

June 20, 2017

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☐ I wish to opt out of my community’s electric savings program. (Check box to opt out.)

Service address (City, state and zip):

Phone number:

Account holder’s signature: Date:

Mail by July 11, 2017 to: Richland County Electric Governmental Aggregation Program, 341 White Pond Drive, Bldg. B3, Akron, Ohio 44320

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In the event that any change in any statute, rule, regulation, order, law, or tariff promulgated by any court, governmental authority, utility, Independent Service Operator ("ISO"), Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") or other service provider, or any change in operating procedure, alters to the detriment of FES its costs to perform under this Agreement, FES may pass through to Customer such costs or revise the pricing under this Agreement to eliminate the impact of such changes. Before any such pass through or price revision, FES shall provide notice to Customer of the changes and the date upon which such pass through or revised pricing shall be effective. Customer shall pay the pass through costs or revised price described in such notice, and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

3. **Length of Agreement.** As a part of your community's program, your service from FES will commence with the next available meter reading and after processing of the enrollment by your EDU, and will continue through August 2020, ending on the meter read for the last month of service. The program may be terminated or modified due to unforeseen regulatory action. Customer and FES agree that any such regulatory action is a force majeure event. Should the program be terminated, you will be returned to the standard service offer or its successor.
4. **Billing.** You will continue to receive a single bill from your EDU that will contain both your EDU and FES charges. FES does not offer budget billing. If you do not pay your bill by the due date, FES may cancel this Agreement after giving you a minimum of fourteen (14) days written notice. Upon cancellation you will be returned to your EDU as a customer. You will remain responsible to pay FES for any electricity used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges.
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**7. Customer Consent and Information Release Authorization.**

By choosing not to opt-out of your community's aggregation program or to affirmatively join it, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with FES. You authorize FES to obtain information from the EDU that includes, but is not limited to: billing history, payment history, historical and future electricity usage, meter readings, and characteristics of electricity service. FES reserves the sole right to determine if your credit standing is satisfactory before accepting your enrollment request. This Agreement shall be considered executed by FES following acceptance of your enrollment request by FES, the end of the 7 day rescission period and subsequent acceptance of the enrollment by your EDU.

**8. Contract Expiration.** At least every three years, you will be given the opportunity to opt-out of your community's aggregation program at no cost. You are responsible for arranging for your electric supply upon termination of this Contract.

**9. Dispute Procedures.** Contact FES with any questions concerning the terms of service by phone at 1-888-254-6359 (toll-free) M-F 8AM - 5PM EST or in writing at 341 White Pond Drive, Attn: Contract Administration, Akron, OH 44320. Our web address is [www.firstenergysolutions.com](http://www.firstenergysolutions.com). If your complaint is not resolved after you have called your electric supplier and/or your electric utility, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov). Residential customers may also call the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or at [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

**10. Miscellaneous.** You have the right to request from FES, twice within a 12 month period, up to 24 months of payment history, without charge.

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FES' environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website - [www.fes.com](http://www.fes.com). You agree that FES will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website. We will also provide the information upon request.

FES may assign its rights to another, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

FES assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the EDU: operation and maintenance of the EDU's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, or deterioration of the EDU's service. In the event of a power outage, you should contact your local EDU.

Customer is responsible for providing FES with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, FES reserves the right to reprice the applicable account(s) or terminate the agreement.

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FES will not release your Social Security number and/or account number(s) without your written consent.

FES' environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website - [www.fes.com](http://www.fes.com). You agree that FES will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website. We will also provide the information upon request.

FES may assign its rights to another, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

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☐ I wish to opt out of my community’s electric savings program. (Check box to opt out.)

Service address (City, state and zip):

Phone number:

Account holder’s signature: Date:

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If you do not opt-out or you give your affirmative consent and are enrolled to receive generation service from FES, your EDU will send you a confirmation letter. You will have the right to rescind your enrollment within seven (7) calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation letter by following the instructions contained in the letter. The Right of Rescission only applies when a customer switches to a generation supplier and not on renewal enrollments. Your EDU will not send a confirmation notice upon any renewal of this Agreement. Should you choose to opt-out of your community's program, you will be served by your EDU's standard service offer established pursuant to section 4928.14 of the Ohio Revised Code unless you choose an alternate supplier of electricity.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

1. **Eligibility.** Only eligible residential customer accounts not enrolled in the Percentage of Income Plan Program (PIPP) and eligible small commercial customers may enroll in this offer with FES. FES reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any customer with an outstanding electric bill balance.
2. **Basic Service Prices.** During the term of this Contract, you agree to pay FES for a total combined Transmission, Generation, and Generation Related Charges. You will be billed at 3% off your EDU Price to Compare per kilowatt-hour per billing month. Your Price to Compare consists of bypassable transmission, generation and transmission and generation related components, which are charges associated with the costs of purchased power

and the cost to deliver the power through the transmission system. These are the charges that you would avoid for that billing period when you switch to FES.

