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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: Natural Gas Governmental Aggregator Renewal Application Case Number 08-1308-GA-GAG

The Board of Trumbull County Commissioners is pleased to submit its renewal application for natural gas governmental aggregator. The original of the filing is enclosed. The original application was docketed as case number 08-1308-GA-GAG.

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (330) 730-4338.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bellish
President

Enclosure

Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

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RENEWAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OHIO NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

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

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SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

A-1 Renewal Applicant information:

Legal Name Board of Trumbull County Commissioners
Address 160 High Street NW, Warren, Ohio 44481
Telephone No. (330) 675-2451 Web site address commissioners.co.trumbull.oh.us
Current PUCO Certificate Number 09-142G Effective Dates 01/20/2019 - 01/20/2021

A-2 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters:

Name Thomas M. Bellish Title President
Business Address 66 East Mill Street, Akron, Ohio 44308
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Name Thomas M. Bellish Title President
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A-4 Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints:

Customer service address 66 East Mill Street, Akron, Ohio 44308
Toll-Free Telephone No. (866) 302-2237 Fax No. Email Address tb@buckeyeenergybrokers.com

SECTION B - APPLICANT AUTHORITY AND AGGREGATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED

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

Applicant Signature and Title



Sworn and subscribed before me this 17th day of November Month 2020 Year

Signature of official administering oath



Print Name and Title

Kelly CLARKE

My commission expires on

September 29, 2023



KELLY J. CLARKE

**NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF OHIO**

**My Commission Expires
September 29, 2023**



The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation
Affidavit Form
(Version 1.07)

In the Matter of the Application of)

Board of Trumbull County Commissioners)

for a Certificate or Renewal Certificate to Provide)
Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Service in)
Ohio.

Case No. 08-1308 -GA-GAG

County of Trumbull

State of Ohio

Frank S. Fuda, President

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

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

Affiant Signature & Title

Frank S. Fuda

Sworn and subscribed before me this

17th

day of

November

Month

2020

Year

Kelly Clarke

Signature of Official Administering Oath

KELLY CLARKE

Print Name and Title

My commission expires on

9/29/2023



KELLY J. CLARKE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF OHIO

My Commission Expires
September 29, 2023

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The Board of County Commissioners, Trumbull County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 10th of December, 2008, in the office of said Board, with the following members present:

Daniel E. Polivka, President
Frank S. Fuda, Commissioner
Paul E. Heltzel, Commissioner

Exhibit B-1
Authorizing Ordinance

**RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
PROPOSED NATURAL GAS
AGGREGATION PLAN OF OPERATION
AND GOVERNANCE**

MOTION: Made by Mr. Heltzel, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to adopt the following Resolution, pursuant to ORC §4929.26.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Trumbull County, Ohio, adopted a resolution on August 6, 2008, duly recorded in Journal Volume 131, Page 13645, directing the Trumbull County Board of Elections to place natural gas aggregation on the ballot, with said ballot question receiving a majority of the vote cast at the November 4, 2008 General Election; and

WHEREAS, all legal publications and other notifications have been provided as required; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings on the Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance were held on December 9, 2008 and December 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. respectively, in the Commissioners Hearing Room, County Administration Building, 5th Floor, 160 High Street NW, Warren, OH 44481; and

WHEREAS, any comments or suggestions regarding said Plan have been considered and incorporated as deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Proposed Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof the same as though rewritten herein in full.

Roll call resulted as follows:

Paul E. Heltzel, YEA
Frank S. Fuda, YEA
Daniel E. Polivka, YEA

Adopted: December 10, 2008

CERTIFICATION

I, Paulette A. Godfrey, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Trumbull County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners on December 10, 2008, and is duly recorded in their Journal Volume 131 Page(s) 13984-13985.

TRUMBULL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
10 High Street, N.W.
Warren, OH 44481

TELEPHONE
724.575.2451

Paulette A. Godfrey - pm
Paulette A. Godfrey, Clerk/Interim Administrator
Board of County Commissioners

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Exhibit B-2 "Operation & Governance Plan"

**NATURAL GAS
AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**PLAN OF OPERATION
AND GOVERNANCE**

TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO



Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

For additional information contact Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.:

**Thomas M. Bellish
President
Ph: (330) 730-4338**

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(A) Introduction

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4929.26 regarding governmental automatic aggregation of Natural Gas service. Trumbull County ("County") Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail Natural Gas loads of consumers located in the County to negotiate the best rates for the supply of Natural Gas. It has the potential to combine approximately 25,000 residential and commercial customers into a buying pool that will be attractive to third party suppliers ("Suppliers"). Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer ("Member") has the opportunity to decline to be a Member of the aggregation program and to return to Dominion East Ohio Gas ("Local Utility") Standard Service Offer service or to enter into a service contract with any competitive retail Natural Gas supplier.

At the November 2008 general election, local residents authorized the County to create a municipal opt-out natural gas aggregation program (the "Aggregation Program") as provided under section 4929.26(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the opt-out natural gas Aggregation Program, all eligible natural gas consumers within the County's corporation limits initially were automatically included in the Aggregation Program. However, all consumers were also given the opportunity to opt-out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program as detailed herein. The County will follow the Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan") outlined below. This Plan will not be adopted until two public hearings are held in accordance with section 4929.26(C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) Operation and Governance Plan Detail

(1) Description of Services and Professional Assistance

The process of governmental aggregation is set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4929. The chapter defines two different types of aggregation that may be enacted by a governmental entity opt-in aggregation and opt-out aggregation. Opt-in aggregation can occur only with the prior consent of each Natural Gas consumer. That is, the consumer must give its consent to be included in the Program. Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all Natural Gas consumers within the County will be automatically included in the Program. However, such customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the Program. These customers can opt-out during a 21-day period. A similar opt-out period will be offered at least every two years during which Members can leave the County's aggregation pool without paying a switching fee.

