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February 10, 2017

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

## RE: Opt out Letter(s)- — Berlin Township, Delaware County, OH

Case No. 13-2024-EL-GAG

Berlin Township is pleased to submit its final copy of Opt-out letter(s) to be sent to all eligible customers on or after February 20, 2017 with the response deadline on or after March 13, 2017.

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

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Principal 614.425.4885 scott@electricsuppliers.org

Enclosure

# Berlin Township Electric Government Aggregation Program

Capital Energy February 20, 2017

Dear Berlin Township Resident,

Berlin Township is providing you the opportunity to participate with other Berlin Township residents and businesses in an opt-out electric aggregation program, with Capital Energy Ohio as your provider.

Under governmental aggregation, the Berlin Township Trustees act on behalf of electric consumers in Berlin Township to negotiate an electric supply contract with an eligible provider. Both Berlin Township and eligible retail electric suppliers have to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Berlin Township Trustees passed an ordinance to adopt the program after Berlin Township voters approved its implementation on May 7, 2013. The aggregation program for Berlin Township will begin within one to two billing periods following your inclusion as a participant in the Township's program and end with your March 2018 billing period.

Under this aggregation program, eligible residents and businesses in Berlin Township will pay 5.789 cents per kWh through the March 2018 billing period. There is no cost for the enrollment and you will not be charged a switching fee. Capital Energy Ohio's price applies to the generation portion of your bill. If you are ever unhappy with your service or rate from Capital Energy Ohio, you may cancel free of charge at any time and return to AEP Ohio at a rate and terms that may or may not be the same as what other AEP Ohio customers pay.

After you become a participant in the Township's Electric aggregation program, AEP Ohio will send a letter confirming your selection of Capital Energy Ohio as your Electric provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with Capital Energy Ohio within seven business days of its postmark date. To remain in the Township's government aggregation program, simply ignore this letter as you do not need to take any action when this letter arrives. You will be automatically enrolled.

If you do not wish to participate, you must opt-out no later than Monday, March 13, 2017. You can do this by completing and returning the reply card below or calling us toll-free at 1-844-294-4504.

Capital Energy Ohio offers budget billing. If you wish to enroll in Capital Energy Ohio's Budget Billing program for Generation Service, please call (844) 294-4504 to get enrolled today. **If you are an Average Monthly Payment (AMP) or a Budget Billing Customer with AEP Ohio** and wish to enroll in the Aggregation Program, please call (844) 294-4504 and speak with an aggregation special ist about other options available for you.

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Regards,

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Capital Energy Ohio

Opt-Out Form: To be executed and returned **only** if you do not wish to participate in the Berlin Township's Aggregation Program. Be sure to respond by March 13, 2017 if you choose not to participate

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Service Address: Mail Merge Name Mail Merge Address Mail Merge City ST ZIP 

 I wish to opt out of the Berlin Township's

 Electric Aggregation Program.

17 digit Service Delivery Identifier Number from your AEP Ohio Bill:

Signature:	
Date:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

## **Electric Aggregation Program – Frequently Asked Questions**

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In May 2013, Berlin Township residents voted to allow the Township Trustees to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf. The Township selected Capital Energy Ohio as the exclusive supplier for its electric aggregation program through March 2018.

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# What do I need to do to be included in the aggregation program?

You do not need to do anything to receive the pricing offered under this program. You may choose to remain part of the aggregation program and begin receiving the negotiated rates simply by not returning the opt-out form.

### What if I don't want to participate?

Since all eligible residential and small commercial customers are automatically enrolled in the governmental aggregation program, those customers who do not want to participate are given the opportunity to opt-out. By returning an opt-out form by the due date, you can choose not to be enrolled as an electric generation and transmission customer of the community's competitive electric generation and transmission supplier.

### How will billing be handled?

You will receive one bill from AEP Ohio (the utility) that contains your charges for distribution and maintenance service from the utility as well as Capital Energy Ohio's charges for generation and transmission. Residential customers can remain on budget billing; however, you must enroll in budget billing with Capital Energy Ohio for the generation portion of your bill.