Your price per KWh will vary because it will always be a percent off the Price to Compare, which may change based on any changes made by the EDU in its calculations. In addition to FES' charges, you will be charged by your EDU for distribution and various other charges. FES reserves the right to unilaterally modify this billing format in the event the EDU is unable or unwilling to provide consolidated billing in this format or changes the calculation of the Price to Compare.

In the event that any change in any statute, rule, regulation, order, law, or tariff promulgated by any court, governmental authority, utility, Independent Service Operator ("ISO"), Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") or other service provider, or any change in operating procedure, alters to the detriment of FES its costs to perform under this Agreement, FES may pass through to Customer such costs or revise the pricing under this Agreement to eliminate the impact of such changes. Before any such pass through or price revision, FES shall provide notice to Customer of the changes and the date upon which such pass through or revised pricing shall be effective. Customer shall pay the pass through costs or revised price described in such notice, and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

3. **Length of Agreement.** As a part of your community's program, your service from FES will commence with the next available meter reading and after processing of the enrollment by your EDU, and will continue through August 2020, ending on the meter read for the last month of service. The program may be terminated or modified due to unforeseen regulatory action. Customer and FES agree that any such regulatory action is a force majeure event. Should the program be terminated, you will be returned to the standard service offer or its successor.
4. **Billing.** You will continue to receive a single bill from your EDU that will contain both your EDU and FES charges. FES does not offer budget billing. If you do not pay your bill by the due date, FES may cancel this Agreement after giving you a minimum of fourteen (14) days written notice. Upon cancellation you will be returned to your EDU as a customer. You will remain responsible to pay FES for any electricity used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges.
5. **Penalties, Fees and Exceptions.** If you do not pay the full amount owed FES by the due date of the bill, FES may charge a 1.5% per month late payment fee.
6. **Cancellation/Termination Provisions.** If this Agreement is not rescinded during the rescission period, enrollment will be sent to your EDU. You may terminate this Agreement, without penalty, if you move out of the EDU service territory or into an area where FES will charge a different price. *There will be a \$25.00 charge for each residential EDU account and a \$50.00 charge for each commercial EDU account if you terminate this Agreement for any other reason, except as expressly provided herein. Should you cancel service with FES and return to standard offer service with your EDU, you may not be served*

*under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other EDU customers.*

**7. Customer Consent and Information Release Authorization.**

By choosing not to opt-out of your community's aggregation program or to affirmatively join it, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with FES. You authorize FES to obtain information from the EDU that includes, but is not limited to: billing history, payment history, historical and future electricity usage, meter readings, and characteristics of electricity service. FES reserves the sole right to determine if your credit standing is satisfactory before accepting your enrollment request. This Agreement shall be considered executed by FES following acceptance of your enrollment request by FES, the end of the 7 day rescission period and subsequent acceptance of the enrollment by your EDU.

**8. Contract Expiration.** At least every three years, you will be given the opportunity to opt-out of your community's aggregation program at no cost. You are responsible for arranging for your electric supply upon termination of this Contract.

**9. Dispute Procedures.** Contact FES with any questions concerning the terms of service by phone at 1-888-254-6359 (toll-free) M-F 8AM - 5PM EST or in writing at 341 White Pond Drive, Attn: Contract Administration, Akron, OH 44320. Our web address is [www.firstenergysolutions.com](http://www.firstenergysolutions.com). If your complaint is not resolved after you have called your electric supplier and/or your electric utility, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov). Residential customers may also call the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or at [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

**10. Miscellaneous.** You have the right to request from FES, twice within a 12 month period, up to 24 months of payment history, without charge.

FES will not release your Social Security number and/or account number(s) without your written consent.

FES' environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website - [www.fes.com](http://www.fes.com). You agree that FES will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website. We will also provide the information upon request.

FES may assign its rights to another, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

FES assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the EDU: operation and maintenance of the EDU's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, or deterioration of the EDU's service. In the event of a power outage, you should contact your local EDU.

Customer is responsible for providing FES with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, FES reserves the right to reprice the applicable account(s) or terminate the agreement.

FES reserves the right to return any customer to the EDU if the customer's rate code is changed and the account is no longer eligible for this program.

**11. Warranty.** FES warrants title and the right to all electricity sold hereunder. THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE EXCLUSIVE AND ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER STATUTORY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ARISING OUT OF ANY COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE.