Due to the complexity of deregulation of the Natural Gas utility industry, the County will consult with and obtain the necessary expertise to represent and help administer the Program. The County has passed an Ordinance to contract with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc., a PUCO certified electric broker and aggregator with mailing address of 8870 Darrow Road #F106 Twinsburg, Ohio 44087 to provide the following energy-consulting services:

- Handle day-to-day administration of program (problem Ordinance, press releases, PUCO compliance, supplier & local utility liaison, tariff analysis, contract review, etc.)
- File for PUCO Certification so the County can work with any supplier
- Administer the Request for Proposal process, analyze responses and provide deal structuring services
- Write and maintain the Plan of Operation and Governance
- Hold the required Public Hearings and attend Trustee meetings
- Review customer data from Local Utility
- Write reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the County and the PUCO

The County through its consultant, Buckeye Energy Brokers (Buckeye), will seek bids and negotiate with Certified Natural Gas Suppliers. The County will not assume title to Natural Gas. It will not buy and resell natural gas to the participants of the program. Instead, the County will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a competitive retail Natural Gas supplier to provide natural gas supply to the members of the aggregation program. Similarly, the County will not handle billing or scheduling of natural gas. Those responsibilities rest with the selected Supplier and Local Utility.

Only Suppliers meeting strict criteria will be considered. Suppliers will need to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and registered with the Local Utility to do business in their service territory. Both the certification and registration ensure that Suppliers are managerially, technically, and financially competent to perform the services they offer.

The successful bidder shall also demonstrate its creditworthiness by possessing an investment grade long-term bond ratings from at least two of the following rating agencies:

Standard & Poors	BBB or Higher
Moody's Investors' Services	Baa3 or Higher

If the bidder is unable to demonstrate its creditworthiness, the bidder will provide: a Letter of Credit; or a Parental Guaranty from a company that is deemed creditworthy or a Surety Bond. Details of the credit type and amount will be subject to negotiation.

The County will rely on its consultant Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to monitor and report on a quarterly basis. Buckeye Energy will track the performance of the selected Supplier, report on estimated savings and provide an analysis of current and future market conditions. Reports will be provided to the Administrator and Trustees. Members wishing to view the reports should make arrangements to do so by contacting the County during normal working hours.

(2) Determination of Rates

The County shall receive proposals from Natural Gas suppliers using a competitive selection process. The Request For Proposal ("RFP") shall require the suppliers to offer a natural gas rate for each customer class, load grouping or other appropriate category. It is

the responsibility of each Member to compare the rate with others and decide accordingly. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the County after negotiations with the selected Supplier. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program as part of the opt-out process, through a direct mailing sent to each resident and business within the County limits. The following rate comparison will be completed once the County has selected a supplier.

Customer Class	Rate Class	Supplier Offer (\$/Mcf)	Term
Residential	"Energy Choice"		
Commercial	"Energy Choice"		

Members will be responsible for all other billable charges, such as, taxes, transportation charges, monthly service charge, etc. The contract negotiated with the selected supplier will fall somewhere in the range of 1-4 years commencing on the first possible meter read date.

(3) Plan for Providing Opt-out Notice

The Opt-out notice will be drafted in conjunction with the County, the selected Supplier and Buckeye. Buckeye will also verify the accuracy of the list by using several means, such as, maps, 9-1-1 records, County records, local utility lists, etc. Members will have a 21-day period to opt-out by returning a post card to the selected supplier or calling their toll-free number.

(4) Process for Determining the Pool of Customers

The County will provide a letter to the supplier authorizing the supplier to obtain the list of Eligible Customers from the Local Utility and will be relying on the Local Utility to provide an accurate list of eligible customers. Buckeye and the selected supplier will use that list and remove customer records that have returned opt-out forms or are PIPP customers or are non-"Energy Choice" customers. This data would be the final basis for the County's pool of customers and would be turned over to the selected supplier to facilitate switching.

The Local Utility shall notify each affected Member of the pending transfer through a 7-day right of rescission letter. Service under the new Supplier shall begin at the start of the billing period following the transfer. Service under the Program shall include all customer classes in adherence with universal service principles and requirements, and the traditional non-discriminatory practices of local government. Contracts with all Suppliers shall contain provisions to maintain these principles and equitable treatment of all customer classes. Existing customers in the County currently receiving natural gas through an alternate supplier will become eligible upon contract expiration only.

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

- Are up to date with their bill payment;
- Have not opted-out of the program;
- Are currently with the Local Utility;
- Are classified as non-mercantile;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission;
- Are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); and
- New Members may opt-in to the Program upon contract expiration with an alternate supplier. These Members will need to contact the Program Supplier for enrollment information. The Program Supplier has a right of refusal in accordance with Section 8 of this plan.

(5) Customer Billing Procedures

The County will utilize the coordinated billing services of the Local Utility and the selected Supplier. It is anticipated that all Members will receive a single bill from the Local Utility. Members will maintain or choose options that include: budget billing, automatic payments and Internet payment.

(6) Credit and Deposit Policies

Collection and credit procedures remain the responsibility of the Local Utility, the selected Supplier and the individual Member. Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of the Local Utility. This Program will not be responsible for late or no payment on the part of any of its members. The County will have no separate credit or deposit policy.

