is required to serve any eligible customer, the third party agrees to keep such eligible customer information confidential, and the City consents to the disclosure of such information to the third party.

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

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

The CRNGS Provider will develop internal controls and processes to help ensure that the City 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.

Natural gas service reliability is an essential to Aggregation Program participants. The City will strive to provide high-quality service and reliability through provisions of the CRNGS Provider contract, through traditional proceedings related to VEDO distribution services; and through direct discussions with VEDO concerning specific or general problems related to quality and reliability of its distribution system.

If for any reason a CRNGS Provider fails to provide uninterrupted service, the City will attempt to acquire an alternative natural gas supply. If this attempt fails, participants will default to VEDO established tariff rates. In no case will participants be without natural gas as the result of the CRNGS Provider's failure to provide uninterrupted service. The City will seek to minimize this risk by contracting only with reputable CRNGS Providers that demonstrate reliable service. The City also intends to include conditions in its CRNGS Provider contract that will indemnify participants against risks or problems with natural gas supply service and price.

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 program participants 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 right to raise and resolve disputes with the CRNGS 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 City's corporation limits shall be eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program subject to the terms and conditions described herein, Ohio law, PUCO rules and regulation governing natural gas service, and VEDO approved tariffs.

Service under the Aggregation Program shall include all eligible customer classes in adherence with universal service principles and requirements, and the traditional non-discriminatory practices of local government. CRNGS Provider contracts shall contain provisions to maintain these principles and 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 VEDO General Service and participation in the Aggregation Program.

The City developed this Plan of Operation and Governance in compliance with Ohio law regarding municipal opt-out aggregation of natural gas consumers, including two public hearings prior to its adoption.

The Tipp City Council shall approve through resolution or ordinance the Aggregation Program's Plan of Operation and Governance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4929.26. Amendments to the Plan of Operation and Governance may be subject to Tipp City Council approval and filing with the PUCO.

After adoption of the Plan of Operation and Governance, the City will file with the PUCO for governmental aggregator certification and also register as a governmental aggregator with VEDO.

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

The Aggregation Program may be discontinued upon the termination or expiration of the CRNGS Provider contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent contract being executed. In the event of Aggregation Program termination, each participant will receive notification at least 60 days prior to such program termination and could return to VEDO General Service Rate or select another approved CRNGS Provider.

2. Determination of Rates

The City will not buy and resell natural gas to Aggregation Program participants. The City will aggregate natural gas loads within the City's corporation limits including municipal facilities. Through a competitive selection process, the City will develop and negotiate a contract with a CRNGS Provider or Providers for firm, all-requirements service. The contract will contain mutually agreeable price terms for affordable, reliable natural gas supplies and other related services. The City may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other entities. Contracts will be monitored by the City on behalf of consumers.

CRNGS Providers will supply information on natural gas supply charges by VEDO customer rate classification or other appropriate pricing category as approved by the City. All natural gas supply charges will be fully and prominently disclosed in consumer enrollment materials and will be subject to approval by the Tipp City Council.

The City will contract only with a CRNGS Provider or Providers that meet at a minimum the following criteria:

- Certified CRNGS Provider by the PUCO
- 2. Registered with VEDO
- 3. Have a service agreement under VEDO Gas Transportation Service Tariff
- 4. Successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with VEDO and that CRNGS Provider's EDI computer system is capable of effectively processing Aggregation Program EDI transactions in a timely manner
- 5. Meet standards of creditworthiness established by the City
- 6. Have a customer call center capable of effectively handling participants' questions, concerns and disputes in a timely manner using a toll-free telephone number
- 7. Hold the City harmless from any financial obligations arising from offering natural gas and/or energy-related services to Aggregation Program participants

The CRNGS Provider's contract will run for a fixed term (i.e., one to five years) and contain all pricing, charges, early termination fees, etc. in clear and easily understood terms, and it will include a sales tax instead of a gross receipts tax.

The CRNGS Provider's rates will include an administrative fee, which shall (if implemented) be collected on behalf of the City to fund the implementation and administration of the City's Aggregation Program. The administrative fee will be adjusted annually to cover the City's cost of administering the program. The fee will be reviewed annually to ensure that the amounts collected do not exceed the cost of administering the aggregation program.