June 20, 2017

Re: Great news – Richland County’s Aggregation Program supplied by FirstEnergy Solutions continues to offer savings!

Dear Resident,

Your community’s aggregation program provides you the opportunity to save money on your electric bill. These savings are possible through governmental aggregation, a community purchasing program where community officials bring together citizens to gain group buying power for the purchase of electricity from a retail electric generation provider certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

FirstEnergy Solutions, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., has been selected to provide you with savings on your electric generation. If you’re not already participating, this is your chance to join. If you’re already participating, this is your opportunity to extend your savings. **There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and you do not need to do anything to participate.** Please see the enclosed FAQs for more information.

By participating in this aggregation program, you will receive exclusive low pricing on your electric generation. The chart below shows the details of this program:

The Richland County program was approved by voters in your community in May 2010.

Your Electric Utility	Price	Term End Date	Opt Out Deadline	Early Termination Fee
AEP - Ohio Power	3% off Price To Compare	August 2020	July 11, 2017	\$25

How to estimate what your savings will be through this program

Locate your Price to Compare on your electric bill. Divide your Price to Compare by 100, then multiply by 0.03 (3%) to determine your savings per kWh. Multiply that number by your total monthly usage. The final number is how much you can expect to save each month you use the same amount of electricity.

If you are a new member of the program, you will see your electric savings from FirstEnergy Solutions after your enrollment has been completed and your switch has been finalized – approximately 30-45 days, depending upon your meter read date. Of course, you are not obligated to participate in the community’s electric governmental aggregation program. If you do not want to participate in this savings program, you have until the opt out deadline to return the attached “opt-out” form. If you do not opt out at this time and leave the program at a later date, you might not be served under the same rates, terms and conditions that apply to other customers served by your utility. Once enrolled, you will receive a notice at least every three years asking if you wish to remain in the program. If you leave the program at any other time, you could be subject to the early termination fee listed above from FirstEnergy Solutions.

If you are not currently receiving electric generation from FirstEnergy Solutions, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your selection of FirstEnergy Solutions as your electric generation provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your contract with FirstEnergy Solutions within seven days of its postmark. To remain a member of the community’s electric governmental aggregation program, you don’t need to take any action when this letter arrives. If you are currently enrolled in the community’s aggregation program, you will not receive a letter from your electric utility.

Your electric utility will continue to maintain the system that delivers power to your home – no new poles or wires will be built by FirstEnergy Solutions. You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility with your FirstEnergy Solutions charges included. The only thing you’ll notice is savings.

If you have any questions, please call FirstEnergy Solutions toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please do not call your community with aggregation program questions.

Sincerely,

Richland County Local Officials

P.S. To receive these savings, **you should not respond.** Return the opt-out form only if you do not want to participate in your community’s electric governmental aggregation program.

OPT-OUT FORM – RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

<b>Option 1: Do nothing and save.</b> If you want to participate in this program and save, you do not need to return this form. Your enrollment is automatic.	<b>OR</b>	<b>Option 2: Opt out by returning this form.</b> If you do not want to participate in this program and save, you must return this form before the due date.
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By returning this signed form, you will not be part of your community’s electric savings program.

☐ I wish to opt out of my community’s electric savings program. (Check box to opt out.)

Service address (City, state and zip):

Phone number:

Account holder’s signature: Date:

Mail by July 11, 2017 to: Richland County Electric Governmental Aggregation Program, 341 White Pond Drive, Bldg. B3, Akron, Ohio 44320

## **Electric Governmental Aggregation Program Frequently Asked Questions Residential Program**

### **What is aggregation?**

Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

### **How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?**

Residents voted to allow the community to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf.

### **How will I know if I can save money under the electric governmental aggregation program?**

The price you pay for electric generation supply is guaranteed to be lower because you'll always receive the percent discount for your electric generation.

### **What do I need to do if I *want* to be included in this governmental aggregation?**

You do not need to do anything to receive the discounted generation pricing under this program. You may choose to remain in the aggregation group and begin receiving your discount by simply not returning the opt-out form.

### **If I join my community's governmental aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?**

Your electric utility will be responsible for the delivery of power to your home or business. Since your electric utility still owns the wires and poles that deliver power to you, it will continue to read your meter and restore power after an outage.

### **Is your price for residential power fixed, or does it vary?**

In this program, the discount you will receive each month does not change. But because the actual price per kWh charged by the utility may change each month (based on the season and your usage), the price per kWh from FirstEnergy Solutions will also change each month.

### **If I am already a member of this program, why am I receiving this letter?**

As a current member of your community's electric governmental aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years at no charge. Your previous contract with FirstEnergy Solutions is coming to an end, and this is your opportunity to either opt-out or continue saving with FirstEnergy Solutions.