Does Capital Energy Ohio offer Budget Billing? Yes Budget Billing is available to residential customers of Capital Energy Ohio. Budget Billing provides a way for customers to pay the same amount each month for generation services, but over time you must still pay for all of your usage. The budget amount is based on a projection of your energy usage for the remaining term of the Electric Aggregation Program calculated using your past 12 months' usage, where available, plus a small adder in order to minimize future true-ups, and reduce the overall balance on your account. The overall balance will be displayed on your bill each month and will be trued up in your last month of service unless you request an update based upon a large disparity between the amount charged and your actual usage. Capital Energy Ohio will also review your bill periodically and discuss any necessary adjustments with you in order  $\rightarrow$  better align the budget bill amount with your actual usage. If you need more information about your individual situation, please call Capital Energy Ohio's toll free number.

## Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checting account as I do now?

Yes. How you pay your electric bill will not change. If I opt out initially, can I choose to join the program at a later date?

Yes, you nay call Capital Energy Ohio to join the program at a later data; however, the rate may not be the same as at the outset of the program.

#### What happens at the end of the program?

As the program draws to a close, the Township can choose to seek bids from electric supply providers in order to negotiate a new contract on behalf of eligible households. Eligible customers will again receive a letter in the mail notifying them of the new terms and conditions and will be given the opporturity to opt out at no charge.

Who do call if I have a problem with my electric service? If you have an outage, see fallen power lines, or require emergency repairs, you will continue to contact AEP Ohio at 1-800-672-2231.

#### What is the toll-free number for questions?

If you have any questions, please call Capital Energy Ohio toll free at (844) 294-4504.

We encourage you to review the details of the offer as further defined in the enclosed Terms and Conditions.

### Capital Energy Ohio Residential Retail Electric Service Contract - Fixed Rate

General: This Agreement, together with the enrollment information, are your agreement for electric Generation Service with Capital Energy LLC d.b.a. Capital Energy Ohio ("CEO"). Please keep a copy of this agreement for your records. CEO is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to offer and supply Generation Service in Ohio. As a Competitive Retail Electric Service provider, CEO will supply the electric Generation Service to your electric Utility, based on your usage. Your Utility then distributes the electricity to your residence. Your Distribution Service will remain with your current electric Utility, which is regulated by the PUCO.

## BERLIN TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AGGREGATION PROGRAM:

THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM OF BERLIN TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. WHEREBY BERLIN TOWNSHIP ARRANGED FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC SUPPLY SERVICE BY CEO TO ITS RESIDENTIAL INHABITANTS AND SMALL COMMERCIAL INHABITANTS WHO DO NOT OPT-OUT OF THE PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM"),

## Contact Information: Capital Energy Ohio, P.O. Box 1498, Westerville, Ohio

43086, www.capitalenergyohio.com, 844-294-4504 or 614-540-2422, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. E.T. M-F.

### **Definitions**:

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- "Generation-Related Charges" means those charges or costs associated with the production, procurement, and supply of electricity.
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- "Transmission Service" means the moving of high-voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of an electric Utility.

### Terms and Conditions of Service:

1. Eligibility Residential Customer accounts that are on AEP Ohio's residential rate codes and are not enrolled in energy assistance or the Percentage of Income Plan Program ("PIPP") or a credit arrearage program administered by Residential Customer's Utility are eligible for this offer from CEO. If you become approved for energy assistance, the PIPP, or Utility's arrearage crediting program while taking service under this Agreement, you must advise CEO and your Utility in writing in order to be switched to the Utility's standard offer service after the next meter read date. CEO reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any Residential Customer with an outstanding, unpaid electric bill. CEO will not require payment of any balance due another CRES provider as a condition of establishing credit or for providing service under this Agreement. However, CEO may establish a Residential Customer's creditworthiness by credit check, a reasonable and nondiscriminatory cash deposit, a guarantor, or other legally accepted practices. If CEO accepts a deposit, the deposit will not exceed 100% of the estimated monthly charge for service under this Agreement for the ensuing one year. If CEO requires a guarantor, it will require that the guarantor meets creditworthiness criteria and will require the guarantor to sign a written guarantor agreement.