(7) Governmental Aggregator's Customer Service Procedures & Dispute Ordinance

Members will have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability and billing should be directed to the Local Utility. They continue to read meters handle billing and generally have the most information about a customer's account. Questions regarding the Program administration should go to Buckeye, and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Listed below is a table of toll-free numbers for members to call for assistance.

Nature of Complaint	Contact	Phone Number
Service interruptions or emergencies, Service turn on/off, Billing disputes	Dominion East Ohio Gas	1-800-362-7557
Joining/Leaving Program	Supplier	See Opt-Out Notice
Aggregation Program Questions	Buckeye Energy Brokers	1-866-302-2237
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Commission	1-800-686-7826
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Comm. TDD/TTY	1-800-686-1570

If a dispute cannot be resolved, legal action involving any and all disputes arising under or relating to this Program may be brought in a court of the State of Ohio or a Federal

District Court. This program shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Ohio.

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

Residents and/or businesses that move into the County will not be automatically included in the program. If this policy changes, residents and/or businesses will be provided an opportunity to opt-out. They may also contact the County or its Supplier at any time to obtain enrollment information. There is however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants. Suppliers are unable to hold price offerings for an unlimited amount of time.

Members moving within the aggregation area with new account numbers may cancel the agreement. If the member does not cancel the agreement, the supplier, is required to automatically continue the offer under a new account number. In addition, Members should request that their local utility transfer their same supplier and offer to their new address.

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

Members moving within the aggregation area with the same account number may cancel the agreement without penalty, pursuant to the procedures set forth in rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Administrative Code. If the member does not cancel the agreement, the supplier shall automatically continue the offer under the same account number.

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

Residents desiring to join the program at a later date will be treated similar to residents moving into the County. They will need to contact the County or its Supplier to obtain enrollment information. They will follow an opt-in approach. There is however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants. Suppliers are unable to hold price offerings for an unlimited amount of time, and if County asks for such a requirement, the price offering received from suppliers will be higher to reflect the greater risk. Residents opting-in to the County's program will be responsible for knowing if there is a switching fee for leaving their current supplier.

(C) Availability of Plan of Operation and Governance

This Plan shall be kept available for public inspection and shall, upon request, be copied for any existing or potential customers of the aggregation.

(D) Altering the Plan of Operation and Governance

A governmental aggregator shall not alter its operation and governance plan in any way that would materially affect the customers of the aggregation without first providing notice to all affected customers and providing these customers the opportunity to opt-out of the aggregation according to the procedures established for the initial opt-out disclosure notice set forth in rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Administrative Code. The notice shall set forth the changes to the plan, inform the customer of its right to opt-out of the aggregation without penalty, and identify the method and time frame for the customer to opt-out.

(E) Certification Prior To Sending Opt-out Notices

No governmental aggregator shall send an opt-out disclosure notice to potential customers of an aggregation prior to the governmental aggregator being certified by the commission.

(F) Opt-out Disclosure Policies

- (1) Prior to including a customer's natural gas account or accounts in an aggregation, the County shall provide each eligible customer written notice that the customer's account(s) will be automatically included in the aggregation unless the customer affirmatively opts out of the aggregation. The notice shall, at a minimum, include:

- (A) A summary of the actions that the County took to authorize the aggregation.
- (B) A description of the services that the County will be provide under the aggregation.
- (C) Disclosure of the price that the Supplier will charge customers for competitive retail natural gas service. The price shall be expressed in dollars and/or cents per hundred cubic feet of gas ("Ccf") or thousand cubic feet of gas ("Mcf"), depending on the unit that is used by the natural gas company that serves the customer. If a variable rate is offered, it shall be accompanied by an understandable description of the factors that will cause the price to vary (including any associated indices) and disclosure of how frequently the rate will change. If different rates will be charged to different rate classes within the aggregation, the County shall disclose the applicable rate(s) to customers within the various rate classes.
- (D) An itemized list and explanation of all fees and charges that are not incorporated into the rates charged for natural gas that the County or Supplier will charge the customer for participating in the aggregation, including any applicable switching fees or early termination penalties. These switching fees and/or early termination penalties shall not apply to a customer that moves out of the governmental aggregator's territory.
- (E) Disclosure of the dates covered by the aggregation, including an estimated service commencement date and notice that the customer may opt-out of the aggregation at least every two years without penalty.
- (F) Disclosure of any credit and/or deposit policies and requirements.