### **What does "opt out" mean?**

"Opt out" means that you can decide not to participate in your community's electric governmental aggregation program. By returning the opt-out form, which is included in this mailing, by the Opt Out Deadline you will not be enrolled as an electric generation customer with FirstEnergy Solutions, your community's competitive electric generation supplier, and you will not receive the discount.

### **What happens if I do not send in the opt-out form?**

If you do not return the opt-out form postmarked by the Opt Out Deadline, you will be included in your community's governmental aggregation program and will receive competitively priced electricity from FirstEnergy Solutions.

### **Can I opt out over the phone?**

No, if you want to opt out, you must mail in your completed opt-out form and it must be postmarked by the Opt Out Deadline.

**Can I opt out of the program at a later date?**

Yes, but you will be subject to the early termination fee from FirstEnergy Solutions if you cancel for any other reason but moving. However, you will be sent a notice at least every three years asking if you wish to remain in the program. At that point, you may opt out at no cost.

**What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?**

You can stay with your current electric utility, which will continue to supply your electric generation as it always has, or you can shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (1-800-686-7826).

**If I join the aggregation, can I stay on budget billing?**

Yes, you can remain on budget billing.

**Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account as I do now?**

Yes. How you pay your electric bill will not change.

**Who is FirstEnergy Solutions?**

FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., offers a wide range of energy and related products and services, including the generation and sale of electricity and energy planning and procurement. FirstEnergy Solutions is a leading competitive supplier of energy to residential and commercial and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan.

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

If you have any questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Additional FAQs for all-electric space heating, electric water heating and/or load management customers:****I receive a credit from my electric utility for my electric water heating. Will I miss out on this credit if I join this program?**

Because FirstEnergy Solutions is offering a discount off the Price to Compare, you are not missing out on any of the savings that utility credits provide.

**If I leave this program at a later date, will I be able to keep the credits I get from my utility for having all-electric space heating, electric water heating and/or load management equipment?**

Yes. This discount is in addition to the generation credit reflected in your Price to Compare. So if you cancel your contract with FirstEnergy Solutions, you will continue to receive the credits from your utility for having all-electric space heating, electric water heating and/or load management equipment as long as those credits are being offered.

**FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. - Residential & Small Commercial Terms and Conditions**

These Terms and Conditions apply to you because you are enrolling for electric generation service with FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. ("FES") through either (a) affirmative consent or (b) not opting out of your community aggregation program. If you enroll by affirmative consent, these Terms and Conditions and the enrollment information on the website are your agreement ("Agreement"). If you choose to remain in the community aggregation program by not "opting-out" or exercising the right of rescission these Terms and Conditions and your opt-out notification are your Agreement. Please keep a copy of this Agreement for your records.

FES is certified by the Ohio Public Utility Commission ("PUCO") to offer and supply electric generation services in Ohio. As a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") provider, FES will supply the electric generation to your Electric Distribution Utility (EDU) based on your usage. Your EDU then distributes or delivers the electricity to you. FES sets the generation prices and charges that the customers pay. The PUCO regulates distribution prices and services. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates transmission prices and services.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Generation Service** - The production of electricity.

**Transmission Service** - Moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of an Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU").

**Distribution Service** - Physical delivery of electricity to customers by EDU.

**RIGHT OF RESCISSION**

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June 20, 2017

Re: **Great news – Richland County’s Aggregation Program supplied by FirstEnergy Solutions continues to offer savings!**

Dear Business,

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By participating in this aggregation program, you will receive exclusive low pricing on your electric generation. The chart below shows the details of this program:

The **Richland County** program was approved by voters in your community in May 2010.

Your Electric Utility	Price	Term End Date	Opt Out Deadline	Early Termination Fee
AEP - Ohio Power	3% off Price To Compare	August 2020	July 11, 2017	\$50
<b>How to estimate what your savings will be through this program</b>				
First, determine your Price to Compare; simply divide the amount of the Bypassable Generation and Transmission Related Component by the Kilowatt Hours Used. Then multiply your Price to Compare by 0.03 (3%) to determine your savings per KWH. Multiply that number by your total monthly usage. The final number is how much you can expect to save each month you use the same amount of electricity.				

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Sincerely,

Richland County Local Officials

P.S. To receive these savings, **you should not respond**. Return the opt-out form only if you do not want to participate in your community’s electric governmental aggregation program.