2. Rescission: Once you have been enrolled to receive electric Generation Service from CEO, you will receive a confirmation notice from your Utility. You have the right to rescind your enrollment without penalty within seven calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation letter by contacting your Utility and following the instructions in the confirmation notice. A Residential Customer's right to rescind only applies when a Customer initially switches to CEO, not upon any renewal of this Agreement. If a Residential Customer chooses to rescind enrollment within the seven-day rescission period, CEO will return any deposit that the Residential Customer paid in order to obtain service under this Agreement.

**3.** Basic Service Price: During the term of this Agreement, you agree to pay CEO a fixed price of \$0.05789 per kWh for the provision of Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges. In addition to CEO's charges, you will be charged by your Utility for Distribution Service, Transmission Service and various other wires and electric Utility charges.

4. Length of Agreement: Subject to the seven-day rescission period, your service from CEO will commence on the later of the April 2017 billing cycle, or the acceptance of the enrollment request by CEO (at its discretion and consistent with

Paragraph 7 below), and the processing of the enrollment by your Utility. Your service will continue for the term of 12 months, unless otherwise terminated or renewed, and end on the meter read for the last month of service. 5. Billing, Refund of Deposits, and Release of Guarantors: You will continue to receive a single monthly bill from your Utility that will contain both your Utility and CEO charges. The an ount of electricity usage will continue to be measured or estimated by the Utility. Customer agrees to pay bills in accordance with the Utility's billing and payment terms. CEO reserves the right to unilaterally modify this billing format in the event the Utility is unable or unwilling to provide consolidated billing in this format or changes the calculation of the Price to Compare. CEO does offer budget billing, please use the contact information provided above for more information. If you do not pay your bill by the due date or if you fail to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements, CEO may cancel this Agreement after giving you a minimum of 14 days advance written notice. Upon cancellation, you will be returned to your Utility. You will remain responsible to pay CEO for any electricity used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges. Further, your failure to pay Utility charges may result in Customer's electric service being disconnected in accordance with the Utility's tariff and PUCO rules. No interest will accrue to a Residential Customer on any deposit. CEO will review each account holding a deposit or guarantor agreement every 12 months and promptly will refund the deposit or release the guarantor if all of the following have occurred: (a) Residential Customer paid their bills for service under this Agreement for 12 consecutive months without having services terminated for nonpayment; (b) Residential Customer has not had more than two occasions in the preceding 12 months on which their bills for service under this Agreement were not paid by the due date; and (c) Residential Customer is not delinquent in the payment of their bills for service under this Agreement at the time of the review. CEO will notify the guarantor within 30 days of its determination to release the guarantor from further responsibility for the account. CEO may apply some or all of a Residential Customer's deposit to any unpaid bill.

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**6. Penalties, Fees, and Exceptions**: If you do not pay the full amount or yed CEO by the due date on each bill, CEO may charge 1.5% of the outstanding amount per month, or the maximum legally allowable interest rate, whichever is lower, until such payment is received by CEO. CEO reserves the right to require adequate assurances from Residential Customers in the form of prepayment or another form of credit support in the event a Residential Customer fails to make payments in accordance with the terms herein. Residential Customers required to provide financial assurance will be required to post that assurance within three business days of notice.

7. Cancellation/Termination: If this Agreement is not rescinded during the rescission period, enrollment will be sent to your Utility. Thereafter, you can terminate this Agreement, without an early termination fee, prior to the end of the applicable term for convenience by giving CEO not less than 30 days' notice, either written or by telephone at 844-294-4504. Any failure to pay a bill or the occurrence of any other breach of this Agreement shall be deemed a breach of this Agreement permitting CEO to terminate this Agreement immediately upon 14 days advance written notice. Should you cancel service with CEO and return to the standard service offer with your Utility, you may or may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other Utility custome s. Should you cancel service with CEO or this Agreement is terminated, CEO will apply any deposit to the final bill. CEO will promptly refund any remaining deposit. For any remaining overdue balances, CEO may pursue collection action against you and any guarantor in an appropriate court.

