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

RE: Electric Governmental Aggregator Renewal Application — Brown Township, Darke County, OH.

CASE # 17-0197-EL-GAG

Brown Township is pleased to submit its renewal application for electric governmental aggregator. The original application has been notarized and signed by an authorized official.

Material provided for review:

- Application for Governmental Aggregations and Affidavit
- Exhibit A-2 Authorizing Ordinance reflecting voter authorization;
- Exhibit A-3 Plan of Operation and Governance;
- Exhibit A-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure;

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

Sincerely,

Scott R. Belcastro Principal 614.425.4885 scott@electricsuppliers.org

Ohio Public Utilities Commission

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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

Please print or type all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit A-4 Opt-Out Form). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant and should be included on the electronic copy provided. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793.

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A. <u>RENEWAL INFORMATION</u>

A-1 Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, PUCO certificate number, and web site address

 Legal Name
 Brown Township, Darke County

 Address 101
 West Weller Road, Ansonia, Ohio 45303

 PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified 17-1193E(2), February 20, 2019

 Telephone #-_____Web site address (if any)

- A-2 <u>Exhibit A-2 "Authorizing Ordinance"</u> provide a copy of the ordinance or resolution authorizing the formation of a governmental aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section 4928.20(A) of the <u>Revised Code</u>.
- A-3 Exhibit A-3 "Operation and Governance Plan" provide a copy of the applicant's current plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section 4928.20(C) of the <u>Revised Code</u>. The Operation and Governance Plan explained in Exhibit A-3 should include:
 - Terms and conditions of enrollment including:
 - Rates
 - Charges
 - Switching fees, if any
 - Policies associated with customers moving into/out of aggregation area
 - Billing procedures
 - Procedures for handling complaints and disputes including the toll-free telephone number and address for customer contacts

A-4 <u>Exhibit A-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure-"Opt-out Form"</u> provide a copy of the disclosures/"opt-out" required by Section 4928.20(D) of the <u>Revised Code</u>, if its aggregation program provides for automatic aggregation in accordance with Section 4928.20(A) of the <u>Revised Code</u>. If the opt-out is in draft form, docket the final opt-out (including beginning and ending dates of the 21-day -out period and the selected CRES supplier) with the Commission within 10 days prior to providing or offering service. See #12 in the attached Affidavit.

A-5 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters

Name Scott Belcastro		
Title Principal		
Business address 1216 L	exington Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907	
Telephone # 614.425.48	35 Fax # 614.417.0410	-
E-mail address	scott@electricsuppliers.org	

A-6 Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints

Name Scott Belcastro	:			
Title Principal				4
Business address 121	16 Lexington Av	e., Suite 30	1, Mansfield, OH 44907	
Telephone # 614.425.	4885		Fax # 614.417.0410	
E-mail address	scott@electr	icsuppliers.	org	

A-7 Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints

Customer Service a	address 1216 Lexington	Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 4490	7
Toll-free Telephon	e #877.861.2772	Fax # 614.417.0410	· ·
E-mail address	scott@electricsupp	liers.org	

Ed HUFF JR. TRUSTEE

Signature of Applicant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this day of Month

Signature of official administering oath

Print Name and Title

My commission expires on

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State of Ohio .:

County of DARKE

Ed Hu	FF, Je	_, Affiant	, being duly sworn/affirme	ed according to	o law, depos	es and says that:
He/She is the	TRus	tee	_ (Office of Affiant) of _	BROWN	Twp.	_(Name of Applicant)

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant,

- The Applicant herein, attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the 1. application for certification renewal are true and complete and that it will amend its application while the application is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided in the application.
- 2. The Applicant herein, attests it will timely file an annual report with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of its intrastate gross receipts, gross earnings, and sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity pursuant to Division (A) of Section 4905.10, Division (A) of Section 4911.18, and Division (F) of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
- The Applicant herein, attests that it will timely pay any assessments made pursuant to Sections 4905.10, 4911.18, or Division F of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
- 4 The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all Public Utilities Commission of Ohie rules or orders as adopted pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code.
- The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 5. and its Staff on any utility matter including the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the Applicant.
- The Applicant herein, attests that it will fully comply with Section 4928.09 of the Revised Code 6. regarding consent to the jurisdiction of Ohio Courts and the service of process.
- 7. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
- 8. The Applicant herein, attests that it will use its best efforts to verify that any entity with whom it has a contractual relationship to purchase power is in compliance with all applicable licensing requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 9. the electric distribution companies, the regional transmission entities, and other electric suppliers in the event of an emergency condition that may jeopardize the safety and reliability of the electric service in accordance with the emergency plans and other procedures as may be determined appropriate by the Commission.
- 10. If applicable to the service(s) the Applicant will provide, the Applicant herein, attests that it will adhere to the reliability standards of (1) the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), (2) the appropriate regional reliability council(s), and (3) the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. (Only applicable if pertains to the services the Applicant is offering)