OPT-OUT FORM – BUSINESS ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

<b>Option 1: Do nothing and save.</b> If you want to participate in this program and save, you do not need to return this form. Your enrollment is automatic.	<b>OR</b>	<b>Option 2: Opt out by returning this form.</b> If you do not want to participate in this program and save, you must return this form before the due date.
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By returning this signed form, you will not be part of your community’s electric savings program.

☐ I wish to opt out of my community’s electric savings program. (Check box to opt out.)

Service address (City, state and zip):

Phone number:

Account holder's signature:

Date:

Mail by July 11, 2017 to: Richland County Electric Governmental Aggregation Program, 341 White Pond Drive, Bldg. B3, Akron, Ohio 44320

## **Electric Governmental Aggregation Program Frequently Asked Questions Business Program**

### **What is aggregation?**

Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

### **How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?**

Residents voted to allow the community to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf.

### **How will I know if I can save money under the electric governmental aggregation program?**

The price you pay for electric generation supply is guaranteed to be lower because you'll always receive the percent discount for your electric generation.

### **What do I need to do if I *want* to be included in this governmental aggregation?**

You do not need to do anything to receive the discounted generation pricing under this program. You may choose to remain in the aggregation group and begin receiving your discount by simply not returning the opt-out form.

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### **If I am already a member of this program, why am I receiving this letter?**

As a current member of your community's electric governmental aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years at no charge. Your previous contract with FirstEnergy Solutions is coming to an end, and this is your opportunity to either opt-out or continue saving with FirstEnergy Solutions.

### **What does "opt out" mean?**

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FES will not release your Social Security number and/or account number(s) without your written consent.

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FES may assign its rights to another, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

FES assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the EDU: operation and maintenance of the EDU's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, or deterioration of the EDU's service. In the event of a power outage, you should contact your local EDU.

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If you have any questions, please call FirstEnergy Solutions toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please do not call your community with aggregation program questions.

Sincerely,

Richland County Local Officials

P.S. To receive these savings, **you should not respond**. Return the opt-out form only if you do not want to participate in your community’s electric governmental aggregation program.

OPT-OUT FORM – BUSINESS ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

<b>Option 1: Do nothing and save.</b> If you want to participate in this program and save, you do not need to return this form. Your enrollment is automatic.	<b>OR</b>	<b>Option 2: Opt out by returning this form.</b> If you do not want to participate in this program and save, you must return this form before the due date.
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By returning this signed form, you will not be part of your community’s electric savings program.

☐ I wish to opt out of my community’s electric savings program. (Check box to opt out.)

Service address (City, state and zip):

Phone number:

Account holder's signature:

Date:

Mail by July 11, 2017 to: Richland County Electric Governmental Aggregation Program, 341 White Pond Drive, Bldg. B3, Akron, Ohio 44320

## **Electric Governmental Aggregation Program Frequently Asked Questions Business Program**

### **What is aggregation?**

Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

### **How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?**

Residents voted to allow the community to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf.

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The price you pay for electric generation supply is guaranteed to be lower because you'll always receive the percent discount for your electric generation.

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### **If I join my community's governmental aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?**

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Service address (City, state and zip):

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In the event that any change in any statute, rule, regulation, order, law, or tariff promulgated by any court, governmental authority, utility, Independent Service Operator ("ISO"), Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") or other service provider, or any change in operating procedure, alters to the detriment of FES its costs to perform under this Agreement, FES may pass through to Customer such costs or revise the pricing under this Agreement to eliminate the impact of such changes. Before any such pass through or price revision, FES shall provide notice to Customer of the changes and the date upon which such pass through or revised pricing shall be effective. Customer shall pay the pass through costs or revised price described in such notice, and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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FES will not release your Social Security number and/or account number(s) without your written consent.

FES' environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website - [www.fes.com](http://www.fes.com). You agree that FES will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website. We will also provide the information upon request.

FES may assign its rights to another, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

FES assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the EDU: operation and maintenance of the EDU's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, or deterioration of the EDU's service. In the event of a power outage, you should contact your local EDU.

Customer is responsible for providing FES with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, FES reserves the right to reprice the applicable account(s) or terminate the agreement.

FES reserves the right to return any customer to the EDU if the customer's rate code is changed and the account is no longer eligible for this program.

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June 20, 2017

Re: **Great news – Richland County’s Aggregation Program supplied by FirstEnergy Solutions continues to offer savings!**

Dear Business,

Your community’s aggregation program provides you the opportunity to save money on your electric bill. These savings are possible through governmental aggregation, a community purchasing program where community officials bring together citizens to gain group buying power for the purchase of electricity from a retail electric generation provider certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

FirstEnergy Solutions, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., has been selected to provide you with savings on your electric generation. If you’re not already participating, this is your chance to join. If you’re already participating, this is your opportunity to extend your savings. **There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and you do not need to do anything to participate.** Please see the enclosed FAQs for more information.