- (G) Disclosure of any limitations or conditions on customer acceptance into the aggregation.
- (H) A description of the process and associated time period for customers to opt-out of the aggregation. The process shall include provisions for customers to return a post card or similar notice to the governmental aggregator or its agent. The process may include, in addition, other opt-out methods, such as telephonic or Internet notice, provided that these methods provide for verification of a customer's election to opt-out of the aggregation. The time period for a customer to choose to opt-out of the aggregation shall extend at least twenty-one days from the date of the post mark on the written notice. A customer's return post card or notice that is post marked before the opt-out deadline has elapsed shall be deemed to have opted out.
- (I) A local or toll-free telephone number that customers can call with questions regarding the formation or operation of the aggregation, including associated calling hours.
- (2) At least every two years from the establishment of its initial aggregation pool, a governmental aggregator shall provide notice to all customers served by the aggregation of their right to opt-out of the aggregation without penalty. This notice shall follow the procedures established for the initial opt-out notice set forth in this rule and shall prominently disclose to customers all changes to the terms and conditions associated with the aggregation.
- (3) No governmental aggregator or retail natural gas supplier serving a governmental aggregation shall impose any terms, conditions, fees, or charges on any customer served by a governmental aggregation unless the particular term, condition, fee, or charge was clearly disclosed to the customer at the time the customer chose not to opt-out of the aggregation.
- (4) To assist its preparation and dissemination of required opt-out notices, the County will provide a letter to the supplier authorizing the supplier to obtain the list of Eligible Customers from the Local Utility and will be relying on the Local Utility to provide an accurate list of eligible customers consistent with division (A) of rule 4901:1-28-05 of the Administrative Code. The governmental aggregator shall not, without the customer's express written consent, disclose or use for any purpose other than formation and operation of its aggregation a customer's account number or social security number or any customer information regarding customers who had opted-off of a natural gas company's pre-enrollment list. Before a governmental aggregator releases any customer account number, social security number, or any information related to a customer who has opted off of a natural gas company's pre-enrollment list, the governmental aggregator shall obtain the customer's signature on a release. The release shall be on a separate piece of paper. The release shall be clearly identified on its face as a release of personal information and all text on the release shall be in at least 16-point type. The following statements shall appear prominently on the release, just prior to the signature, in type larger and darker than the type in the surrounding sentences: I realize that, under the rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, I may refuse to allow (name of aggregator) to release the information set forth above. By my signature, I freely give (name of aggregator) permission to release the information designated above. The information that the governmental aggregator seeks to release shall be specified on the form. Forms requiring a

customer to circle or to check off preprinted types of information to be released may not be used.

- (5) The County shall use its best efforts to ensure that only eligible customer accounts within its governmental boundaries and customers who have not opted-out are included in its aggregation. If ineligible accounts, accounts from outside of the governmental aggregator's governmental boundaries, or accounts for customers who opted-out of the aggregation are switched to the governmental aggregation, the governmental aggregator upon notification of such a switch shall promptly contact the natural gas company to have the customer switched back to the customer's former supplier. The governmental aggregator shall reimburse the customer for any switching fees that were paid by the customer as a result of the switch. In addition, if the customer's former rate was less than the rate charged by the governmental aggregator, then the governmental aggregator shall reimburse the customer the difference between the customer's former rate and the governmental aggregator's rate multiplied by the customer's usage during the time that the customer was served by the governmental aggregator.

(G) Cooperation Between Natural Gas Companies and Governmental Aggregators

- (1) Pursuant to O.A.C. section 4901:1-28-05, it is expected natural gas company shall cooperate with governmental aggregators to facilitate the proper formation and functioning of governmental aggregations. To assist a certified governmental aggregator's compliance with the opt-out disclosure notice requirements established in division (D) of section 4929.26 of the Revised Code, upon request, the natural gas company shall provide, on a best efforts basis, an updated list of names, account numbers, service and mailing address, rate schedules (class and subclass), applicable riders, load profile reference category, meter type, interval meter data indicator, budget bill indicator, meter read date or schedule, and historical consumption data for each of the most recent twelve months for all customers residing within the governmental aggregator's boundaries. Except for inclusion of information for customers who have opted-off and account numbers, the customer information contained in such list shall be consistent with any pre-enrollment list that is provided to retail natural gas suppliers.
- (2) Charges and/or fees for services and information provided to governmental aggregators by natural gas companies shall be published in an approved tariff filed with the commission.
- (3) Unless the customer notifies the natural gas company of the customer's intent to not join a governmental aggregation by returning a confirmation notice or providing some other notice as provided by the natural gas company's tariffs, a natural gas company shall switch customer accounts to or from a governmental aggregation under the same processes and time frames provided in published tariffs for switching other customer accounts.

Governmental Aggregation Filing

Exhibit B-3 "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure"

The Opt-out notice will be drafted in conjunction with the County, the selected Supplier and Buckeye Energy Brokers (Buckeye). Buckeye will also verify the accuracy of the list by using several means, such as, maps, 9-1-1 records, County records, list providers, etc. Members will have a 21-day period to opt-out by returning a post card to the selected supplier or calling their toll-free number.

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

- Are up to date with their bill payment;
- Have not opted-out of the program;
- Are currently with the Local Utility;
- Are classified as non-mercantile;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission;
- Are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); and
- New Members may opt-in to the Program upon contract expiration with an alternate supplier. These Members will need to contact the Program Supplier for enrollment information. The Program Supplier has a right of refusal in accordance with Section 8 of this plan.

Exhibit B-4 "Opt Out Notice"

County **FROM THE COUNTY OF _____**
Logo #BWNGQBJ
Here «FIRSTNAME» «LASTNAME»
«MAILINGADDRESS»
«MAILINGCITY» «MAILINGSTATE» «MAILINGZIP»

_____ Energy Services
Mailing Address
City, State XXXX-XXXX

Dear «FirstName» «LastName»

As you are aware, you have the right to choose your natural gas provider. Consumers also have the right to band together to negotiate better terms than may be available to them as individuals. The County of _____ has created just such a purchasing group for homes and businesses located in the County limits. The best news is that you do not have to do anything to benefit from our purchasing group. If you do not want to participate in our purchasing group – i.e., if you want to 'opt-out', you must fill out the attached Opt-Out Election Form and mail it to _____ Energy within 21 days of the postmark of this letter. If you do not do this, you will be automatically enrolled in our aggregation group.

How did we do this?

