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*Via Electronic Filing*

Ms. Tanowa Troupe  
Docketing Division  
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Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**Re: Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC")  
Case No. 14-936-EL-GAG**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please find attached, for filing in the above-referenced docket, SOPEC's opt-out notice for new eligible residential and small business electric customers in SOPEC member communities (**non-City of Athens communities**). Electric service provided through this SOPEC opt-out program is for a three-year period starting with the May 2021 meter read date.

A listing of the SOPEC member electric program communities is set forth in the opt-out notice materials filed in this docket. The mailing is currently scheduled to begin on or about March 19, 2021 and the opt-out period is currently scheduled to end on or about April 9, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Devin D. Parram

Attachment

cc: Alla Magaziner-Tempesta (w/Attachment)  
Luke Sulfridge (w/Attachment)



March 19, 2021

<First> <Last> or Current Resident

<Mailing Address>

<Mailing City>, <Mailing State> <Mailing Zip>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM  
SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL  
AND AEP ENERGY REGARDING YOUR ELECTRICITY  
SERVICE AT

<S ADDRESS>

Dear <First> <Last>:

**The Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC") is excited to announce a new low electric price of 4.894 cents per kWh with 100% renewable energy for the 1-month period starting with the May 2021 meter-date. Through the power of volume buying, AEP Energy is able to secure electricity for SOPEC's aggregation at competitive prices.**

The elected officials of your community continue to represent you through SOPEC, a non-profit council of governments aggregator. Voters in your community authorized by majority vote the creation of an Electric Aggregation Program to seek favorable electricity rates for eligible residential and small business customers in your community and approved a Plan of Operation and Governance for the aggregation program as required by Ohio law. SOPEC has combined the purchasing power of our members to provide residents and businesses in your community with peace of mind on their electricity supply and selected AEP Energy to continue as SOPEC's electricity supply provider.

### HOW DOES THE SOPEC ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM WORK?

The SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program is a 25-month plan to provide you with a competitive electricity supply price. Starting with the May 2021 meter-read date, eligible customers will receive a 1-month initial electricity supply price. Every June, for the remainder of the program, your electricity supply price will change based on different factors, which may include applicable industry charges, wholesale market conditions and electricity supply sources to ensure that you benefit by receiving a competitive price. Details can be found in the Terms and Conditions that accompany this letter.

### SOPEC'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM IS A SMART CHOICE:

Starting with the May 2021 meter-read date, eligible residents and businesses will receive **100% renewable energy**<sup>1</sup> at the initial price of **4.894 cents per kWh** for your electricity supply charges for a period of **one (1) month**.<sup>2</sup> Individual customers have the option to select a 1-month non-renewable product with future pricing determined every June for the remainder of the SOPEC program. To select this option, you should call 1-877-726-0214. The process for opting-out of SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program is discussed below.

**Continue to Receive One Bill.** Your local utility will continue to send you one monthly electricity bill. You can continue to remit one payment to your local utility for AEP Energy charges. Also, your local utility will continue to provide service for any emergency or maintenance issues.

**No Cancellation Fee.** There is no charge to cancel your contract at any time.

### YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENROLLED.

You don't have to do anything and there is no cost to enroll in this exclusive program. All eligible residents and businesses located in the community will automatically be enrolled in the program unless you choose to opt out by following the instructions listed below. If you would like to learn about other price plan options available under SOPEC's program, please call Customer Care at 1-877-726-0214.

### HOW DO I OPT OUT?

If you do not wish to participate in this program, you must opt-out by April 9, 2021. There are two ways to opt out:



Phone - Call AEP Energy Customer Care Team toll free at 1-877-726-0214  
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST



Mail - Complete the Electric Aggregation Opt Out Election Form below and mail it to AEP Energy, Attn: SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program, PO Box 1415, Columbus, OH 43216 by April 9, 2021

Respectfully,

Chris Chmiel  
Chairman, Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council

Scott D. Slusher  
Chief Solutions Officer, AEP Energy

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What is the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("SOPEC")?** SOPEC is a non-profit regional council of governments, comprised of member counties, cities and villages, including your community. SOPEC has been certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") as a governmental electricity aggregator.