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- 11. The Applicant herein, attests that it will inform the Commission of any material change to the information supplied in the renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer complaints.
- 12. The Applicant herein, attests that if the opt-out is in draft form, the Applicant will docket the final opt-out (including beginning and ending dates of the 21-day -out period and the selected CRES supplier) with the Commission within 10 days prior to providing or offering service.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

TRUSTEE Signature of Aff

Sworn and subscribed before me this day Month

Signature of official administering oath

int Name and Title

Year

My commission expires on

EXHIBIT A-2

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE

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Resolution No. <u>3-16</u>

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OHIO REVISED CODE AND DIRECTING THE DARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature enacted electric deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3"), which authorized the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and unincorporated areas of the county, to aggregate the retail electrical loads located within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity; and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise said authority individually or jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electricity rates, which would not otherwise be available to those electricity customers individually; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Brown Township ("Trustees") seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the unincorporated areas of the Township, and may be in conjunction with any other legislative authorities in the State of Ohio, as permitted by law (the "Aggregation Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Brown Township, Darke County, Ohio that:

Section 1: The Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Township, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the unincorporated areas of the Township to establish an Aggregation Program within the unincorporated areas of the Township. Provided that the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Township pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, the Board is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within the unincorporated areas of the Township, and, for that purpose, to enter into

service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. The Board may exercise such authority jointly with any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law, which may include use of an energy broker/consultant/aggregator, so long as the broker/consultant/aggregator is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling, or using an electric load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Resolution.

Section 2: The Board of Elections of Darke County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Township at the election on November 8, 2016:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Brown Township have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located within the unincorporated areas of the Township, and for that purpose, enter into services agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to optout, in accordance with Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and Resolution No. 3-16 adopted by the Board of Trustees?

The [Administrator/Clerk/Fiscal Officer] of this Board is instructed to immediately file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Darke County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to the election to be held November 8, 2016. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this Resolution and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: Upon approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Board, individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, may develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Board shall hold at least two public hearings on the plan. Before the first

hearing, notice of the hearings shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the unincorporated areas of the Township. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and place of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Board shall aggregate the electric load of any electric load center within the unincorporated areas of the Township unless it, in advance, clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, or using the load center that the person will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by a stated procedure not to be so enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment. The stated procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person who opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under Section 4928.141 of the Ohio Revised Code, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that the deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, incompliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Date: 7-13-16

Trustee

EXHIBIT A-3

OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN

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BROWN TOWNSHIP ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN

Prepared by:

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Adopted on December 14, 2016

I. Overview

On November 8, 2016, a majority of voters authorized Brown Township ("Township") to create a form of electric governmental aggregation known as "opt-out" aggregation and to create an opt-out electric governmental aggregation program ("Aggregation Program") as provided under Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Rev sed Code. Under the opt-out Aggregation Program, all eligible electric consumers within the Township's limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program initially. However, all consumers will be given the opportunity to opt out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Township after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis.

The purpose of the Aggregation Program is to represent local consumer interests in emerging competitive electric markets by combining electric needs within the Township's limits and negotiating affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of local consumers. The Township may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other legislative authorities.

Many small commercial and residential electric consume s lack the knowledge, expertise, and bargaining power to effectively negotiate electric supply rates and services. A governmental aggregation program provides these consumers with an option for expert representation and the bargaining power of a larger, more diverse consumer group that may be more attractive to suppliers, allowing them to effectively participate in the competitive process and achieve the benefits of retail electric competition.

The Aggregation Program is designed to combine electric load requirements in order to obtain the best electric supply rate available for those who participate in the Aggregation Program, and to gain other favorable economic and non-economic terms in supply agreements. The Township and its Consultant will not buy and resell electricity, but will act as agents for the Aggregation Program, representing the collective interests of the consumers in the Township to establish the terms and conditions for service. Through a negotiation process, the Township and its Consultant will develop a contract with a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider (CRES Provider) or Providers for firm, all-requirements electric service. The contract will run for a fixed term.

The Aggregation Program covers the electric supply portion only of a Participant's electric bill. Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) continue to deliver electricity to Aggregation Program Participants' homes and businesses through its electric utility functions regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Aggregation Program Participants should continue to call DP&L if they experience an issue with their electric service or if they have billing questions. The PUCO will continue to oversee electric safety and reliability service standards.

II. Process

Under an opt-out aggregation program, each eligible consumer within the Township's boundaries initially will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program on a nondiscriminatory basis. However, prior to actual enrollment, each consumer for whom electric rates, terms, and conditions have been negotiated will receive a notice from the Township detailing the Aggregation Program's rates, terms, and conditions.

Each consumer will then have a 21-day period to opt out of or decline to participate in the Aggregation Program without additional fees charged. Consumers opting out of the Aggregation Program will remain on DP&L's Standard Service Offer for generation service until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider. If the term of the Aggregation Program is longer than three years, a similar opt-out period will be offered every three years during which time consumers can leave the Aggregation Program without paying an early termination fee or penalty.

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Township after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Township cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. Opt-in Participants enrolling in the Aggregation Program will execute a contract with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program.

Participants who relocate within the Township's limits and retain the same electric account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as at their former location, provided the utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the utility.

