

August 27, 2020

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**RE: Electric Governmental Aggregation Opt-Out Notice for the City of Barberton  
(Case Number 01-0736-EL-GAG)**

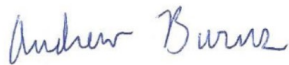
Attached please find the Opt-out Aggregation Notice being sent to newly eligible residential and commercial accounts in Barberton's Electric Aggregation Program. Please file this under Case number 01-0736-EL-GAG.

The mailing is currently scheduled to begin on or after September 11, 2020 and the opt-out period is currently scheduled to end on or after October 2, 2020. Energy Harbor is the supplier to the program and the local utility company is Ohio Edison.

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. is providing aggregation consulting services to Barberton and is filing this letter on their behalf.

If you have any additional needs or questions, please call me at 330-995-2675 or email me at [aburns@naturalgas-electric.com](mailto:aburns@naturalgas-electric.com)

Sincerely,



Andrew Burns  
Government Aggregation Manager

Attachments

September 11, 2020



**Opt-Out Deadline**

October 2, 2020

### Electric Aggregation Enrollment Notification

**Dear Resident or Small Business,**

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program which provides you with exclusive pricing on the electric generation portion of your electric bill. This is possible through governmental aggregation, a community purchasing program where community officials use group buying power to purchase electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. This program was approved by voters in your community in November 2000.

#### How You Benefit

By participating in this aggregation program, you will receive the following exclusive pricing on your electric generation:

	Your Electric Utility	Fixed Price	Term End	Early Termination Fee
<b>Residential</b>	Ohio Edison	5.17 cents per kWh	May 2021	None
<b>Small Business</b>	Ohio Edison	5.17 cents per kWh	May 2021	None

Energy Harbor has been selected by your community to provide 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 continue the benefits of the program.

#### Same Reliable Service

Your electric utility will continue to maintain the system that delivers power to your home or business – no new poles or wires will be built by Energy Harbor. You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility with your Energy Harbor charges included. There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and **you do not need to do anything to participate.**

#### Enrollment Information

If you are not currently receiving electric generation from Energy Harbor, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your selection of Energy Harbor as your electric generation provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your contract with Energy Harbor within seven days of its postmark. To become 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.

#### Opt-Out Information

If you are a new member of the program, your future bills will reflect the electric price listed above from Energy Harbor 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 your community program, you have until the opt-out deadline to return the attached "opt-out" form below. 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 or 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.

Please refer to the enclosed Terms and Conditions and FAQs for more information. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to handle questions regarding your community-approved electric aggregation program. If you have any questions, please call Energy Harbor toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

**City of Barberton**

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#### City of Barberton OPT-OUT FORM

##### **Option 1: Do Nothing to Join**

You will be enrolled automatically if you do not respond to this letter.

**OR**

##### **Option 2: Return this Opt-Out Form**

To opt out, this form must be received by Energy Harbor by the deadline.

##### **Opt-Out Deadline**

October 2, 2020

Service Address (City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return opt-out form to:** Community Electric Aggregation Program c/o Energy Harbor, 168 E Market St, Akron, Ohio 44308

## Community Electric Aggregation Program FAQs v.5.20

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

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

### **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 by simply not returning the opt-out form.

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

The information in your letter states if your price is fixed, variable, or variable based on a tiered pricing structure. If you have a fixed price, the price you will receive each month does not change. With a variable price, 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 Energy Harbor will also change each month. If you receive a variable price, based on a tiered pricing structure, your initial price will remain consistent each month through the meter-read date of the first tier outlined in your Agreement's Terms & Conditions. At that time, your price will change but then remain consistent each month for the rest of your Agreement.

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

You'll know you are saving money as long as your price with Energy Harbor is lower than your utility's Price to Compare (PTC). To estimate your savings on a % off discount, locate the PTC on your electric bill. Divide your PTC by 100, then multiply it by the % discount (ex: 6% = 0.06) to determine your savings per kWh. Multiply this by your total monthly usage for an average monthly savings estimate.

### **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 Energy Harbor is coming to an end, and this is your opportunity to either opt out or continue the benefits of the program.

### **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 Energy Harbor, 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 by the Opt-Out Deadline, you will be included in your community's governmental aggregation program and will receive competitively priced electricity from Energy Harbor.

### **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 received by the Opt-Out Deadline.

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

Yes, you may leave the aggregation program at any time.

### **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 PUCO and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (1-800-686-7826).

### **If I join the aggregation, will Energy Harbor continue or allow me to begin to budget bill my supplier charges?**

For customers in Toledo Edison, The Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison and Duke Energy your utility includes supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. No action is necessary to continue that service. However, budget billing supplier charges are limited in AEP Ohio's and DP&L's service areas and Energy Harbor will not automatically budget the generation portion of your electric bill. If you are currently on a budget billing program with your utility and have at least 10 months of usage at your service address, please call 1-866-636-3749, to determine if a budget billing offer through Energy Harbor is available in your community.

### **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.

### **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 still be responsible for delivering power to your home or business, reading your meter and restoring power after an outage.

### **Who is Energy Harbor?**

Energy Harbor is a fully integrated retail energy provider and independent power producer capable of generating substantial carbon-free energy. The company proudly serves nearly one million residential, commercial and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan.

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

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used before this Agreement is cancelled, as well as any late payment charges. If you have 12 months of billing history and you are enrolled in budget billing with the EDU, you can enroll in a budget billing program once per year. At the end of the contract term, you are responsible for payment of any outstanding balance upon final contract true up. Energy Harbor reserves the right to adjust your monthly budget amount prior to final contract true up. If you enroll in budget billing, then choose not to be in the program or if you become two consecutive monthly payments overdue, you will be removed from budget billing, your account will be reconciled, and you will be billed for the outstanding budget balance on your next billing cycle. Failure to pay electric utility charges may result in you being disconnected in accordance with your EDU's tariff.

**Penalties, Fees and Exceptions:** If you do not pay the full amount owed Energy Harbor by the due date of the bill, Energy Harbor may charge a 1.5% per month late payment fee.

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**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 Energy Harbor. You authorize Energy Harbor 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. Energy Harbor reserves the sole right to determine if your credit standing is satisfactory before accepting your enrollment request. This Agreement shall be considered executed by Energy Harbor following acceptance of your enrollment request by Energy Harbor, the end of the 7-day rescission period, and subsequent acceptance of the enrollment by your EDU.

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**Miscellaneous:** You have the right to request from Energy Harbor, twice within a 12-month period, up to 24 months of payment history, without charge. Energy Harbor will not release your Social Security number and/or account number(s) without your written consent except for Energy Harbor's collections and reporting, participating in programs funded by the universal service fund, pursuant to ORC section 4928.54, or assigning a customer's contract to another CRES provider. Energy Harbor's environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website [www.energyharbor.com](http://www.energyharbor.com). Energy Harbor will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website and will also provide the information upon request. Energy Harbor may assign its rights to another CRES provider, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO. Energy Harbor 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. You are responsible for providing Energy Harbor with accurate account information. If said information is incorrect, Energy Harbor reserves the right to reprice the applicable account(s) or terminate the Agreement. Energy Harbor 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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**in**

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