By participating in this aggregation program, you will receive exclusive low pricing on your electric generation. The chart below shows the details of this program:

The **Richland County** program was approved by voters in your community in May 2010.

Your Electric Utility	Price	Term End Date	Opt Out Deadline	Early Termination Fee
AEP - Ohio Power	3% off Price To Compare	August 2020	July 11, 2017	\$50
<b>How to estimate what your savings will be through this program</b>				
First, determine your Price to Compare; simply divide the amount of the Bypassable Generation and Transmission Related Component by the Kilowatt Hours Used. Then multiply your Price to Compare by 0.03 (3%) to determine your savings per KWH. Multiply that number by your total monthly usage. The final number is how much you can expect to save each month you use the same amount of electricity.				

If you are a new member of the program, you will see your electric savings from FirstEnergy Solutions after your enrollment has been completed and your switch has been finalized – approximately 30-45 days, depending upon your meter read date. Of course, you are not obligated to participate in the community’s electric governmental aggregation program. If you do not want to participate in this savings program, you have until the opt out deadline to return the attached “opt-out” form. If you do not opt out at this time and leave the program at a later date, you might not be served under the same rates, terms and conditions that apply to other customers served by your utility. Once enrolled, you will receive a notice at least every three years asking if you wish to remain in the program. If you leave the program at any other time, you could be subject to the early termination fee listed above from FirstEnergy Solutions.

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June 20, 2017

Re: **Great news – Richland County’s Aggregation Program supplied by FirstEnergy Solutions continues to offer savings!**

Dear Business,

Your community’s aggregation program provides you the opportunity to save money on your electric bill. These savings are possible through governmental aggregation, a community purchasing program where community officials bring together citizens to gain group buying power for the purchase of electricity from a retail electric generation provider certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

FirstEnergy Solutions, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., has been selected to provide you with savings on your electric generation. If you’re not already participating, this is your chance to join. If you’re already participating, this is your opportunity to extend your savings. **There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and you do not need to do anything to participate.** Please see the enclosed FAQs for more information.

By participating in this aggregation program, you will receive exclusive low pricing on your electric generation. The chart below shows the details of this program:

The **Richland County** program was approved by voters in your community in May 2010.

Your Electric Utility	Price	Term End Date	Opt Out Deadline	Early Termination Fee
AEP - Ohio Power	3% off Price To Compare	August 2020	July 11, 2017	\$50
<b>How to estimate what your savings will be through this program</b>				
First, determine your Price to Compare; simply divide the amount of the Bypassable Generation and Transmission Related Component by the Kilowatt Hours Used. Then multiply your Price to Compare by 0.03 (3%) to determine your savings per KWH. Multiply that number by your total monthly usage. The final number is how much you can expect to save each month you use the same amount of electricity.				

If you are a new member of the program, you will see your electric savings from FirstEnergy Solutions after your enrollment has been completed and your switch has been finalized – approximately 30-45 days, depending upon your meter read date. Of course, you are not obligated to participate in the community’s electric governmental aggregation program. If you do not want to participate in this savings program, you have until the opt out deadline to return the attached “opt-out” form. If you do not opt out at this time and leave the program at a later date, you might not be served under the same rates, terms and conditions that apply to other customers served by your utility. Once enrolled, you will receive a notice at least every three years asking if you wish to remain in the program. If you leave the program at any other time, you could be subject to the early termination fee listed above from FirstEnergy Solutions.

If you are not currently receiving electric generation from FirstEnergy Solutions, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your selection of FirstEnergy Solutions as your electric generation provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your contract with FirstEnergy Solutions within seven days of its postmark. To remain a member of the community’s electric governmental aggregation program, you don’t need to take any action when this letter arrives. If you are currently enrolled in the community’s aggregation program, you will not receive a letter from your electric utility.

Your electric utility will continue to maintain the system that delivers power to your home – no new poles or wires will be built by FirstEnergy Solutions. You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility with your FirstEnergy Solutions charges included. The only thing you’ll notice is savings.

If you have any questions, please call FirstEnergy Solutions toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please do not call your community with aggregation program questions.

Sincerely,

Richland County Local Officials

P.S. To receive these savings, **you should not respond**. Return the opt-out form only if you do not want to participate in your community’s electric governmental aggregation program.

OPT-OUT FORM – BUSINESS ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

<b>Option 1: Do nothing and save.</b> If you want to participate in this program and save, you do not need to return this form. Your enrollment is automatic.	<b>OR</b>	<b>Option 2: Opt out by returning this form.</b> If you do not want to participate in this program and save, you must return this form before the due date.
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By returning this signed form, you will not be part of your community’s electric savings program.