The Township, through its Consultant, will negotiate a contract with a CRES Provider to implement and operate the Aggregation Program. Contracts for electric supply and other related services will be negotiated, recommended, and monitored for compliance by the Township's Consultant on behalf of loc al consumers.

The Township developed this Plan of Operation and Governance in compliance with Ohio law regarding governmental aggregation programs and opt-out governmental aggregation of electric consumers.

After adoption of this Plan of Operation and Governance by resolution or ordinance pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Township will file such Plan with the PUCO and will likewise maintain its certification as a governmental aggregator with the FUCO and its registration as a governmental aggregator with DP&L.



III. <u>Plan of Operation and Governance</u>

A. Definitions

- 1. **Aggregation:** Combining the electric load requirements of multiple customers for the purpose of supplying or arranging for the supply of competitive retail electric service to those customers.
- 2. Aggregation Program Manager or Consultant: The individual or company retained by the Township to oversee the operation and management of the Township's Aggregation Program.
- 3. **Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES):** A component of retail electric service that is deemed competitive under the Ohio Revised Code or pursuant to an order of the PUCO. This includes, but is not limited to, the services provided by competitive retail electric service providers, marketers, aggregators, and governmental aggregators.
- 4. **Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider (CRES Provider):** A person or entity certified by the PUCO and registered with an electric utility which supplies or offers to supply competitive retail electric service over a electric utility's transmission and/or distribution system.
- 5. **Consumer:** Any person or entity that is an end user of electricity and is connected to any part of the applicable electric utility's transmission or distribution system within the Township's boundaries.
- 6. **Delivery Charge:** Charge imposed by the electric distribution utility for delivering electricity to a consumer's home or business. The charge includes meter reading, billing, main aining system reliability and responding during emergencies and outages.
- 7. **Distribution:** The delivery of electricity to a consumer's home or business through an electric distribution utility's infrastructure and other equipment. Electric utilities' distribution system operations are regulated by the PUCO.
- 8. **Electric Supply Charge:** All charges related to the supply of electricity by the CRES Provider.
- 9. **Governmental Aggregator:** An incorporated Township or city, Township, or county acting as an aggregator for the provision of a CRES under authority conferred by Section 4928 20 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- 10. Ohio Consumers' Cour sel (OCC): The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) was established by the Ohio Legislature in 1976 to represent the interests of Ohio's residential utility customers served by investor-owned utilities in proceedings before the PUCO, other regulatory agencies, and in the courts.
- 11. Participant: An eligible consumer enrolled in the Township's Aggregation Program.
- **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO):** 12. The state agency charged with assuring that all residential and business consumers have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices.
- 13. Standard Service Offer: The electric generation service a consumer will receive from its default electric distribution utility if the customer does not choose a CRES Provider.

B. Aggregation Program Management

Due to the complexity of the electric utility industry, the Township has entered into an Energy Management and Consulting Agreement with the Consultant to provide the necessary expertise to represent the Township's interests in legislative and regulatory matters and to serve as the Aggregation Program Manager. Such services may include, but are not limited to, overall management of the Aggregation Program, facilitating consumer enrollment and the opt-out process, assisting with consumer education, addressing consumer questions and concerns, providing reports on program operation, negotiating CRES Provider contracts, providing analysis and review of the Township's electric service usage and costs, and providing consulting services to aggregate and procure electric and/or related services, products, and accounts, and representing the Township in dealings with CRES Providers, the Ohio Legislature, the PUCO, and the OCC.

The CRES Provider's rates will include an administrative fee, which shall be paid to the Township or its Consultant to fund the implementation and administration of the Township's Aggregation Program, including consulting fees. The administrative fee may be adjusted annually to cover the Township's cost of administering the program.

Oversight of the Aggregation Program will be the responsibility of the Township's Consultant, in consultation with the Township. The Consultant, in consultation with the Township, will have the authority to develop specifications for the Aggregation Program. The CRES Provider will work under the direction of the Consultant with the advice and counsel of the Township.

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C. Selection of a CRES Provider and Contract

Neither the Township nor its Consultant will buy and resell electricity to Aggregation Program Participants. The Township, through its Consultant, will negotiate with potential CRES providers to provide affordable, reliable electricity supply, and other related services on behalf of local consumers. The Township will consider cooperating with other governmental aggregators if it appears beneficial to do so.

Through a negotiation process driven by its Consultant, the Township will develop a contract with a CRES Provider or Providers for firm, all-requirements service. Each Aggregation Program Participant shall be individually bound by the terms and conditions found in the opt-out notice and the contract and shall be solely responsible for payment and performance. The Township will contract only with a CRES Provider that posses es, at a minimum, the following criteria:

- 1. Is certified as a CRES Provider by the PUCO;
- 2. Is registered with DP&L;
- 3. Has entered into a service or supply agreement with DP&L as established by the PUCO;
- 4. Will maintain a database of Aggregation Program Participants, which will include all necessary information for the CRES Provider, Township, and Consultant to serve and manage the Aggregation Program;
- 5. Meets standards of creditworthiness established by the Township at the Township's discretion
- 6. Has or has arranged for a customer call center capable of effectively handling Participants' questions, concerns and disputes in a timely manner using a toll-free telephone number;
- 7. Holds the Township harmless from any financial obligations arising from offering electric and/or related services to Aggregation Program Participants; and
- 9. Will assist the Township and its Consultant with the filing of reports required by Ohio law and the PUCO.