On _____, 200____, we adopted an ordinance approving the creation of a program that automatically aggregates natural gas consumers within our County limits in order to maximize the buying power of our citizens ("Program"). In _____, the County voters authorized us to create this purchasing group. Since that time, we have: (a) become certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") as a Government Aggregator; (b) approved a Plan of Operation and Governance ("Governance Plan"); and (c) chosen _____ Energy Services, Co., ("_____ Energy") to be the Program's natural gas supplier. Our Governance Plan is on file with the Commission and is available in the County's office for your review.

What will _____ Energy Do?

_____ Energy will supply natural gas to you as a member of the Program. DEO will continue to maintain the distribution system and provide for the reliable delivery of natural gas to your home or business. DEO will also read the meter and provide a single bill containing both its charges and _____ Energy's charges. It will be your responsibility to pay the total amount due. If you fail to pay any portion of the bill, you may be removed from the program.

How much will _____ Energy charge? What are the terms of service?

_____ Energy's service to you will be governed by the attached Terms and Conditions¹ ("T&C") and by our Governance Plan. We have selected a _____ Energy pricing plan that we think will provide you the piece of mind you want when purchasing natural gas. You will have a stable commodity price during the winter months to ensure you do not experience any price spikes when you are using most of your natural gas and a variable price in the summer months when demand for natural gas is low. The stable winter commodity price will apply to the _____ through _____ bill cycles and the variable summer commodity price will apply to the _____ through _____ bill cycles. The stable commodity prices that _____ Energy will charge you through your _____ bill cycle are shown in the attached T&C. After

¹ This letter is intended to provide you with a brief summary of your terms of service. If there is any conflict, the language of the T&C shall take priority over any language contained in this letter.

that, your summer variable price will be determined as described in the attached T&C and we will work with _____ Energy to determine the stable commodity price for the _____ to _____ period. Please see the attached T&C for specific details regarding these prices, other charges and important limitations.

When will my service start?

Your account will be enrolled by _____ Energy commencing with your _____ bill cycle. If this changes you will be notified of what your options are. Under our agreement, _____ Energy will continue to provide your natural gas through your _____ bill cycle. At that time, you may leave the Program without penalty. However, if you leave the Program before then you may be charged a \$XX administrative fee. We will work to extend our agreement with _____ Energy through your _____ bill cycle. We will notify you if we extend this Program with _____ Energy. If we do, you will be given an opportunity to opt-out of any extensions.

How do I join the program?

If you want to participate in the program, you do not need to do anything. You will be automatically enrolled. However, if you would rather not participate at this time you must return the attached Opt-Out Election form indicating you do not want to join our purchasing group. To not be enrolled in the Program, your Opt-Out Election form must be postmarked no more than 21 calendar days from the postmark date of this letter. The Opt-Out Election form must be completely filled in and signed by the customer in whose name the DEO natural gas account is maintained. If your Opt-Out Election form is incomplete, unsigned or not post-marked on or before the required date, you will be enrolled in the Program. Consumers who elect to opt-out of the Program will continue to receive natural gas from DEO at the established tariff rates until such time as they elect an alternative supplier.

Not everyone is eligible to participate in our program. This program is only for consumers currently purchasing natural gas from DEO within the municipal boundary of the County of _____ and are otherwise legally eligible to participate. Among other things, if you are participating in a Percentage of Income Payment Plan program, you are not eligible. If you have a mercantile account with DEO, that account is not eligible. These and other customer eligibility limitations are set out in Ohio Administrative Code §4901:1-28-01(C). Importantly, if your home or business is outside the municipal boundary or is ineligible to participate, this Program is not available to you.

Additional details of the Program may be obtained from _____ Energy by writing customercare@_____.us.com, by visiting www._____.energy.com or by calling (800) XXX-XXXX. You may call _____ Energy's Customer Care Center from X:00 a.m. to X:00 p.m. Eastern Time on weekdays and from X:00 a.m. to X:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Saturdays.

Respectfully,

County Of _____

County of _____ Natural Gas Aggregation Program
Opt-Out Election Form

☐ I elect to not participate in the County of _____ Natural Gas Aggregation Program and understand that I will not be served by _____ Energy.
(please check box to make election)

DEO Account Holders Signature: _____

Date of Execution: _____

Important Notice: By returning this signed Opt-Out Election form, I affirmatively elect to not participate in the County of _____ Natural Gas Aggregation Program. By electing not to participate, I understand that I will forego the benefits of the program that include receiving natural gas from _____ Energy. I understand that if I choose to opt-out of the County of _____ Natural Gas Aggregation Program, I must fully complete this Opt-Out Election form and mail it to _____ Energy within 21 days of the post-mark of the letter accompanying this form. My Opt-Out Election form must be post marked by this date for my opt-out election to be effective. If my Opt-Out Election form is not post marked by this date or is incomplete, I understand that the natural gas service to the service address shown below will be automatically enrolled in the County of _____ Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

I assume all responsibility to send the Opt-Out Election form to: _____ Energy Services, Address, City, State XXXXX-XXXX, attn: County of _____ Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Please note: For your election to be effective, the information provided below must match the information contained in your natural gas utility bill for the account tied to the natural gas service that you receive in the County of _____.

NAME on Natural Gas Utility Account:

«FirstName» «LastName»

SERVICE ADDRESS on Natural Gas Utility Account (Street address, City, State & Zip code):

«PremiseAddress», «PremiseCity», «PremiseState», «PremiseZip»

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from Service Address) (Street address, City, State & Zip code):

«MailingAddress», «MailingCity», «MailingState», «MailingZip»

Please fill in the phone number below in the event we need to contact you regarding information on this form. (NOTE: Your telephone number will not be shared with others or be used for direct solicitation.)