**What is the SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program?** Under the SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program, SOPEC acts on behalf of its electricity consumers to select an electricity supply provider who, through the power of volume buying, is able to secure electricity at competitive prices. The PUCO has taken steps to ensure that Ohio's competitive electricity environment is consumer-friendly. Voters in each of the SOPEC member communities (including your community) approved this aggregation program and each SOPEC member community also passed an ordinance adopting SOPEC's Electric Aggregation program. SOPEC has selected AEP Energy as its preferred electricity supply provider to serve the residents of SOPEC's member communities for a 25-month period, beginning with the May 2021 meter-read.

**Who is AEP Energy?** AEP Energy is a certified Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider and a subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP). With an office located in Columbus, Ohio, AEP Energy sells electricity supply to customers at market-based prices rather than regulated rates offered by your local utility.

**Why is this an opt-out program?** It enables AEP Energy to offer a lower group rate based on the community's size.

**Why did SOPEC select AEP Energy as its provider?** SOPEC selected AEP Energy because they were able to propose a program that in SOPEC's judgment, offered the best overall value for eligible households and businesses in SOPEC communities.

**How do I enroll?** You don't have to do anything to enroll. All eligible customers will be automatically included in the program unless you choose to opt out. If you opt out, you will continue to be served by your local electric utility's standard service offer or until you choose an alternative electric service provider. However, if you do not respond to this letter, the utility will complete the enrollment process. **As a part of the enrollment process, you will also receive a notice from your local utility, AEP Ohio, confirming your decision to enroll with AEP Energy. Simply review the letter - if you are pleased with the SOPEC Electric Aggregation Plan, simply ignore that letter.** No deposits are required to enroll.

**When will this program start?** The SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program will begin with the May 2021 meter-read date.

**Where do I send payment?** You will continue to receive one bill each month from your local utility. The amount that you owe to AEP Energy will be stated separately on your bill and you will continue to send payments to your local utility only.

**What is my price?** Beginning with the May 2021 meter-read date, you will receive an electricity generation price of 4.894 cents per kWh for one (1) month. Future pricing will be determined every June for the remainder of the 25-month program.

**Is net metering available?** We are very excited to announce, for the first time ever, net metering is now available to SOPEC customers! If you have onsite generation located on your premise and meet all the eligibility requirements, you can qualify for SOPEC's net metering billing program. During any billing cycle if your on-site generation exceeds your consumption, you will receive a credit for the excess generation multiplied by the locational marginal prices for the hours posted 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. During any billing cycle if your on-site generation does not exceed your consumption, you will receive a credit for excess consumption multiplied by the applicable program price. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions, Section 17, for additional information about the net metering program.

**Is budget billing available?** A Budget Billing Plan is available for AEP Energy's charges (Generation charges) for residential customers only. The Budget Billing Plan levels your monthly payments to even out the seasonal highs and lows of your monthly bills. You'll have more certainty and can better manage your electricity expenses. Please visit [www.AEPenergy.com](http://www.AEPenergy.com) for more information. Your local utility may also offer a Budget Billing Plan for all other charges not related to AEP Energy's charges.

**Can I cancel at any time?** Yes, you may cancel without penalty and switch to another provider or revert back to the local utility. Should you cancel your service with AEP Energy and return to standard offer service with your local utility, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other utility customers. You also will be provided the ability to opt-out every three years without penalty.

**What happens at the end of the program?** As the 25-month program draws to a close, SOPEC can choose to seek bids from AEP Energy or other electricity providers in order to negotiate a new program contract on behalf of eligible households and businesses. SOPEC can also choose to end the program, at which time participants would be notified.

**If I opt out initially, can I choose to join the program at a later date?** Yes, if you opt out initially and change your mind later on, you may join by calling AEP Energy at 1-877-726-0214.

**What happens if I move?** If you move to another location within your community, you will be able to continue participating in the program. If you leave your community, you will no longer be eligible to participate.