The CRES Provider's contract will run for a fixed term and contain all pricing, charges, switching fees, etc. in clear and easily understandable terms.

The Township will require any CRES Provider to disclose any subcontractors that it uses in fulfillment of the services described herein.

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Brown Township Operation and Governance Plan - Electric Aggregation

D. Electric Supply Charges

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The Township, through its Consultant, will aggregate electric load requirements within the Township's applicable boundaries and negotiate mutually agreeable pricing, terms, and conditions of service with the CRES Provider for affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of Participants. The Township may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other entities. CRES Providers will supply information on electric supply charges by utility customer rate classification or other appropriate pricing category as approved by the Township. All electric supply charges will be fully and prominently disclosed in consumer enrollment materials, the opt-out notice, and will be subject to approval by the Township.

E. DP&L's and Regulated Customer Classifications and Rates

DP&L assigns customer rate classifications, character of service, and associated regulated rates subject to PUCO-approved tariffs. In addition to the CRES Provider's supply charges, consumers will continue to be billed for DP&L's service and delivery charges. Although the Township may participate in regulatory proceedings and represent the interests of consumers regarding these regulated rates, it cannot assign or alter customer rate classifications.

It is the intention of the Township to offer its Aggregation Program to all eligible customers for which the CRES Provider can offer potential savings and/or other benefits compared to the electric distribution utility's avoidable costs or price to compare.

F. Developing the Pool of Eligible Accounts

The Township or its Consultant shall request the electric distribution utility to provide current customer information for all customers within the Township's boundaries. The provided information shall include the following:

- Customer name;
- Customer service address;
- Customer billing address;
- Electric distribution utility customer account number;
- Electric distribution utility rate code;
- Electric distribution utility PIPP code;
- Customer usage data;
- Whether or not a customer has a present contract with a CRES Provider; and
- Whether or not a customer has a special service contract with the electric distribution utility.



From this information, the Township, its Consultant, and the CRES Provider will develop the pool of customers eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program, for which the CRES Provider can offer potential savings and/or other benefits

G. Initial Consumer Notification and Enrollment

After contract approval by the Township and its Consultant, the CRES Provider will work with the Township, its Consultant, and the electric distribution utility to identify all eligible consumers within the Townsh p's boundaries.

All eligible consumers will be notified in writing of the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of participation in the Aggregation Program and that they will be automatically enrolled in the Aggregation Program unless they opt out of, or decline participation in, the Aggregation Program. Consumers will be given 21 days from the postmark date of the opt-out letter in which to notify the Township that they wish to opt out of, or decline participation in, the Aggregation in, the Aggregation Program without penalty fees. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on the applicable utility's Standard Service Offer for generation service unless or until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider.

Consumers may opt out of the Aggregation Program by returning a post card or form, by calling a toll free number, or by other means as provided in the opt-out letter.

After the initial 21-day opt-out period has elapsed, all eligible consumers who have not notified the Township of their desire to opt out of the Aggregation Program will be enrolled automatically by the CRES Provider at the earliest date practicable. No other affirmative steps will be required of consumers in order to be included in the Aggregation Program as Participants.

Consumers ineligible to participate in the Aggregation Program include those customer accounts that are located outside the Township's boundaries, customers who are already in contract with a CRES provider, nonresidential customers who qualify as "mercantile customers" under PUCO rules, Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) consumers or consumers taking service under a similar or successor program, and consumers whose accounts are not current with their present electric distribution utility, as appropriate. The aggregation of PIPP customers is under the direction of the State of Ohio.

Eligible consumers enrolled in the Aggregation Program by the CRES Provider will receive a letter from their electric distribution utility notifying them of their enrollment. Consumers will have seven calendar days to notify the electric distribution utility of any objection to their enrollment in the Aggregation Program. The applicable electric distribution utility will notify the CRES Provider of consumer objections or any reason that a consumer was not enrolled

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in the Aggregation Program and the CRES Provider will maintain a list of customers who have opted out under the Aggregation Program rules.

The CRES Provider will report to the Township the status of the Aggregation Program enrollment on at least a quarterly basis.

H. Leaving the Aggregation Program

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In addition to the initial opt-out period described above, each Participant will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Aggregation Program every three years without paying an early termination fee or penalty as required by law and PUCO rules. Consumers who choose to opt out of the Aggregation Program at any time other than during the initial 21-day opt-out period or during subsequent opt-out periods offered by the Township may be subject to an early termination fee and may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric distribution utility.

Any consumer who opts out of the Aggregation Program during the initial opt-out period or subsequent opt-out periods will be returned to their electric distribution utility's Standard Service Offer until such time as the consumer selects another approved CRES Provider.