VEDO assigns customer rate classifications, character of service and associated regulated rates subject to PUCO approved tariffs. In addition to the CRNGS Provider's gas service charges, consumers will continue to be billed for VEDO service and delivery charges. Although the City may participate in regulatory proceedings and represent the interests of consumers regarding these regulated rates, it cannot assign or alter customer rate classifications.

3. Plan for Providing Opt-out Notice

Initially, each eligible consumer within the City's corporation limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program. However, prior to actual enrollment, each consumer will receive a notice from the City 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 charge. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio's (VEDO) established tariff rates until such time as they select an approved CRNGS Provider. A similar opt-out period will be offered every two years during which time consumers can leave the Aggregation Program without paying an early termination fee.

4. Process for Determining the Pool of Customers

After contract approval by the Tipp City Council, the CRNGS Provider will work with the City and VEDO to identify all eligible consumers within the City's corporation limits.

All eligible consumers will be notified 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" or decline participation in the program. Consumers will be given a 21-day period in which to notify the City that they wish to opt out or decline participation in the Aggregation Program.

After the initial 21-day opt-out period has elapsed, all eligible consumers who have not notified the City of their desire to opt out of the Aggregation Program will be enrolled by the CRNGS Provider at the earliest date practicable.

Consumers enrolled in the Aggregation Program by the CRNGS Provider will receive a letter from VEDO notifying them of their enrollment. Consumers will have seven calendar days to notify VEDO of any objection to their enrollment in the Aggregation

Program. VEDO will notify the CRNGS Provider of consumer objections or any reason that a consumer was not enrolled in the Aggregation Program.

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

- Are not currently buying gas from another supplier;
- Are up to date with their bill payments;
- Have not opted out of the program;
- Currently have service with VEDO;
- Are classified as non-mercantile;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission, or;
- Are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP).

New members may opt into the Program upon contract expiration with an alternate supplier. These members will need to contact the CRNGS Provider for enrollment information. The CRNG Provider has a right of refusal in accordance with criteria described in this plan.

The CRNGS Provider will build and maintain a database of all Aggregation Program participants. The database will include the name, address and VEDO account number and may include other pertinent information as agreed upon by the City and the CRNGS Provider. Such information may include the CRNGS Provider's account number (if different from VEDO account number), rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months of natural gas consumption, and meter reading cycle. The Aggregation Program database will be updated at least quarterly. The City will have the right to access information in the database for purposes of auditing.

The CRNGS Provider will report to the City the status of Aggregation Program enrollment on at least a monthly basis.

Participants who wish to leave the Aggregation Program may do so:

- During the initial 21-day opt-out period;
- During the seven day rescission period;
- During subsequent opt-out period offered by the City at least every two years;
- At any other time; however an early termination fee may be assessed.

In addition to the initial 21-day opt-out period described above, each participant will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Aggregation Program every two years without paying an early termination fee. 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 City may be subject to an early termination fee.

Any consumer who opts out of the Aggregation Program will be returned to VEDO established tariff rates until such time as the consumer selects another approved CRNGS Provider.

5. Customer Billing Procedures

The City plans to utilize VEDO consolidated billing service in which each consumer account receives one bill itemizing the CRNGS Provider's natural gas supply charges and VEDO delivery, transition and other PUCO-approved charges. The billing statement will be consistent with applicable PUCO rules and regulations. The City will consider other billing options, including CRNGS Provider consolidated billing, if and when they become available and if it appears advantageous to do so.

6. Credit and Deposit Policies

Collection, credit and deposit 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 Municipality will have no separate credit or deposit policy. The selected supplier shall not charge more than 1 ½ percent per month for overdue balances owed to the selected supplier.