Account Holder's telephone number (OPTIONAL):

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If you wish to Opt-Out of the County Natural Gas Aggregation Program,
Please complete this Opt-Out Election form and mail to:

ATTN: County of _____ Natural Gas Aggregation Program
_____ Energy Services
Mailing Address
City, State XXXXX-XXXX

COUNTY OF _____
GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM
TERMS AND CONDITIONS - DEO SERVICE AREA
("T&C")

1. **Terms and Conditions.** The County of _____ provide the following Terms and Conditions ("T&C") to customers served by Dominion East Ohio ("DEO") that are eligible to be served by the County's opt-out governmental aggregation program ("Opt-Out Program"). This T&C along with the County's Plan of Operation and Governance set out your rights and obligations under the Opt-Out Program. We ask that you please take a moment to familiarize yourself with this document. We entered an agreement ("Agreement") with _____ Energy Services Company, L.L.C. ("_____ Energy") regarding the sale of natural gas to members of our Opt-Out Program. The Agreement is available for your review at our offices.

The terms "we," "us," "our" and any derivations thereof refer to the County. The terms "you," "your" and any derivations thereof refer to the retail natural gas customer in the DEO service territory that is a member of our Opt-Out Program and is successfully enrolled by _____ Energy with DEO.

2. **Term.** _____ Energy's service to you is expected to begin with your _____ 200__ Bill Cycle. _____ Energy will continue to provide your natural gas through your _____ 200__ Bill Cycle, subject to certain conditions set forth in this T&C. Subject to DEO's Tariff, _____ Energy Supply to you shall begin on the first available meter reading cycle after DEO processes your switch request and shall end on the last day of the eighteenth (18th) following Bill Cycle.

3. **Supply of Natural Gas.** For the duration of this Agreement, through the Opt-Out Program, with the County acting as your agent, _____ Energy has agreed with us to sell to you and you agree to buy from _____ Energy the natural gas that you consume to meet all of your residential and/or commercial natural gas needs for the natural gas accounts listed in the "Opt-Out Notice" ("Notice") accompanying this T&C ("Supply"). _____ Energy will only supply the natural gas commodity. DEO will continue to be responsible for the delivery of natural gas to you and for other related services ("Service").

4. **Price.** Depending on your Bill Cycle, _____ Energy will charge you a different price for the Supply. A bill cycle contains beginning and ending meter readings and is determined by DEO ("Bill Cycle"). These prices shown below are exclusive of any applicable state or local taxes and DEO's service and delivery charges. Your delivered price will also include all applicable taxes and DEO charges.

a. For _____ 200__ Cycle, _____ Energy will charge you \$X.XX/Mcf for the natural gas for which you are billed in your _____ 200__ Bill Cycle.

b. For _____ 200__ through _____ 200__ Bill Cycles, _____ Energy will charge you \$X.XX/Mcf for the natural gas for which you are billed in your _____ 200__ through _____ 200__ Bill Cycles, inclusive.

c. For _____ 200__ through _____ 200__ Bill Cycles. For each Bill Cycle, _____ Energy will charge you a variable price for the natural gas for which you are billed in your _____ 200__ through _____ 200__ Bill Cycles, inclusive. For each Bill Cycle _____ Energy will calculate the variable price for natural gas based on the applicable NYMEX natural gas futures contract settlement prices plus a fixed amount and convert that sum to a price per Mcf. The methodology which will be used to calculate the variable price is described more fully in Exhibit D of the Agreement. An example of this calculation follows: for _____ bill cycles, _____ Energy will set the price to be equal to the Consumption Weighted Average of the NYMEX natural gas futures settlement prices for _____ and _____ on the last day that these contracts are traded in _____.

d. For _____ 200__ through _____ 200__ Bill Cycles, _____ Energy will charge you a stable price per unit of measure for natural gas for which you are billed in your _____ 200__ through _____ 200__ Bill Cycles. Your price for natural gas per unit of measure will remain constant during that period. Between _____, 200__ and _____, 200__, representatives of the County of _____, will choose the day on which the _____ 200__ through _____ 200__ price is set. As more fully set out in the Exhibit D to the Agreement, _____ Energy will set this single price on the day chosen by the County based on the NYMEX natural gas futures contract settlement prices plus a fixed amount and convert that sum to a price per Mcf.

5. **Historic and Current Usage Data.** By accepting Supply from _____ Energy, you expressly authorize _____ Energy to obtain your historic and current natural gas usage data from DEO.

6. **Paying Your Bill**

a. _____ Energy will bill you once a month for the Supply. DEO will continue to provide you with monthly natural gas utility bills based on its Bill Cycles as they have in the past. _____ Energy's Supply charges will be included, and specifically identified, on the DEO bill. The DEO Bill will also include additional charges from DEO for its transmission and distribution of natural gas to your service address.

- b. You must pay _____ Energy's Supply charges by the payment due date shown on your monthly DEO bill. You remain responsible for all charges accrued by you.

7. Obtaining Account Information

You may obtain information concerning your Supply account with _____ Energy by contacting _____ Energy's Customer Care Department toll-free at (800) XXX-XXXX. This number will also be displayed on your monthly bill. _____ Energy's Customer Care Department is available from X:00 a.m. to X:00 p.m. Eastern Time on weekdays (excluding holidays) and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Saturdays.