I. <u>CRES Provider Responsibilities</u>

The CRES Provider will build and maintain a database of all Aggregation Program Participants. The database will include the name, address, utility service identification number, and other pertinent information as agreed upon by the Township, Consultant, and the CRES Provider. Such information may include the CRES Provider's account number (if different from utility account number), rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months of electric consumption, and meter reading cycle. The Aggregation Program database will be updated at least quarterly. The Township and/or its Consultant will have the right to access information in the database for purposes of auditing.

The CRES Provider will provide and maintain the required computer system to effectively process Aggregation Program enrollments, opt outs, billing, etc., with the applicable electric distribution utility.

The CRES Provider will provide a local or toll-free telephone number for Participant questions or concerns about enrollment, opt-out provisions, billing, and other Aggregation Program issues.

The CRES Provider will develop internal controls and processes to help ensure that the Township remains in good standing as a governmental aggregator that complies with all laws, rules, and regulations regarding the same as they may be periodically amended.

J. <u>New and Returning Participants</u>

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Township after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Township cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. Opt-in Participants enrolling in the Aggregation Program will execute a contract with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program. Consumers may contact the Township's Consultant or CRES Provider to obtain current enrollment information and applicable contract.

Participants who relocate within the Township limits and retain the same electric distribution utility account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as their former location, provided the electric distribution utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the consumer's electric distribution utility. The CRES Provider will comply with all local, state and federal rules and regulations regarding discontinuing service to Aggregation Program Participants.

K. <u>Billing</u>

At this time, the Township plans to utilize the applicable electric distribution utility's consolidated billing service in which each consumer account receives one bill itemizing the CRES Provider's electric supply charges and the electric distribution utility's delivery and other PUCO approved charges. The billing statement will be consistent with applicable PUCO rules and regulations. The Township will consider other billing options, including CRES Provider consolidated or dual billing, if and when they become available and if it appears advantageous to do so.

L. Questions and Concerns

The Aggregation Program only impacts the purchase or source of generation or power supply. The applicable electric distribution utility will continue to deliver the electricity purchased through the Aggregation Program to Participants' homes and businesses through its transmission and distribution system.



Participants with questions or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a power outage, a downed power line, sparking power lines or equipment, low voltage, etc.,, should continue to contact DP&L. Meter reading or other billing questions should also be directed to DP&L. Questions regarding Aggregation Program enrollment and opting out should be directed to the CRES Provider. Any other general questions regarding the Aggregation Program should be directed to the Township's Consultant.

Question or Concern	Contact	Phone Number
Service interruption or	DP&L	1-800-433-8500
safety concern		1 000 100 0000
Connect/disconnect	DP&L	1-800-433-8500
service		
Meter reading/billing	DP&L	1-800-433-8500
niage		
Enrollment in or opting	CRES Provider	1-888-XXX-XXXX
out of Aggregation	OR	
Program	Township's Consultant,	1-877-861-2772
	Trebel LLC	
Aggregation Program	Township's Consultant,	1-877-861-2772
Questions or Concerns	Trebel LLC	
Unresolved disputes	PUCO	1-800-686-7826 (voice)
		1-800-686-1570 (TDD)

M. Reliability and Indemnification of Consumers

Electric service reliability is essential to Aggregation Program Participants. The Township will strive to provide high-quality service and reliability through provisions of the CRES Provider contract, through traditional proceedings related to your electric distribution utility's regulated transmission and distribution services, and through direct discussions with your electric distribution utility concerning specific or general problems related to quality and reliability of its transmission and distribution system.

If for any reason a CRES Provider fails to provide uninterrupted service, the Township and its Consultant will attempt to acquire an alternative electric supply. If this attempt fails, Participants will default to the applicable electric distribution utility's Standard Service Offer. In no case will Participants be without power as a result of the CRES Provider's failure to provide the supply of electricity. The Township and its Consultant will seek to minimize this risk by contracting only with reputable CRES Providers that have demonstrated reliable service. The Township, through its Consultant, also intends to include conditions in its CRES Provider contract that will indemnify Participants against risks or problems with electric supply service.



N. Participant Rights

All Aggregation Program Participants shall enjoy the protections of law afforded to consumers as they currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time. These include rights to question billings or service quality or service practices. All consumers shall also enjoy the individual right to decline participation in the Aggregation Program subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All Aggregation Program Participants will be treated equitably. They will be guaranteed the rights to raise and resolve disputes with the CRES Provider, be provided all required notices and information, and always retain the right to opt out of the Aggregation Program or switch suppliers subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All consumers within the Township's boundaries shall be eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program on a non-discriminatory basis, subject to the terms and conditions described herein, Ohio law, PUCO sules and regulations governing electric service, and the applicable electric utility's approved tariffs.

Service under the Aggregation Program shall be available to all eligible customer classes. CRES Provider contracts shall also contain non-discrimination provisions to ensure the equitable treatment of all customer classes.

Low-income consumers shall remain subject to all provisions of Ohio law and PUCO rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time regarding their rights to return to the applicable electric distribution utility's Standard Service Offer and participation in the Aggregation Program.