8. Customer Consent and Information Release: By accepting this offer from CEO, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with CEO. You authorize CEO to obtain information from the Utility that includes but is not limited to billing history, payment history, historical and future electricity usage, meter readings, and characteristics of electricity service. CEO reserves the sole right to check your credit with consumer credit reporting agencies and determine if your credit standing is satisfactory before accepting your enrollment request. This Agreement shall be considered executed by CEO following acceptance of your enrol lment request by CEO, the end of the seven-day rescission period, and the subsequent acceptance of the enrollment by your Utility.

**9. Dispute Resolution**: CEO is committed to customer satisfaction. Contact CEO with any questions concerning the terms of service by phone at 844-294-4504, M-F 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., or in writing at P.O.Box1498, Westerville, Ohio 43086. Our web address is <u>www.capitalenergyohio.com</u>. If your complaint is not resolved after you have contacted CEO and called your Utility for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll-free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll-free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at <u>http://www.puco.ohio.gov</u>. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). The Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") represents Residential Customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 1-877-742-5622 (toll-free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at <u>http://www.pickocc.org</u>.

10. Miscellaneous:

- You have the right to request from CEO, twice within a 12-month period, up to 24 months of payment history, without charge. CEO will not release your Social Security Number and/or account number(s) without your written consent, except for (a) CEO's own credit evaluation, (b) CEO's own collections and reporting, (c) participating in programs funded by the universal service fund pursuant to Section 4928.54 of the Ohio Revised Code or (d) assigning Customer's Agreement to anot) er CRES provider.
- CEO's environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on CEO's websitewww.capitalenergyohio.com. CEO will also provide the information upon request.

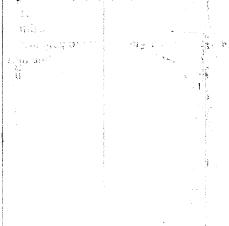
- CEO may assign its rights, without Customer consent, to another CRES Provider, including any successor, subsidiary or affiliate, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.
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- You are responsible for providing CEO with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, CEO reserves the right to terminate the Agreement.
- CEO reserves the right to return you to the Utility if your rate code is changed and the account is no longer eligible for this program. You authorize, but do not obligate, CEO to exercise your governmental aggregation opt-out rights.

11. Warranty and Force Majeure: THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE EXCLUSIVE AND ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER STATUTORY, EXPRESS, OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE. CEO will make commercially reasonable efforts to provide your electric Generation Service, but does not guarantee a continuous supply of electricity. Certain causes and events are out of the reasonable control of CEO and may result in interruptions in service. CEO is not liable for damages caused by acts of God, accidents, strikes, labor troubles, required maintenance work, inability to access the Utility distribution system, nonperformance by the Utility, or any other cause beyond CEO is reasonable control. You and CEO both agree that the following will constitute force majeure events under this Agreement and that CEO shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability upon the occurrence of any action taken by the Utility, applicable RTO, the PUCO, transmission provider, or any federal, state, or local government authorities which prevents or legally prohibits CEO from performing under the terms of this Agreement. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, you will be returned to your Utility's standard service offer and no early termination fee will be assessed.

12. Remedies, Indemnification and Choice of Law: Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, any liability under this Agreement will be limited to direct, actual damages as the sole and exclusive remedy, and all other remedies or damages at law or in equity are waived. Neither party will be liable to the other party or its affiliates for consequential, incidental, punitive, exemplary, or indirect damages, including lost profits or other business interruption damages, whether in tort or contract, under any indemnity provisions or otherwise in connection with this Agreement. The limitations imposed on remedies and damage measurement will be without regard to cause, including negligence of any parties, whether sole, joint, concurrent, active or passive, provided no such limitation shall apply to damages resulting from the willful misconduct of any party. You assume full responsibility for power furnished to you at the delivery point(s) and on your side of the delivery point(s), and agree to and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CEO and its personnel from and against all claims, losses, expenses, damages, demands, judgments, causes of action and suits of any kind, including claims for personal injury, death, or damages to property occurring at the delivery point(s) or on your side of the delivery point(s) and upon the premises, arising out of or related to the electricity and/or your performance under the Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio without giving effect to any conflicts of law principles that otherwise might be applicable. Any legal action involving this Agreement shall be brought only in a court of the State of Ohio sitting in Delaware County, Ohio or the United States District Court sitting in Franklin County, Ohio.

