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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Village of Warsaw
Case # 10-0161-GA-GAG

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please see attached for filing in the above referenced docket the opt-out notice for existing residential and small commercial natural gas customers in the Village of Warsaw. The opt-out notice will be mailed on March 9, 2018 with a response due date of March 30, 2020.

Very truly yours,

VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

/s/ John L. Einstein, IV

John L. Einstein, IV, Esq.

Village of Warsaw
Coshocton County



March 9, 2018

Village of Warsaw Gas Government Aggregation Program with Volunteer Energy

Dear Village of Warsaw Resident,

The Village of Warsaw is providing you with the opportunity to continue with other residents and small commercial customers in the natural gas governmental aggregation program. **If you have received this letter and are not within the boundaries of the Village of Warsaw, please let us know by calling 1-800-977-8374.** Savings are possible through a concept called government aggregation, where Village officials bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of natural gas from a retail supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Township voters approved this program in 2009.

During the past few months, we have researched options for competitive natural gas pricing for you. We have chosen Volunteer Energy Services Inc, (Volunteer Energy) an Ohio based corporation to provide you with natural gas for the term of **March 31, 2018 through April 1, 2020.**

You will be automatically enrolled (if a new Participant) or continue your enrollment (if an existing Participant) in the Village's Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt-out" - that is, affirmatively choose not to participate. If you wish to be excluded from the program you can call Volunteer Energy toll free at 1-800-977-8374 or return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form by **March 30, 2018**. Otherwise, you will be included in the aggregation program. If you do not opt-out at this time, you will receive a notice at least once every two years asking if you wish to remain in the program. However, you do not need to do anything to participate. **There is no cost for the enrollment and you will not be charged a switching fee.**

For members of this program, VESI has offered to provide natural gas to Aggregation Members at a rate of 7% off of Columbia Gas Standard Choice Offer (COH SCO) Market Adder (currently making the program adder \$0.11439 per Ccf) plus NYMEX month end settle at the burner tip. This price is good through the earlier to occur of (a) a change in any material term, such as a discount other than 7% being applied to the then-current COH SCO Market Adder, or (b) March 31, 2020.

VESI will notify you if a new rate is established and you will automatically continue at that rate unless you choose to cancel. If you are ever unhappy with your rate, you may leave the program free of charge at any time. Please refer to the attached Terms and Conditions for full details of this offer.

After you become a participant in the Village's natural gas aggregation program, Columbia Gas of Ohio will send a postcard confirming your selection of Volunteer Energy as your natural gas provider. As required by law, this postcard will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with Volunteer Energy within seven business days of its postmark date. To remain in the Village's government aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this postcard arrives. You will be automatically enrolled.

Columbia Gas of Ohio will always be responsible for ensuring the distribution of natural gas to your premises and will continue to maintain your meter, the monthly reads and the lines that deliver natural gas to your home. Your natural gas bill will also continue to come from Columbia Gas of Ohio. The only change you'll notice the name of your new gas supplier, Volunteer Energy, included on your bill.

If you have any questions, please call Volunteer Energy toll free at **1-800-977-8374** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Regards

Village of Warsaw
&
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

These **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE** have important information you need to know before you commit to natural gas service from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. ("VESI"). VESI is an Ohio corporation whose customers include a variety of Ohio natural gas end users. As a natural gas supply customer of VESI, you agree to the Terms and Conditions of VESI's natural gas supply contract.

Service Arrangement: VESI's energy supply will be delivered to your residence or facility via the Columbia Gas of Ohio's pipeline for the term through April 2020. Upon acceptance by the utility company the cost will be at a rate of 7% off of Columbia Gas Standard Choice Offer (COH SCO) Market Adder (currently making the program adder \$0.11439 per Ccf) plus NYMEX month end settle at the burner tip.