8. 7. Governmental Aggregator's Customer Service Procedures and Dispute Resolution

The Aggregation Program only impacts the source of natural gas supply. VEDO will continue to deliver the natural gas purchased through the Aggregation Program to participants' homes and businesses through its natural gas distribution system. Participants with question or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a natural gas outage or odor of gas should continue to contact VEDO at 800-227-1376. Meter reading or other billing questions should also be directed to VEDO at the same number. Questions regarding Aggregation Program enrollment or opting out should be directed to the CRNGS Provider. General questions and concerns should be directed to Director of Utilities, City of Tipp City. Disputes unresolved by the aforementioned parties, should be directed to either the Ohio Consumer's Counsel or the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The following table gives toll-free telephone numbers for use by consumers.

Question or Concern	contact	Telephone Number
Natural gas outage or interruption	VEDO	800-227-1376
Turn natural gas on or off	VEDO	800-227-1376
Meter reading/billing	VEDO	800-227-1376
To enroll in or opt-out of the Aggregation Program	CRNGS Provider - Interstate Gas Supply Hours: Mon - Fri: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	800 280-4474
Aggregation Program Questions or concerns	Director of Utilities	(937) 669-TIPP (8477)
Unresolved disputes (residential customers)	Ohio Consumer's Counsei	877-742-5622 occ@occ.state.oh.us
Unresolved disputes (all customers)	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	(800)-686-7826 (voice) (800)-686-1570 (TDD)

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

Consumers who move into the City after the initial opt-out period will be not be <u>automatically</u> included in the Program, but will be afforded an opportunity to enroll. However, the City cannot guarantee that the rates, terms and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period will match those of the initial enrollees.

The same rule will apply to participants who move within the City after the initial opt-out period, if they are given a new account number by VEDO. That is, they will not be <u>automatically</u> include in the Program, but will be given an opportunity to re-enroll under a new set of rates, terms and conditions.

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

Participants who relocate within the City limits and retain the same VEDO 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, subject to any switching fees imposed by VEDO.

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

Residents of the City who initially choose to opt-out of the Program, for whatever reason, and wish to enroll at a later date, will be treated the same as a new resident. That is, they will not <u>automatically</u> become part of the existing program, but will be given an opportunity to enroll. However, the City cannot guarantee that rates, terms and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period will match those of the initial enrollees.

DEFINITIONS

Aggregation

Combining the natural gas loads of multiple customers for the purposes of supplying or arranging for the supply of competitive retail natural gas service to those customers.

Aggregation Program Manager

The person or entity designated by the City to oversee the operation and management of the City of Tipp City's Municipal Natural gas Aggregation Program.

Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service (CRNGS)

A component of retail natural gas service 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 natural gas service providers, natural gas marketers, aggregators and governmental aggregators.

Competitive Retail Natural gas Service Provider (CRNGS Provider)

A person or entity certified by the PUCO and registered with VEDO who supplies or offers to supply a competitive retail natural gas service over the VEDO natural gas distribution system. This term does not apply to VEDO in its provision of standard offer natural gas service.

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Consumer

Any person or entity that is an end user of natural gas and is connected to any part of VEDO natural gas distribution system within the City of Tipp City's corporation limits.

Delivery Charge

Charge imposed by VEDO for delivering natural gas to a consumer's home or business. The charge includes meter reading, billing, transition costs, maintaining natural gas system reliability and responding during emergencies and outages (also called the distribution charge).

Distribution

Delivery of natural gas to a home or business through VEDO owned pipelines, meters and other equipment. VEDO distribution system operations will remain regulated by the PUCO.

Governmental Aggregator

An incorporated city or city, township or county acting as an aggregator for the provision of a CRNGS under authority conferred under Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mercantile Customer

A customer that consumes, other than for residential use, more than five hundred thousand cubic feet of natural gas per year at a single location within the state; or a customer that has three or more location within the state that consume natural gas, other than for residential use.

Natural Gas Related Service

Service directly related to the consumption of natural gas at a consumer's home or business. This may include, but is not limited to, the installation of metering, remote reading indices, regulation; the maintenance, repair or replacement of appliances and other energy-consuming devices at a consumer's premises, and the provision of energy consumption measurement and billing services.

Natural gas Supply Charge

All charges related to the acquisition of natural gas by the CRNGS Provider, and its delivery to the City's distribution system.

Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC)

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), established by the Ohio Legislature in 1976, represents the interests of Ohio's four million residential utility customers served by investor-owned utilities in proceedings before the PUCO, other regulatory agencies and in the courts. The OCC also educates consumers about utility issues and resolves complaints individuals have with investor-owned utility companies.

Participant

A consumer enrolled in the City of Tipp City's Municipal Natural gas Aggregation Program.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

The state agency charged with assuring all consumers (residential commercial and industrial) served by investor-owned utilities have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at fair prices. The PUCO regulates a wide variety of investor-owned utilities, including natural gas, electricity, pipeline, heating/cooling, local telephone, long distance telephone, waterworks, wastewater, railroad, household goods carriers, water transportation, hazardous materials carriers, and commercial transportation carriers.

EXHIBIT B-3

AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION DISCLOSURE

EXHIBIT B-4

OPT-OUT NOTICE



[address 1] [address 2] [address 3]



Month Day, Year

Dear Tipp City Resident:

The City of Tipp City is providing you with the opportunity to participate with other Tipp City residents in a natural gas governmental aggregation program.

Under governmental aggregation, the City of Tipp City acts on behalf of natural gas consumers who are participating in the program, to negotiate a gas supply contract with eligible suppliers. Both Tipp City and eligible retail natural gas suppliers have to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Tipp City Council passed an ordinance adopting this program and Tipp City voters approved the implementation of the program on May 6th, 2003. The aggregation program for Tipp City will begin with your December 2003 or January 2004 billing cycle and end with your November 2005 billing cycle.

You will be automatically enrolled in Tipp City's Natural Gas Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out" – that is, to not participate. There is no cost for enrollment. You do not need to do anything to be included. If you choose to opt-out of this program, you will continue to be served by Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio (Vectren), unless and until you choose another supplier.

Your price through your November 2004 billing cycle will remain stable at \$.699 per ccf. Each year before the anniversary of your agreement, the government aggregating body will renegotiate your price on your behalf. Once the price for the second year has been established, the City's gas supplier, Interstate Gas Supply (IGS), will notify you of the new rate. If for any reason you do not wish to continue in the program, you may cancel the agreement as provided in the enclosed terms and conditions.

If you want to be excluded from the Tipp City Natural Gas Aggregation Program you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form by November 7, 2003. If you do not opt out at this time, you will be enrolled in the program until it expires in November 2005. At that time, you will again have the chance to opt out of the program with no penalty. Every participant will be allowed to leave the program at least every 24 months without incurring any penalty. Please note that if you remain in the aggregation group, you will receive a letter from Vectren advising you of your impending transfer to Interstate Gas Supply, and advising you to contact them if you don't want to be in the Program. If you still wish to remain in the Program, you do not have to do anything with that letter.

In Ohio's deregulated natural gas environment, your local natural gas utility, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, will continue to maintain the pipeline system that delivers natural gas to your home or business. You will continue to receive a single bill from Vectren for your natural gas

service, but it will now include a gas supply charge from Interstate Gas Supply and sales tax charge on the cost of the gas supply in place of the GCR charge you have been paying Vectren. You will still contact Vectren regarding loss of gas service, odor of gas, or for any other concerns or issues having to do with your local service. Budget billing and automatic billing options will continue to be available through Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio.

If you have any questions, call Interstate Gas Supply at 1-877-444-7427, 24 hours, 7 days a week. For general information on natural gas deregulation in Ohio, you can also visit the Web Sites of the Ohio Consumer's Counsel (www.pickocc.org) or the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (www.PUCO.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

The City of Tipp City

P.S. Remember to return the "Opt-Out" form only if you do not want to participate in the City of Tipp City Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

If the home or small business for which you have received this letter is not located within the city limits of Tipp City, you have received this letter in error. Please contact Interstate Gas Supply at 800-280-4474 to be removed from the aggregation list.

You are not eligible to participate in this program if you are not current on your Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio account, or if you are enrolled in the PIPP program.