O. Participant Responsibilities

Aggregation Program Participants are subject to the same standards and responsibilities as other electric consumers, including payment of billings and access to metering and other equipment necessary to carry out utility operations.

P. <u>Termination of the Aggregation Program</u>

The Aggregation Program may be discontinued upon the termination or expiration of the CRES Provider contract without any extension, renewal, or subsequent contract being executed. In the event of Aggregation Program termination, each Participant will receive written notification of the termination at least 60 days prior to such program termination and will have the option to return to the applicable electric distribution utility's Standard Service Offer or select another approved CRES Provider.



EXHIBIT A-4

AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION DISCLOSURE

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Brown Township Darke County



Brown Township Darke County Electric Aggregation Program

<FULLNAME> <MAILING ADDRESS_1> <MAILING ADDRESS_2> <CITY>, <ST> <ZIP+4> May 22, 2020

Dear Brown Township Residents and Businesses,

Brown Township is providing you with the opportunity to participate in in the Township's Electric Governmental Aggregation Program. Savings are possible through a concept called government aggregation, where Township Trustees bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of Electric from a retail supplier. Both the Township and supplier are certified by the Public Utilities Commissions of Ohio. Township voters approved this program in November 2016.

During the past few months, we have researched options for competitive electric pricing for you. Brown Township is pleased to announce it has selected Dynegy as the preferred electricity supplier for its program.

Program Details:

- Fixed Electricity Price of 4.56¢ per kWh through your July 2023 meter reading.
- · One energy bill from Dayton Power & Light, your local utility provider.
- No Fee to cancel at any time.
- By receiving this letter, you do not need to do anything to be a part of the program.
- Dayton Power & Light continues to deliver your electricity and maintain the electric lines and respond to emergencies.

Program Enrollment

After your enrollment is finalized, Dayton Power & Light will send you a letter confirming your enrollment. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your ability to rescind your enrollment with no penalty.

How to Opt-Out

If you do not wish to participate, you must opt-out no later than June 12, 2020. You can do this by completing and returning the reply card below or by calling 888-682-2170.

If you choose to opt out (not participate), you may do so at no charge during this initial enrollment period and you will not be served by Dynegy. If you become part of the aggregation, you may cancel the agreement at any time at no charge by providing notice to Dynegy. If you choose to opt out of the program at this time, or if you choose to leave the program at a later date, you will be served by your utility under its standard service offer or until you choose an alternative supplier. If you switch back to your utility, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by your utility.

For questions, contact Dynegy at <u>DynegyCustomerService@dynegy.com</u>, call 888-682-2170 or visit <u>https://www.dynegy.com/municipal-aggregation/communities-we-serve/Ohio/brown-township</u>. Please see the enclosed Terms and Conditions for full details regarding the rate option and other terms of the program.

Regards,

Brown Township Trustees & Dynegy

Community: Brown Township

I do not want to participate in the Brown Township Electric Aggregation Program. By checking this box, I understand that my account will not be included in the program.

This opt out must be post marked by June 12, 2020 and mailed to Dynegy, PO Box 650764 Dallas, TX 75265-0764

Customer Name _

Account Number <count Number>>

Service Address <<service address>>

Service Address

Signature ____

Date

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What is an Electric Aggregation Program?

Aggregation is an opportunity for cities, townships and counties to negotiate competitive electricity supply rates and provide budget stability for their residents and small businesses.

First, residents must vote to give their community officials the ability to negotiate electricity rates for their community. Once a referendum is passed, communities are able to aggregate and elected officials can work with alternative energy suppliers to negotiate competitive electricity rates.

How was Dynegy chosen as the supplier?

Your community implemented a formal process where proposals from multiple suppliers were submitted for consideration. Dynegy was selected to be your preferred electricity supplier.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Who is eligible to participate?

Residential and small business customers located in your community may participate. Customers enrolled with an alternative retail supplier will not be included in the initial program; however, they can call to be enrolled. Customers enrolled in PIPP (Percentage of Income Plan) are not eligible for the program.

How do I enroll?

It's simple. It's automatic. Unless you "opt-out" of the program, all eligible customer accounts within your community boundaries will be enrolled in the program as long as you are not participating in one of the programs mentioned above. You will receive a "switch" letter from your local utility company, confirming your enrollment.

Do I have to participate in the aggregation program?

All eligible local utility company customers within your community will receive an opt-out notification letter via U.S. mail. You may "opt-out" by returning the Opt-Out card or calling Dynegy by the deadline date identified in your notification. If you choose to opt-out, your account remains with your local utility company at their current utility rate.

If I don't want to be a part of the program, why do I have to opt-out?

The voters authorized the community to develop an aggregation program where each resident and small business is automatically enrolled. Therefore, if you prefer not to participate, you must opt out of the program.

What if I decide to opt-out after the opt-out deadlines have passed? You may opt out at any time by notifying us via telephone, email, or mail.

RATE AND TERM INFORMATION

What are the Rates & Terms for this Aggregation Program?