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Governmental Aggregation Program PO Box 1498 Westerville, OH 43086-1498

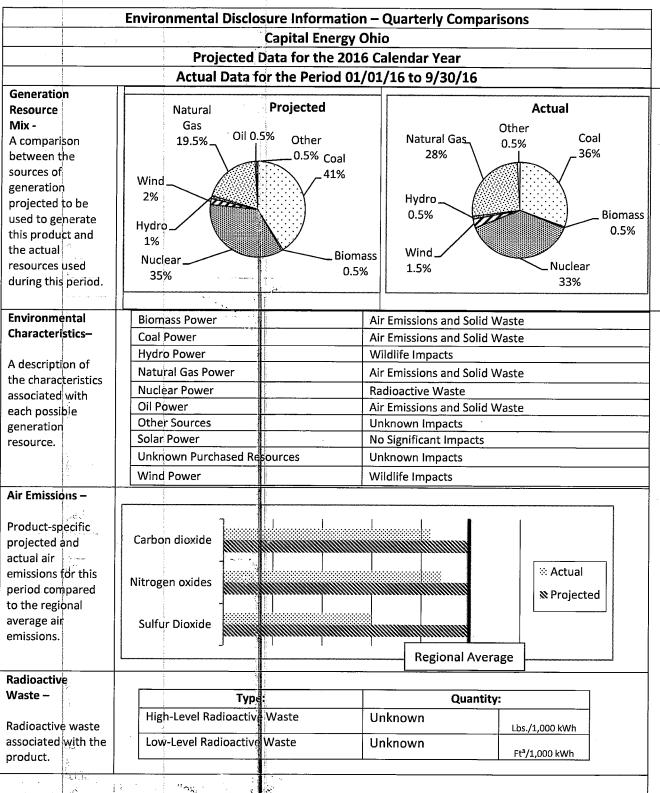
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With in-depth analysis, the environmental characteristics of any form of electric generation will reveal benefits as well as costs. For further information, contact Capital Energy Ohio at www.capitalenergyohio.com or by phone at 614-540-2422.

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### Terms and Conditions of Service:

1. Eligibility: Small Commercial Customer accounts that are on AEP Ohio's general service rate codes (i.e., GS-1, GS-2 and GS-3) and are not mercantile customers are eligible for this offer from CEO. CEO reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any Small Commercial Customer with an outstanding, unpaid electric bill. CEO will not require payment of any balance due another CRES provider as a condition of establishing credit or for providing service under this Agreement. However, CEO may establish a Small Commercial Customer's creditworthiness by credit check, a reasonable and nondiscriminatory cash deposit, a guarantor, or other legally accepted practices. If CEO accepts a deposit, the deposit will not exceed 100% of the estimated monthly charge for service under this Agreement for the ensuing one year. If CEO requires a guarantor, it will require that the guarantor meets creditworthiness criteria and will require the guarantor to sign a written guarantor agreement.

**2. Rescission:** Once you have been enrolled to receive electric Generation Service from CEO, you will receive a confirmation notice from your Utility. You have the right to rescind your enrollment without penalty within seven calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation letter by contacting your Utility and following the instructions in the confirmation notice. A Small Commercial Customer's right to rescind only applies when a Small Commercial Customer initially switches to CEO, not upon any renewal of this Agreement. If a Small Commercial Customer chooses to rescind enrollment within the seven-day rescission period, CEO will return any deposit that the Small Commercial Customer paid in order to obtain service under this Agreement.

Small Commercial Customer paid in order to obtain service under this Agreement. 3. Basic Service Price: During the term of this Agreement, you agree to pay CEO a fixed price of \$0.05789 per kWh for the provision of Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges. In addition to CEO's charges, you will be charged by your Utility for Distribution Service, Transmission Service and various other wires and electric Utility charges.