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By returning this signed form, you will be excluded from the opportunity join other residents in the City of Tipp City Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program.
I wish to opt out of the City of Tipp City Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program. (Check box to opt out.)
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio account holder name (please print clearly):
16-digit account number as it appears on your natural gas bill:
Service address (city, state and zip):
Phone number: ()Date:
Account holder's signature:
100 100 Mail by November 7th, 2003 to: Natural Ges Governmental Aggregation Program, PO Box 9060, Dublin, Ohio 43017-0960



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Terms & Conditions - Form # F AMPO 6.99 Opt out 1005 VEDO 2.08 V8

Parties: Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS) will supply the commodity portion of my natural gas as part of my community's Government Aggregation. AMP-Ohio is the Agent for the Government Aggregation and Vectren Energy Delivery (VEDO) will be my Natural Gas Distribution Company (NGDC). I can contact the IGS choice department by phone 1-800-280-4474, by fax 614-923-0470, in writing at P.O. Box 9060, Dublin, OH 43017, or through their web site at http://www.igsenergy.com

Term: The term of this agreement will begin with initial gas deliveries and will continue through the October 2005 billing cycle ("Primary Term") and unless the endorsement agreement between your community and IGS terminates, service will continue for subsequent two year opt-out period(s) thereafter ("Secondary Term(s)") until cancelled by either party as provided for under this agreement

Enrollment: My service will commence upon completion of the enrollment process and the transfer of my account by VEDO, which is expected to commence within one or two billing cycles following completion of the opt-out period

Regulatory: The Vectren Choice Advantage Program is subject to ongoing Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) jurisdiction and I understand that if the Vectren Choice Advantage Program is terminated this agreement will be terminated without penalty to either party.

First Year Stable Rate: My price will remain stable through the October 2004 billing cycle at \$.699 per ccf plus sales tax at the delivery point. I will be responsible for all charges assessed by the NGDC for gas transportation and all other applicable charges by the NGDC. IGS may at its option at any time lower the price effective for a portion of or the remainder of the term of this agreement.

Second Year Adjustment: My price will be re-determined each year for the following 12 month period starting with the November billing cycle and ending with the October billing cycle. The price will be determined by AMP-Ohio at some point in time prior to September 1st, based on a formula tied to the weighted average NYMEX price plus \$0.208 per ccf. IGS will notify me of the new Stable Rate for the upcoming secondary year and if for any reason I do not wish to continue I may cancel this agreement as provided below. If for whatever reason AMP-Ohio does not determine a new stable rate for any subsequent year, then my price will be determined monthly based on the most recent available closing NYMEX price plus \$0.208 per ccf.

Cancellation: This agreement may be cancelled with no cancellation fee within the first thirty days of service or by sending written notice between September 10 and October 10 of each year. At any other time either party may cancel this agreement by giving thirty days written notice and paying a twenty-five dollar cancellation fee. If I discontinue service with IGS for any reason, including enrollment with another supplier or being switched back to the NGDC including as a result of late payments, this agreement may automatically be terminated with no notice and I agree to pay IGS the twenty-five dollar cancellation fee. I understand that if I switch my service back to the NGDC then I may be charged a price other than the GCR rate.



Assignment: This contract is assignable by IGS without my consent subject only to any regulatory approvals. IGS will use its best efforts to give the NGDC and me thirty days written notice prior to any assignment.

Billing: For my convenience I will receive only one bill, which will be issued by the NGDC and will contain IGS' gas price plus sales tax and all of the NGDC's transportation and other applicable charges. I agree to continue to pay the NGDC for the entire gas bill under the NGDC's payment terms and conditions. If I pay under the budget bill payment plan I understand that this service is available and will remain the same. IGS reserves the right to issue an invoice to me directly and if so this invoice will contain IGS' gas price plus sales tax and may also include all of the NGDC's transportation and other applicable charges. IGS may terminate this agreement with fourteen days written notice should I fail to pay the bill or meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements. I may request, at no charge, up to 24 months of my payment history for services rendered by IGS. IGS will not release my social security number or account number to any other third party without my consent except for the purpose of enrolling my account or obtaining payment history. I authorize IGS to obtain my billing payment and usage history from the NGDC.