8. Customer Inquiries and Disputes

If you have a concern regarding _____ Energy's Supply charges, please contact _____ Energy Customer Care Department toll-free at (800) XXX-XXXX or write to Mailing Address, City, State XXXXX-XXXX. _____ Energy will investigate your concerns and provide you with a status update within three (3) business days of receiving your concern. _____ Energy will provide other reports and updates that are required by PUCO, if any. If your questions are not resolved after you have contacted _____ Energy, you may notify us at (330) XXX-XXXX. You may also notify Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") by calling toll free 800-686-7826 or 1-614-466-3292, or for TDD/TTY toll free at 800-686-1570 or 1-614-466-3292, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, by visiting the PUCO website at www.puco.ohio.gov or as they otherwise specified by PUCO. Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") by calling toll free at 877-742-5622 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, visiting the OCC website at www.pickocc.org or as otherwise specified by the OCC.

9. Service Renewal

If our Agreement with _____ Energy is extended or we enter a new agreement with _____ Energy, we will notify you of the new terms and allow you an opportunity to opt-out of the Opt-Out Program at that time.

10. Rescission

DEO is required to send you a notice confirming your decision to enroll with _____ Energy. You may rescind your enrollment with _____ Energy (without penalty or fee from _____ Energy) up to seven (7) business days after the postmark on the DEO enrollment confirmation notice by either calling or writing DEO. DEO is required to place the appropriate address and phone number on its enrollment confirmation notice.

11. Termination

a. Automatic Termination

1. Your Supply from _____ Energy shall automatically terminate, without a fee from _____ Energy, if you change the physical address where you receive _____ Energy Supply to a location outside of the County's boundaries ("Boundaries").
2. Your Supply from _____ Energy shall automatically terminate, if you change the physical address where you receive _____ Energy Supply to a location within the DEO service territory, but you fail to provide _____ Energy with written or telephonic notice at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the actual change of address. If you provide written or telephonic notice to _____ Energy at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the actual change of address, then the obligations under this T&C shall transfer to the new address. If your natural gas Supply is transferred to the new location, _____ Energy's Supply at the new location will continue under the same terms as the original location through the duration of the Agreement. Regardless of when your service begins at the new location, _____ Energy's Supply to you as a member of the Opt-Out Program shall terminate at the end of your _____ 200 _____ Bill Cycle, unless our Agreement with _____ Energy is extended.
3. Your Supply from _____ Energy shall automatically terminate, without a fee from _____ Energy, if the location of the residence or place of business in which you desire to receive natural gas from _____ Energy is outside of our Boundaries.
4. Your Supply from _____ Energy shall automatically terminate if DEO terminates your ability to participate in this Opt-Out Program for any reason including, but not limited to, your failure to pay Service and/or Supply.
5. Your Supply from _____ Energy shall automatically terminate if _____ Energy returns you to the DEO commodity service pursuant to these T&C or the Agreement.
6. The automatic termination of your Supply pursuant to Sections 11(a)(1)-(11)(a)(4) of this T&C shall occur without any prior notice (written or otherwise) from _____ Energy.

b. Your Rights to Terminate

You have the right to terminate your Supply prior to the end of the your _____ 200 _____ Bill Cycle. To exercise this right, you must provide _____ Energy with written or telephonic notice at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the termination date. If _____ Energy receives this termination notice from you, _____ Energy will take the steps necessary to terminate your Supply at the earliest possible opportunity after the end of the forty-five (45) calendar day notice period.

c. _____ Energy's Rights to Terminate

1. _____ Energy may terminate your Supply if you fail to pay for the DEO bill by the due date shown on the DEO natural gas bill or if you otherwise fail to meet any other agreed upon payment arrangements. _____ Energy will give you at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior written notice of _____ Energy's intent to terminate Supply for non-payment.
 2. _____ Energy shall terminate your Supply upon the termination of the Agreement prior to the end of the _____ 200 _____ Bill Cycles.
 - d. If _____ Energy's Supply is terminated, _____ Energy will then take steps necessary to return you to DEO commodity service.
 - e. _____ Energy reserves the right to charge you and you agree to pay an early termination administrative fee of \$XX if _____ Energy's Supply to you is terminated during any December through _____ Bill Cycle, inclusive, for any reason other than those set out in Sections 10, 11(a)(1) and 11(a)(3) of this T&C. At _____ Energy's option, _____ Energy may bill you directly for this early termination administrative fee rather than including it on your DEO natural gas bill.
 - f. Your obligation to pay for any Supply shall survive the termination of your Supply and this T&C.
12. Performance Excused
- a. If an event occurs, the prevention or avoidance of which is beyond _____ Energy's control (including, but not limited to, an act of God, an extraordinary weather problem, a failure on DEO's distribution system, a civil disturbance or a national emergency), that prevents _____ Energy from performing _____ Energy's obligations under this T&C, _____ Energy's performance obligations shall be considered excused for the duration of such an event. Changes in the price of natural gas will not excuse _____ Energy performance obligation.
 - b. With thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to you, _____ Energy's performance obligations shall be considered excused, if: (a) a law or interpretation of a law makes performance of this T&C illegal; or (b) a regulatory agency, court or governing organization requires a material change to this T&C or the Agreement or new taxes or other governmental charges, fees or assessments are implemented any of which adversely and materially impacts _____ Energy or _____ Energy's ability to either perform under or enjoy the benefits of this T&C or the Agreement. This excludes the impact on _____ Energy of routine utility Standard Service Offer ("SSO") or SSO adjustments filed before the PUCO.
 - c. _____ Energy is not responsible for services provided by third parties, including the DEO.
13. Emergencies
- In case of emergencies or if you experience problems with either DEO's natural gas distribution or metering services please contact DEO toll free at 1-877-542-2630.
14. Assignment
- _____ Energy may assign or transfer its rights and obligations under this T&C and the Agreement to another approved supplier, in whole or in part. If such an assignment or transfer occurs, then the terms and pricing of this T&C will remain in place. By accepting service under this T&C, you agree to permit such transfers and assignments.
15. Governing Law
- _____ Energy's Supply to you shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio and ongoing PUCO jurisdiction.
16. Other
- a. The written notices must be sent directly to _____ Energy at the address shown above in Section 8 of this T&C. Telephonic Notices to _____ Energy must be made by calling the phone number shown above in Section 8 of this T&C.
 - b. Other than those limitations described elsewhere in this T&C, _____ Energy does not exclude consumers from purchasing its supply due to creditworthiness. _____ Energy may elect in the future to restrict its acceptance of new customers based on then disclosed creditworthiness standards.
 - c. _____ Energy has the right to utilize any and all legal methods of collection for payments due to _____ Energy.
 - d. Switching fees may apply to you under the DEO Tariff.
 - e. You have the right to request _____ Energy to provide you with up to twenty-four (24) months of your payment history for services provided under this T&C. Upon your request, _____ Energy will provide this data to you at no charge.
 - f. _____ Energy will not release your social security number and DEO account number without your affirmative written consent.
 - g. If you voluntarily return to DEO's commodity service after _____ Energy Supply to you has begun, DEO may charge you a price other than DEO's SSO rate. You should refer to DEO's tariff and Ohio Administrative Code §4901:1-29 for further information regarding this Section.
 - h. _____ Energy reserves the right to modify this T&C in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