Your competitive rate and terms are explained in your Terms and Conditions. Customers who are enrolled in the program should see the changes on their monthly electricity bill 45 to 60 days after enrollment.

What if my local utility company's rate decreases?

If at any time during the term of your Agreement the local utility company's rates fall lower than the Dynegy price, you will have the option to return to the utility, your local electric company, without penalty.

What happens at the end of the Agreement term?

At the end of the Agreement term, as defined in the Terms and Conditions, you have the option of staying with a new aggregation program, returning to your local utility company, or signing with a new supplier independent of the Aggregation program.

BILLING AND SERVICE

Who will bill me for electricity? Will I get two bills?

You will continue to receive one monthly bill from your local utility company. The bill will include the charges for electricity supplied by Dynegy, as well as the delivery service charges from your local utility company.

Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account?

Yes, how you pay your bill will not change.

If I'm on budget billing with my utility, can I keep this program?

Budget Billing Plan now available for the DPL charges for residential customers. If you would like to enroll in budget billing or have any additional questions, please contact us at 888-682-2170.

Who do I call to report a power outage or problems with my electric service?

You will continue to call your local utility company for power outages, problems with your service or questions regarding your monthly bill.

Who do I call if I have questions regarding the Aggregation Program?

Call Dynegy toll free at 888-682-2170. Customer Care Representatives are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm ET. During all other hours please leave a message for a return call. Or you can email

DynegyCustomerService@Dynegy.com.

Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC Residential and Small Commercial Electric Supply Agreement Terms and Conditions

1. Purchase of Electricity – Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC (DESE) agrees to sell, and you (Customer) agree to buy, all retail electricity at the price and on the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement. Customer's electric utility remains responsible for the delivery of electricity to the Customer.

2. Residential or Small Commercial Service – Customer acknowledges this Agreement is for electricity for residential or small commercial use only.

3. Price and Initial Term – The price for electricity (Price) will be \$0.04560 per kWh through your July 2023 meter read date (Initial Term). Electricity service under this Agreement will begin with the next available meter read date after DESE and Customer's electric utility process Customer's enrollment. In addition to delivering electricity, Customer's electric utility will continue to read Customer's meter, bill the Customer and respond to any outages. If Customer switches back to Customer's electric utility for any reason, Customer may or may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric utility. The Price include broker fees, but does not include any applicable taxes, fees or charges related to distribution service from the Customer's electric utility. If DESE wishes to lower the Price due to a change in market conditions, DESE may do so without Customer's consent provided there are no other changes to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

4. Length of Contract - As a part of your community's program, your service from DESE will commence with your next available meter reading after processing of enrollment by your electric utility, and will continue for the term as specified in the opt-out notification, ending on your meter read for the last month of service.

5. Billing and Payment – The charges for electricity provided by DESE will appear on Customer's monthly bill from Customer's electric utility, and is due and payable to Customer's electric utility on the same day the electric utility's bill is due. Customer will incur additional service and delivery charges from the Customer's electric utility. Customer should continue to follow any bill payment procedures between Customer's electric utility for purposes of accounting for the amount of electricity provided by DESE under this Agreement. Customer has the right to request from DESE, twice within a twelve-month period without charge, up to twenty-four months of the Customer's payment history. The failure to pay electric utility tariff.

6. Customer Cancellation or Termination of the Agreement – Customer's electric utility will send Customer a notice confirming the switch to DESE for electricity. CUSTOMER MAY CANCEL THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT PENALTY WITHIN SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS OF THE POSTMARK ON THE ELECTRIC UTILITY'S CONFIRMATION NOTICE OF THE SWITCH TO DESE BY CONTACTING CUSTOMER'S ELECTRIC UTILITY BY TELEPHONE OR IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANCELLATION INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT NOTICE. After the seven-day cancellation period, Customer must contact DESE to terminate this Agreement. There is no fee for early termination during any renewal term. Customer may terminate this Agreement without penalty if Customer moves outside of DESE's service area or into an area where DESE charges a different price for electricity.

7. DESE Termination of the Agreement – DESE may terminate this Agreement by giving Customer written notice of at least 14 calendar days if the Customer fails to make any payments under this Agreement or fails to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements. DESE may also terminate this Agreement by giving Customer written notice if any Force Majeure Event (See Section 13 of this Agreement), as defined below, physically prevents or legally prohibits DESE from performing under the terms of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement, Customer will return to Customer's electric utility for electricity unless Customer has selected another Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider. The effective date of any termination by Customer or DESE will be the next available meter read date after expiration of any required notice period and processing by the electric utility and DESE of the return of the Customer to the electric utility. Upon termination by any party for any reason, Customer will remain responsible for all charges for electricity through the date of termination.

 Environmental Disclosure – This Agreement incorporates the information provided to Customer or made available to Customer at DESE's website (DynegyOhio.com) regarding the approximate generation resource mix and environmental characteristics of electricity supply.

 Assignment – DESE may assign, subcontract or delegate all or any part of DESE's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without consent from Customer. Customer shall not assign its rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of DESE.