4. Length of Agreement: Subject to the seven-day rescission period, your service from CEO will commence on the later of the April 2017 billing cycle, or the acceptance of the enrollment request by CEO (at its discretion and consistent with Paragraph 7 below), and the processing of the enrollment by your Utility. Your service will continue for the term of 12

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months, unless otherwise terminated or renewed, and end on the meter read for the last month of service. 5. Billing, Refund of Deposits, and Release of Guarantors: You will continue to receive a single monthly bill from your Utility that will contain both your Utility and CEO charges. The amount of electricity usage will continue to be measured or estimated by the Utility. Customer agrees to pay bills in accordance with the Utility's billing and payment terms. CEO reserves the right to unilaterally modify this billing format in the event the Utility is unable or unwilling to provide consolidated billing in this format or changes the calculation of the Price to Compare. CEO does not offer budget billing for Small Commercial Customers. If you do not pay your bill by the due date or if you fail to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements, CEO may cancel this Agreement after giving you a minimum of 14 days' advance written notice. Upon cancellation, you will be returned to your Utility. You will remain responsible to pay CEO for any electricity used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges. Further, your failure to pay Utility charges may result in Small Commercial Customer's electric service being disconnected in accordance with the Utility's tariff and PUCO rules. No interest will accrue to a Small Commercial Customer on any deposit. CEO will review each account holding a deposit or guarantor agreement every 12 months and promptly will refund the deposit or release the guarantor if all of the following have occurred: (a) Small Connercial Customer paid their bills for service under this Agreement for 12 consecutive months without having service terminated for nonpayment; (b) Small Commercial Customer has not had more than two occasions in the prece ling 12 months on which their bills for service under this Agreement were not paid by the due date; and (c) Small Commercial Customer is not delinquent in the payment of their bills for service under this Agreement at the time of the review. CEO will notify the guarantor within 30 days of its determination to release the guarantor from further responsibility for the account. CEO may apply some or all of a Small Commercial Customer's deposit to any unpaid bill.

6. Penalties, Fees, and Exceptions: If you do not pay the full amount owed CEO by the due date on each bill, CEO may charge 1.5% of the outstanding amount per month, or the maximum legality allowable interest rate, whichever is lower, until such payment is received by CEO. CEO reserves the right to require adequate assurances from Small Commercial Customers in the form of prepayment or another form of credit support in the event a Small Commercial Customer fails to make payments in accordance with the terms herein. S nall Commercial Customers required to provide financial assurance will be required to post that assurance withir three business days of notice.

7. Cancellation/Termination: If this Agreement is not rescinded during the rescission period, enrollment will be sent to your Utility. Thereafter, you can terminate this Agreement, without an early termination fee, prior to the end of the applicable term for convenience by giving CEO not less than 30 days' notice, either written or by telephone at 844-294-4504. Any failure to pay a bill or the occurrence of any other breach of this Agreement shall be deemed a breach of this Agreement permitting CEO to terminate this Agreement immediately upon 14 days' advance written notice. Should you cancel service with CEO and return to the standard service offer with your Utility, you may or may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other Utility customers. Should you cancel service with CEO or this Agreement is terminated, CEO will apply any deposit to the final bill. CFO will promptly refund any remaining deposit. For any remaining overdue balances, CEO may pursue collection actions against you and any guarantor in an appropriate court.

8. Customer Consent and Information Release: By accepting this offer from CEO, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with CEO. You authorize CEO to obtain information from the Utility that includes but is not limited to billing history, payment history, historical and future electricity usage, meter readings, and characteristics of electricity service. CEO reserves the sole right to check your credit with consumer credit reporting agencies and determine if your credit standing is satisfactory before accepting your enrollment request. This Agreement shall be considered executed by CEO following acceptance of your enrollment request by CEO, the end of the seven-day rescission period, and the subsequent acceptance of the enrollment by your Utility.

9. Dispute Resolution: CEO is committed to customer satisfaction. Contact CEO with any questions concerning the terms of service by phone at 844-294-4504, M-F 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., or in writing at P.O. Box1498, Westerville, Ohio 43086. Our web address is <u>www.capitalenergyohio.com</u>. If your complaint is not resolved after you have contacted CEO and called your Utility for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll-free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll-free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at <u>http://www.puco.ohio.gov.</u> Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service).