☐ I wish to opt out of my community’s electric savings program. (Check box to opt out.)

Service address (City, state and zip):

Phone number:

Account holder's signature: Date:

Mail by July 11, 2017 to: Richland County Electric Governmental Aggregation Program, 341 White Pond Drive, Bldg. B3, Akron, Ohio 44320

## **Electric Governmental Aggregation Program Frequently Asked Questions Business Program**

### **What is aggregation?**

Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

### **How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?**

Residents voted to allow the community to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf.

### **How will I know if I can save money under the electric governmental aggregation program?**

The price you pay for electric generation supply is guaranteed to be lower because you'll always receive the percent discount for your electric generation.

### **What do I need to do if I *want* to be included in this governmental aggregation?**

You do not need to do anything to receive the discounted generation pricing under this program. You may choose to remain in the aggregation group and begin receiving your discount by simply not returning the opt-out form.

### **If I join my community's governmental aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?**

Your electric utility will be responsible for the delivery of power to your home or business. Since your electric utility still owns the wires and poles that deliver power to you, it will continue to read your meter and restore power after an outage.

### **Is your price for power fixed, or does it vary?**

In this program, the discount you will receive each month does not change. But because the actual price per kWh charged by the utility may change each month (based on the season and your usage), the price per kWh from FirstEnergy Solutions will also change each month.

### **If I am already a member of this program, why am I receiving this letter?**

As a current member of your community's electric governmental aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years at no charge. Your previous contract with FirstEnergy Solutions is coming to an end, and this is your opportunity to either opt-out or continue saving with FirstEnergy Solutions.

### **What does "opt out" mean?**

"Opt out" means that you can decide not to participate in your community's electric governmental aggregation program. By returning the opt-out form, which is included in this mailing, by the Opt Out Deadline you will not be enrolled as an electric generation customer with FirstEnergy Solutions, your community's competitive electric generation supplier, and you will not receive the discount.

### **What happens if I do not send in the opt-out form?**

If you do not return the opt-out form postmarked by the Opt Out Deadline, you will be included in your community's governmental aggregation program and will receive competitively priced electricity from FirstEnergy Solutions.

### **Can I opt out over the phone?**

No, if you want to opt out, you must mail in your completed opt-out form and it must be postmarked by the Opt Out Deadline.

**Can I opt out of the program at a later date?**

Yes, but you will be subject to the early termination fee from FirstEnergy Solutions if you cancel for any other reason but moving. However, you will be sent a notice at least every three years asking if you wish to remain in the program. At that point, you may opt out at no cost.

**What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?**

You can stay with your current electric utility, which will continue to supply your electric generation as it always has, or you can shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (1-800-686-7826).

**If I join the aggregation, can I stay on budget billing?**

Yes, you can remain on budget billing.

**Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account as I do now?**

Yes. How you pay your electric bill will not change.

**Who is FirstEnergy Solutions?**

FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., offers a wide range of energy and related products and services, including the generation and sale of electricity and energy planning and procurement. FirstEnergy Solutions is a leading competitive supplier of energy to residential and commercial and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan.

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

If you have any questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Additional FAQs for all-electric space heating, electric water heating and/or load management customers:****I receive a credit from my electric utility for my electric water heating. Will I miss out on this credit if I join this program?**

Because FirstEnergy Solutions is offering a discount off the Price to Compare, you are not missing out on any of the savings that utility credits provide.

**If I leave this program at a later date, will I be able to keep the credits I get from my utility for having all-electric space heating, electric water heating and/or load management equipment?**

Yes. This discount is in addition to the generation credit reflected in your Price to Compare. So if you cancel your contract with FirstEnergy Solutions, you will continue to receive the credits from your utility for having all-electric space heating, electric water heating and/or load management equipment as long as those credits are being offered.

**FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. - Residential & Small Commercial Terms and Conditions**

These Terms and Conditions apply to you because you are enrolling for electric generation service with FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. ("FES") through either (a) affirmative consent or (b) not opting out of your community aggregation program. If you enroll by affirmative consent, these Terms and Conditions and the enrollment information on the website are your agreement ("Agreement"). If you choose to remain in the community aggregation program by not "opting-out" or exercising the right of rescission these Terms and Conditions and your opt-out notification are your Agreement. Please keep a copy of this Agreement for your records.

FES is certified by the Ohio Public Utility Commission ("PUCO") to offer and supply electric generation services in Ohio. As a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") provider, FES will supply the electric generation to your Electric Distribution Utility (EDU) based on your usage. Your EDU then distributes or delivers the electricity to you. FES sets the generation prices and charges that the customers pay. The PUCO regulates distribution prices and services. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates transmission prices and services.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Generation Service** - The production of electricity.