Term: The term of this Agreement shall commence when accepted by VESI and shall continue until the sooner to occur of (a) a change in any material term, such as a discount other than 7% being applied to the then-current SCO Adder, or (b) twenty-four (24) months. Natural gas service will begin within 60 days of acceptance by Columbia Gas. You may terminate this Agreement with VESI by providing a 30-day notice in writing to VESI or by telephone. Columbia Gas will continue to deliver VESI-supplied natural gas to your home at the agreed upon rate.

Office Locations and Hours: VESI's offices are located at 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 and are open from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. VESI can be reached by telephone at (614) 856-3128 or toll free at 800-977-8374. Telephone service hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. E-mail address is sraffeld@volunteerenergy.com.

Bill Payment Process: Columbia Gas of Ohio will continue to bill you monthly for natural gas delivery services and also for VESI's natural gas service. Should you fail to pay the bill or fail to meet any agreed upon payment arrangement, Columbia Gas of Ohio may terminate your service in accordance with its company tariffs, and VESI may also automatically terminate your account.

Complaint Dispute Resolution: If you have any complaints regarding your natural gas service or your monthly bill, please contact us at 1-800-977-8374. Upon request, VESI will provide to you up to twenty-four months of your payment history without charge. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called VESI, or 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) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). Additionally, the Ohio consumers' council (OCC) represents residential utility customers in matters before the

PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at <http://www.pickocc.org>

Emergency Service Problems: If you become aware of a gas emergency condition, or experience an unanticipated loss of gas service, you should contact the Columbia Gas of Ohio at the telephone number listed on your gas bill.

Termination/Rescission of Agreement: You may terminate / rescind your natural gas supply enrollment with VESI within seven (7) days of the post mark date of the confirmation letter from Columbia Gas of Ohio. After the initial seven (7) day period, either you or VESI may terminate the contract at any time by providing the non-terminating party thirty (30) days written notice of such termination, without penalty. You will remain responsible for all natural gas consumed by you prior to the actual termination of service. If your supply contract with VESI is terminated, your natural gas supply will automatically be provided by Columbia Gas of Ohio under its standard tariff unless or until you choose another supplier. If you voluntarily terminate participation in Wayne Township's natural gas governmental aggregation program, you may be charged a price other than the Columbia Gas of Ohio regulated sales service rate. **There will be no early termination fees associated with Village of Warsaw's program.** Service will automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the requested service location is not served by Columbia Gas of Ohio; (2) you move outside the Columbia Gas of Ohio service area or to an area not served by VESI; or (3) VESI terminates your supply agreement and returns you as a customer to Columbia Gas of Ohio. You have the right to terminate natural gas service with VESI, without penalty, for any reason at any time.

Program Compliance: Columbia Gas of Ohio's deregulation program is subject to the ongoing jurisdiction of the PUCO. If the PUCO cancels the program, this contract is rendered void with no penalty to either party. The laws of the State of Ohio will govern the terms of natural gas supply.

VESI's rate excludes Columbia Gas of Ohio charges and taxes. Natural gas service is subject to enrollment processing timelines as determined by Columbia Gas of Ohio and VESI's aforementioned Terms and Conditions of Service. To be eligible to participate in Village of Warsaw's natural gas aggregation program, you must: (1) have a residence or business located in the Village of Warsaw; (2) be eligible to receive natural gas from Columbia Gas of Ohio; (3) meet Ohio non-mercantile requirements; (4) be current with your natural gas payments or payment arrangements; (5) not be enrolled in the PIPP program; and (6) currently not taking natural gas supply service from another natural gas marketer.

If you believe you received this letter in error, or are not located in the Village of Warsaw, please contact VESI to remove your account from our aggregation list.

P.S. Remember to return the below Opt-Out form only if you do not want to participate in the Village of Warsaw's Natural Gas Government Aggregation Program.

OPT-OUT FORM FOR THE VILLAGE OF WARSAW GOVERNMENT AGGREGATION PROGRAM

☐ **I wish to opt out of my community's natural gas savings program. (Check box to opt out.)**

Service Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Account Number (located at the top of your Columbia Gas bill): _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Account Holder's signature: _____

Mail by: March 30, 2018 To: Village of Warsaw Government Aggregation Program, 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147

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