10. Customer Information – Customer authorizes DESE to obtain any information from Customer's electric utility necessary for DESE to perform this Agreement, including Customer's account name, account number, billing address, service address, telephone number, standard offer service type, meter readings, when charges hereunder are included on the electric utility's bill, and Customer's billing and payment information from Customer's electric utility. DESE is prohibited from disclosing Customer's social security number and/or account number(s) without Customer's consent except for DESE's own collections and credit reporting, participation in programs funded by the universal service fund pursuant to section 4928.52 of the Revised Code, or assigning a customer contract to another CRES provider.

11. Dispute Resolution – If Customer has a billing or other dispute involving this Agreement, Customer may contact DESE at the telephone number, e-mail address or mailing address listed below. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called your electric supplier and/or your electric utility, or for general

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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.pucc.ohio.gov. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). The Ohio consumers' counsel (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.

12. Limitation of Liability -- Customer agrees that neither DESE nor any of its employees, affiliates, agents, or subcontractors (collectively, DESE Parties) will be liable for any damages or claims for matters within the control of Customer's electric utility or the regional transmission organization controlled electricity grid. The DESE Parties will not be responsible for any failure to commence or terminate power and energy service on the date specified herein due to any failure to delay in enrolling Customer with Customer's electric utility. The DESE Parties' liability will be limited to direct actual damages only. In no event will the DESE Parties be liable for any puntitive, incidental, consequential, exemplary, indirect, attorney's fees, third-party claims or other damages whether based on contract, warranty, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, or for lost profits arising from any breach or nonperformance of this Agreement.

13. Force Majeure - If a Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or part, its obligations under this Agreement (the "Claiming Party") and gives notice and details of to the other Party as soon as practicable, then the Claiming Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement (other than the obligation to make payments then due or becoming due with respect to performance prior to the Force Majeure). The Claiming Party shall remedy the Force Majeure with all reasonable dispatch. During the period excused by Force Majeure, the non-Claiming Party shall not be required to perform its obligations under this Agreement. "Force Majeure" shall mean an event or circumstance which prevents the Claiming Party from performing its obligations or causes delay in the Claiming Party's performance under this Agreement, which event or circumstance was not anticipated as of the date this Agreement was agreed to, which is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the Claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence or use of good utility practice, as defined in the applicable transmission tariff, the Claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided, such as, but not limited to, acts of God; fire; flood; earthquake; war; riots; strikes, walkouts, lockouts and other labor disputes that affect Customer or DESE. Force Majeure shall not be based on 1) Customer's inability to economically use the electricity purchased hereunder, or 2) Supplier's ability to sell the electricity at a price greater than the price under this Agreement.

14. REGULATORY OUT - Changes to laws, regulations, rules, decisions, entries, findings, or orders governing the generation, transmission, or sale of electricity may be made by different entities, including state agencies and regulatory bodies such as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), federal agencies and regulatory bodies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) that operate multi-state regional electric transmission systems such as PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM), the RTO that operates the regional electric transmission system in a multistate region that include Ohio. Such changes may include, without limitation, new, revised, altered, amended, or reinterpreted laws, regulations, rules, decisions, entries, findings, or orders relating to (i) the generation of electricity, (ii) the availability and reliability of electricity supply resources (including, without limitation, capacity), (iii) the reliability of the electricity grid, (iv) the transmission or delivery of electricity, and (v) the sale or marketing of wholesale and retail electricity (collectively, Regulatory Events). DESE has no control over Regulatory Events. If any Regulatory Event makes this Agreement uneconomic or unprofitable for DESE, Customer agrees that DESE may propose new contract terms to Customer, including, without limitation, an increased price for the electricity delivered by DESE under this Agreement. If DESE proposes new contract terms in accordance with this clause, DESE will provide written notice to the Customer that identifies (1) the Regulatory Event(s) at issue, (2) the new contract terms proposed by DESE, and (3) when the new contract terms will take effect following Customer's acceptance. Customer will have thirty (30) days from the date of the written notice to affirmatively accept or reject the new contract terms. If Customer does not affirmatively accept the new contract terms within thirty (30) days of the written notice, DESE may in its sole discretion elect to terminate this Agreement without penalty on the next available meter read date after the expiration of the thirty-day notice period and processing by the electric utility and DESE, after which Customer will return to Customer's electric utility or another CRES provider of Customer's choosing for electricity, alternatively, DESE may, in its sole discretion, elect to continue supplying electricity to Customer under the original terms of this Agreement.

Contact Information

In the event of an emergency involving Customer's electric service (for example, an outage or downed power lines) Customer should call the emergency line for Customer's electric utility. In all other situations, Customer may contact DESE toll free at 888-682-2170. Customer Care Representatives are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm ET. During all other hours please leave a message for a return call. Customer may also contact DESE by email at <u>DynegyCustomerService@dynegy.com</u>, or by US Mail at DYNEGY, LLC, Attn: Customer Care, PO Box 650764 Dallas, TX 75265-0764. Customer may also visit Dynegy's website at <u>https://www.dynegy.com/electric-supplier</u>.

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