- i. This T&C is not your contract for service with _____ Energy. We, as your aggregator, have contracted with _____ Energy on your behalf. Each Party's rights and obligations regarding the Opt-Out Program and providing Supply to you as a member of the Opt-Out Program are expressly limited to those contained in the Agreement. If there are conflicts between this T&C and the Agreement then the terms of the Agreement shall apply.

17. Warranties

- a. You warrant that you are the customer of record or otherwise eligible to be a member of the County's Opt-Out Program and receive Supply from _____ Energy as a member.
- b. _____ ENERGY MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF ANY KIND REGARDING THE NATURAL GAS SUPPLIED TO YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY'S AGGREGATION PROGRAM. _____ ENERGY MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES BEYOND THOSE EXPRESSLY STATED IN THIS STATEMENT. _____ ENERGY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Governmental Aggregation Filing

Exhibit B-5 "Experience"

The Board of Trumbull County Commissioners has a wealth of experience in negotiating, contracting and providing for common services to the County residents. Some examples of experience as a service provider are:

1. Water Service
2. Police & Fire Services
3. Parks and Recreation
4. Electric Aggregation

The Board routinely negotiates for services and supplies that benefit the residents of the County. However, due to the complexity of municipal aggregation, the County will rely on the services of Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining the Program. Buckeye Energy Brokers is a FUCO certified (00-002(1)) Electric Aggregator and Broker in the State of Ohio and has filed for natural gas aggregator/broker certification (Case number 02-1676-GA-GAG). They have experience working with over 200 buying groups in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

Contractual Arrangements for Capability Standards: If the applicant is relying upon contractual arrangements with a third-party(ies) to meet any of the certification requirements, the applicant must provide with its application all of the following:

- The County is contracting with the following consultant to provide third party assistance:

Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.
8870 Darrow Rd. #F106
Twinsburg, OH 44087
(330) 730-4338
- The County has contracted with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to assist the County in designing, implementing and maintaining its aggregation program.
- Below is a detailed summary of services being provided:
 - o Broker shall provide energy related Services, including but not limited to the following:
 - Volume data collection and verification
 - Energy savings estimates
 - Energy buying consultation
 - Write customized Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - All contact with potential energy suppliers
 - Release all necessary client information to switch energy suppliers
 - Pre-qualify any energy suppliers wishing to bid on the RFP
 - Contract negotiation and closing with selected supplier
 - Monitor energy cost savings with quarterly reports.

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The County will utilize the coordinated billing services of the Local Utility and the selected Supplier. It is anticipated that all Members will receive a single bill from the Local Utility. Members will maintain or choose options that include: budget billing, automatic payments and Internet payment.

Governmental Aggregator's Customer Service Procedures and Dispute Resolution

Members will have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability and billing should be directed to the Local Utility. They continue to read meters handle billing and generally have the most information about a customer's account. Questions regarding the Program administration should go to Buckeye, and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Listed below is a table of toll-free numbers for members to call for assistance.

Nature of Complaint	Contact	Phone Number
Service interruptions or emergencies, Service turn on/off and Billing disputes	Columbia Gas of Ohio or Dominion East Ohio	1-800-344-4077 or 1-8800-362-7557
Joining/Leaving Program	(Supplier)	
Aggregation Program Questions	Buckeye Energy Brokers	1-866-302-2237
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Commission	1-800-686-7826
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Comm. TDD/TTY	1-800-686-1570

If a dispute cannot be resolved, legal action involving any and all disputes arising under or relating to this Program may be brought in a court of the State of Ohio or a Federal District Court. This program shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Ohio.

The County shall receive proposals from Natural Gas suppliers using a competitive selection process. The Request For Proposal ("RFP") shall require the suppliers to offer a natural gas rate for each customer class, load grouping or other appropriate category. It is the responsibility of each Member to compare the rate with others and decide accordingly. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the County after negotiations with the selected Supplier. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program as part of the opt-out process, through a direct mailing sent to each resident and business within the unincorporated area limits in accordance with Section 4929.22 of the Revised Code and contained in Chapter 4901:1-29 of the Administrative Code.

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