**Transmission Service** - Moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of an Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU").

**Distribution Service** - Physical delivery of electricity to customers by EDU.

**RIGHT OF RESCISSION**

If you do not opt-out or you give your affirmative consent and are enrolled to receive generation service from FES, your EDU will send you a confirmation letter. You will have the right to rescind your enrollment within seven (7) calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation letter by following the instructions contained in the letter. The Right of Rescission only applies when a customer switches to a generation supplier and not on renewal enrollments. Your EDU will not send a confirmation notice upon any renewal of this Agreement. Should you choose to opt-out of your community's program, you will be served by your EDU's standard service offer established pursuant to section 4928.14 of the Ohio Revised Code unless you choose an alternate supplier of electricity.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

1. **Eligibility.** Only eligible residential customer accounts not enrolled in the Percentage of Income Plan Program (PIPP) and eligible small commercial customers may enroll in this offer with FES. FES reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any customer with an outstanding electric bill balance.
2. **Basic Service Prices.** During the term of this Contract, you agree to pay FES for a total combined Transmission, Generation, and Generation Related Charges. You will be billed at 3% off your EDU Price to Compare per kilowatt-hour per billing month. Your Price to Compare consists of bypassable transmission, generation and transmission and generation related components, which are charges associated with the costs of purchased power

and the cost to deliver the power through the transmission system. These are the charges that you would avoid for that billing period when you switch to FES.

Your price per KWh will vary because it will always be a percent off the Price to Compare, which may change based on any changes made by the EDU in its calculations. In addition to FES' charges, you will be charged by your EDU for distribution and various other charges. FES reserves the right to unilaterally modify this billing format in the event the EDU is unable or unwilling to provide consolidated billing in this format or changes the calculation of the Price to Compare.

In the event that any change in any statute, rule, regulation, order, law, or tariff promulgated by any court, governmental authority, utility, Independent Service Operator ("ISO"), Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") or other service provider, or any change in operating procedure, alters to the detriment of FES its costs to perform under this Agreement, FES may pass through to Customer such costs or revise the pricing under this Agreement to eliminate the impact of such changes. Before any such pass through or price revision, FES shall provide notice to Customer of the changes and the date upon which such pass through or revised pricing shall be effective. Customer shall pay the pass through costs or revised price described in such notice, and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

3. **Length of Agreement.** As a part of your community's program, your service from FES will commence with the next available meter reading and after processing of the enrollment by your EDU, and will continue through August 2020, ending on the meter read for the last month of service. The program may be terminated or modified due to unforeseen regulatory action. Customer and FES agree that any such regulatory action is a force majeure event. Should the program be terminated, you will be returned to the standard service offer or its successor.
4. **Billing.** You will continue to receive a single bill from your EDU that will contain both your EDU and FES charges. FES does not offer budget billing. If you do not pay your bill by the due date, FES may cancel this Agreement after giving you a minimum of fourteen (14) days written notice. Upon cancellation you will be returned to your EDU as a customer. You will remain responsible to pay FES for any electricity used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges.
5. **Penalties, Fees and Exceptions.** If you do not pay the full amount owed FES by the due date of the bill, FES may charge a 1.5% per month late payment fee.
6. **Cancellation/Termination Provisions.** If this Agreement is not rescinded during the rescission period, enrollment will be sent to your EDU. You may terminate this Agreement, without penalty, if you move out of the EDU service territory or into an area where FES will charge a different price. *There will be a \$25.00 charge for each residential EDU account and a \$50.00 charge for each commercial EDU account if you terminate this Agreement for any other reason, except as expressly provided herein. Should you cancel service with FES and return to standard offer service with your EDU, you may not be served*

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**8. Contract Expiration.** At least every three years, you will be given the opportunity to opt-out of your community's aggregation program at no cost. You are responsible for arranging for your electric supply upon termination of this Contract.

**9. Dispute Procedures.** Contact FES with any questions concerning the terms of service by phone at 1-888-254-6359 (toll-free) M-F 8AM - 5PM EST or in writing at 341 White Pond Drive, Attn: Contract Administration, Akron, OH 44320. Our web address is [www.firstenergysolutions.com](http://www.firstenergysolutions.com). If your complaint is not resolved after you have called your electric supplier and/or your electric utility, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov). Residential customers may also call the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or at [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

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Summary: Opt-Out Notice To be sent to Ohio Power residential and small commercial customers electronically filed by Mr. Benjamin T Rich on behalf of FirstEnergy Solutions