10. Miscellaneous:

- You have the right to request from CEO, twice within a 12-month period, up to 24 months of payment history, without charge. CEO will not release your Social Security Number, Employer Identification Number and/or account number(s) without your written consent, except for (a) CEO's own credit evaluation, (b) CEO's own collections and reporting, (c) participating in programs funded by the universal service fund pursuant to Section 4928.54 of the Ohio Revised Code or (d) assigning Customer's Agreement to another CRES provider.
- CEO's environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on CEO's website <u>www.capitalenergyohio.com</u>. CEO will also provide the information upon request.
- CEO may assign its rights, without Small Commercial Customer consent, to another CRES Provider, including any successor, subsidiary or affiliate, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

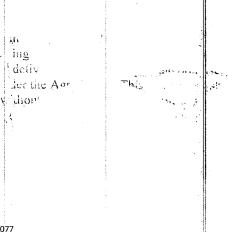
- CEO assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the Utility: operation and maintenance of the Utility's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, and deterioration of the Utility's service. In the event of a power outage, you should contact your Utility.
- You are responsible for providing CEO with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, CEO reserves the right to terminate the Agreement.
- CEO reserves the right to return you to the Utility if your rate code is changed and the account is no longer eligible for this program. You authorize, but do not obligate, CEO to exercise your governmental aggregation opt-out rights.

11. Warranty and Force Majeure: THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE EXCLUSIVE AND ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER STATUTORY, EXPRESS, OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE. CEO will make commercially reasonable efforts to provide your electric Generation Service, but does not guarantee a continuous supply of electricity. Certain causes and events are out of the reasonable control of CEO and may result in interruptions in service. CEO is not liable for damages caused by acts of God, accidents, strikes, labor troubles, required maintenance work, inability to access the Utility distribution system, nonperformance by the Utility, or any other cause beyond CEO's reasonable control. You and CEO both agree that the following will constitute force majeure events under this Agreement and that CEO shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability upon the occurrence of any action taken by the Utility, applicable RTO, the PUCO, transmission provider, or any federal, state, or local government authorities which prevents or legally prohibits CEO from performing under the terms of this Agreement. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, you will be returned to your Utility's standard service offer and no early termination fee will be assessed.

12. Remedies, Indemnification and Choice of Law: Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, any liability under this Agreement will be limited to direct, actual damages as the sole and exclusive remedy, and all other remedies or damages at law or in equity are waived. Neither party will be liable to the other party or its affiliates for consequential, incidental, punitive, exemplary, or indirect damages, including lost profits or other business interruption damages, whether in tort or contract, under any indemnity provisions or otherwise in connection with this Agreement. The limitations imposed on remedies and damage measurement will be without regard to cause, including negligence of any parties, whether sole, joint, concurrent, active or passive, provided no such limitation shall apply to damages resulting from the willful misconduct of any party. You assume full responsibility for power furnished to you at the delivery point(s) and on your side of the delivery point(s), and agree to and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CEO and its personnel from and against all claims, losses, expenses, damages, demands, judgments, causes of action and suits of any kind, including claims for personal injury, death, or damages to property occurring at the delivery point(s) or on your side of the delivery point(s) and upon the premises, arising out of or related to the electricity and/or your performance under the Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio without giving effect to any conflicts of law principles that otherwise might be applicable. Any legal action involving this Agreement shall be brought only in a court of the State of Ohio sitting in Delaware County, Ohio or the United States District Court sitting in Franklin County, Ohio.

13. Payments to Certain Third-Parties: You acknowledge and understand that Trebel LLC is acting on your behalf as your representative and is not a representative or agent of CEO. CEO is remitting a fee to Trebel LLC on your behalf in connection with its effort to facilitate the parties' entering into this Agreement. Your fixed price reflects the fee being distributed to Trebel LLC. You should direct any questions regarding such fee to Trebel LLC.

14. Survival: The following terms and conditions will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement for a period of two years, for any reason: 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12.



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