Dispute Resolutions: In the event of a billing dispute I should contact the NGDC at the number listed on their bill for issues regarding volume or metering. For other questions about pricing I should contact IGS at 1-800-280-4474. If my questions are not resolved after I have called IGS, I may call the PUCO toil free at 1-800-686-7826 or 1-614-466-3292, or for TDD/TYY toil free at 1-800-686-1570 or 1-614-466-8180, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or visit the PUCO website at www.puco.ohio.gov. Residential customers may also contact the Office of the Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC) toll free at 1-877-742-5622 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays or visit the OCC website at www.puco.ohio.gov.

Jurisdiction: If a dispute cannot be resolved in the above fashion I agree that any legal action involving any and all disputes arising under or relating to this agreement shall be brought in a court of the State of Ohio sitting in Franklin County, Ohio or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio sitting in Columbus, Ohio. I submit to the personal jurisdiction of such courts and irrevocably walve any and all objections that I now have or might in the future have to any and all such courts as the proper forum for any and all actions arising under or related to this agreement. This agreement shall be interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of Ohio, without giving effect to its choice of law principles.

Rescission Period: I understand that the NGDC will send me a confirmation notice of transfer of service and that I will have seven business days from the confirmation postmark date to rescind my enrollment with IGS. If I want to rescind I should contact the NGDC in writing or by calling them at the number listed on the confirmation notice.

Moving: If I move to another address this agreement will automatically terminate with no penalty to either party.

Eligibility: This agreement is for residential and small commercial customers and IGS reserves the right at any time to terminate service to customer locations that consume more than 2000 MCF per year and return the customer to the NGDC with no penalty to either party. Furthermore, participation in the program is subject to the rules of the



NGDC and customers are sometimes terminated from the choice program either in error or for being in arrears. In such instances I can contact the NGDC to correct the problem and be reinstated in the program. Regardless of the reason for termination, in no case will the original term be extended for months that I was unable to participate nor will IGS have any liability for any early termination or for any months that I was unable to participate in the program.

Limitation of Liability: IGS assumes no liability or responsibility for losses or consequential damages arising from items associated with the NGDC including, but not limited to: operations and maintenance of their system; any interruption of service; termination of service; or deterioration of service, nor does IGS assume responsibility or liability for damages arising from any in-home or building damages and in addition shall not be responsible for any indirect, consequential, special or punitive damages whether arising under contract, tort (including negligence or strict liability) or any other legal theory.

EXHIBIT B-5

EXPERIENCE

<u>The City of Tipp City</u> has experience in negotiating, contracting and providing for common services for residents of the City. Some examples of experience as a service provider are:

- Electric Power purchase, generation and distribution
- Municipal Opt-in Gas Aggregation
- Water and Sewer Service
- Police and Fire Service
- Parks and Recreation

The Mayor, City Council and City Staff routinely negotiate for services and supplies that benefit the residents of Alliance.

However, due to the complexity of municipal opt-out aggregation, the City has chosen to retain the services of a consultant to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining their electric aggregation program.

Contractual Arrangements for Capability Standards

The City of Tipp City states that a valid contract exists with:

AMPO, Inc., a Subsidiary of AMP 1111 Schrock Road, Suite 100 Columbus, Ohio 43229

for the purpose of providing consulting services on municipal opt-out electric aggregation.

Detailed summary of the services being provided:

- Assist with developing model ordinances to create opt-in or opt-out electric aggregation programs.
- Coordinate and work with municipal local officials and staff to develop a procurement strategy for reliable and competitive electric supplies and related services for the electric aggregation program.
- Assist with the preparation of a Plan of Operation and Governance for the electric aggregation program.
- Coordinate and assist with the preparation and filing of the required aggregation certification documents with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO").
- Assist with performing the PUCO requirements for governmental aggregation programs.
- Provide consulting services and administer the process of negotiating with certified electric suppliers, developing and soliciting requests for quotations ("RFQ") or requests for proposals ("RFP").
- Evaluate and manage the ongoing negotiations and/or RFQ or RFP.
- Analyze the negotiations and/or RFQ or RFP's from certified retail electric suppliers and make recommendations to local officials and staff.
- Assist with developing and negotiating the contract with the certified retail electric supplier to serve the aggregation program.
- Assist the municipality in executing and administering agreements with the selected certified retail electric supplier.

- Coordinate the PUCO customer notifications and other requirements for enrolling residents in the municipal electric aggregation program.
- Work with and assist the municipality, the certified retail electric supplier, and the electric local
 distribution company to facilitate the enrollment of customers in the municipal electric aggregation
 program at the earliest date practicable.
- Work with the certified retail electric supplier to coordinate and communicate with the municipality regarding enrollments in the municipal electric aggregation program, cost savings to participants, and other related matters.
- Assist the municipality in developing effective consumer education materials to explain the aggregation program and make community presentations as needed.
- Assist with monitoring proceedings of applicable legislative and regulatory bodies and provide analysis and updates on changes that may impact the municipal electric aggregation program, its participants, or the municipality.
- Represent the interests of the municipality at meetings with the certified retail electric supplier and the local distribution company concerning the municipal electric aggregation program rates, terms and conditions of service, customer concerns, etc.
- Assist and work with the municipality to prepare and file annual reports required by the PUCO and Section 4905.10(A) and Section 4911.18(A), Ohio Revised Code.
- Coordinate with municipal legal counsels to facilitate legal reviews and/or opinions that may be
 needed in connection with the aggregation program. Please note that the performance of any legal
 work, including but not limited to the legal reviews and/or opinions, are beyond the scope of
 AMPO's services.
- As the initial term of the certified retail electric supplier contract agreement nears its end, repeat
 Phase I activities to secure ongoing competitive electric supplies and related services for the
 municipal electric aggregation program.

<u>Documentation of Contracting Party's Experience in Energy Aggregation:</u>

AMP, Inc.

Founded in 1971, Columbus based American Municipal Power (AMP) was organized as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of owning and operating electric facilities or otherwise providing for the generation, transmission and/or distribution of electric power and energy to its member communities. Members include 80 of Ohio's 86 municipally owned electric systems, three in Kentucky, seven in Michigan, 29 in Pennsylvania, five in Virginia and two West Virginia public power communities, ranging in size from 116 customers to more than 80,000 customers. Collectively, AMP member communities serve approximately 364,000 customers.

AMP coordinates, negotiates and develops power supply options and interchange agreements on behalf of its members. AMP also owns and operates the Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station, a 213-megawatt coal-fired facility located in Marietta, Ohio, that provides power to 48 participating communities, and has undertaken an ambitious program of siting distributed generation in member communities throughout Ohio. In addition, AMP serves as an independent project manager for Ohio members participating in joint ventures to share ownership of power generation and transmission facilities, including the OMEGA JV5 project, a 42 MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric power station completed on the Ohio River in 1999.

AMP also operates a sophisticated 24-hour energy control center that monitors electric loads and transmission availability, dispatches, buys and sells power and energy and controls AMP and memberowned generation. A competent in-house engineering, operations, safety, power supply, key accounts, economic development, rate and environmental staff is available at AMP's headquarters to assist member communities in addition to performing AMP duties and providing support to the joint ventures.

AMP's knowledgeable, experienced staff understands the unique challenges faced by local government staff and elected officials. AMP is governed by a 16-member Board of Trustees, all of who are local government representatives, and a number of AMP staff members—including its president—once worked for local governments.

AMPO, Inc.

Formed in 1998, AMPO, Inc. is a wholly owned, taxable subsidiary of AMP whose purpose is to provide direction and service to local governments and other energy consumers in evolving energy markets. This includes the development and implementation of local electric and electric aggregation programs, review and negotiation of energy contracts, and the evaluation and implementation of energy supply alternatives for local business, industry and government. AMPO, Inc. has been an approved supplier in the Columbia Gas of Ohio CHOICEsm and Dominion East Ohio Energy Choice programs and currently works with over 40 Ohio communities to offer natural gas and/or electric aggregation programs to residential and small commercial customers.