**What is considered a small commercial business?** Any eligible small business located in the community that uses less than 700,000 kWh annually can participate in the Electric Aggregation Program because they are considered to be a non-mercantile customer as defined by Ohio Administrative Code.

**What is renewable energy?** Renewable energy comes from sources that are constantly and sustainably replenished such as wind, solar or hydro. AEP Energy's renewable energy plan is produced from 100% wind power and is Green-e® Energy certified. AEP Energy is purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs") from such sources for the SOPEC aggregation program. Purchasing RECs can provide environmental benefits because they support development of renewable energy generation resources. Renewable energy resources have lower greenhouse gas emissions than traditional energy resources.

**What is AEP Energy Reward Store?** As a benefit of being a part of the SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program, residents will earn \$25 Reward Dollars to use toward a purchase in AEP Energy Reward Store, our one-stop online marketplace, where you can conveniently shop for energy-saving products! Check out Reward Store at [aepenergyrewardstore.com](http://aepenergyrewardstore.com).

Unless you affirmatively opt out by April 9, 2021, you will be automatically enrolled if you: a) have an eligible residence or business located in the specified communities receiving electric service from AEP Ohio or AEP Energy (in the AEP Ohio service territory) and b) are not enrolled in the PIPP program. Participation in the program is subject to the Terms & Conditions of the Agreement between SOPEC and AEP Energy. <sup>1</sup>Green-e Energy® certifies that AEP Energy's 100% renewable energy plan meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy® certification requirements, write to Green-e Energy, 1012 Torney Ave., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94129 or log on to [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org). <sup>2</sup>AEP Energy's price excludes utility distribution and transmission charges and other utility charges and fees. There is no guarantee of savings under the Aggregation Program. You may terminate your agreement early without penalty. For more information, call toll free 1-877-726-0214, write to: AEP Energy, PO Box 1415, Columbus, OH 43216, or visit [AEPenergy.com](http://AEPenergy.com).

TERM	GENERATION SERVICE CHARGES	CANCELLATION FEE	CONTRACT RENEWAL
Up to the June 2023 meter read date(s) ("Term").	Product is <b>Variable</b> . See <b>Section 2</b> for details. <b>Residential &amp; Small Commercial Customers:</b> Beginning with your <u>May 2021 meter read date and continuing One ( 1 ) months to your June 2021 meter read date, 4.894¢ per kWh</u> for Green-e® Energy Certified 100% nationally wind-generated renewable energy certificates, and Generation Service. Price excludes taxes, utility Distribution Service charges, Transmission Services and other Non-bypassable utility charges and fees. At and after your June 2021 meter read date, SOPEC will publish or otherwise make available to you (via its website notification) the applicable price with respect to the relevant period.	You may cancel at any time during the Term without penalty, for any reason by providing AEP Energy with thirty (30) calendar days' prior written or verified telephone notice. See <b>Section 6</b> for details.	Your Agreement will terminate after the initial term. See <b>Section 8</b> for details.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** These Terms and Conditions (this "Agreement") are your agreement for Generation Service with AEP Energy, Inc. ("AEP Energy"). Please keep a copy of this Agreement for your records. AEP Energy is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to offer and supply Generation Service in Ohio. As a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") provider, AEP Energy will supply the electric generation services to the interconnection (the "Delivery Point") of your local electric public utility or any successor entity that distributes electricity to you ("EDU") based on your usage. Your local electric public utility will continue to be your EDU. All of your retail electric energy service will be supplied and delivered under the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council's ("SOPEC") aggregation program (the "Program"), which is governed by the Government Aggregation Master Retail Electric Supply Agreement dated July 19, 2019 between SOPEC and AEP Energy as amended (the "SOPEC Agreement"). You participate in the Program either by (1) not electing to opt out of the Program (i.e., by not returning a completed Program "opt-out" election form (as included in any informational letter provided with this Agreement) or by not otherwise contacting AEP Energy as described) or (2) being an eligible customer residing in the relevant jurisdictional territory applicable under the SOPEC Agreement (not otherwise included in the most recent "opt-out" process) that enters into this Agreement (at the same price offered under most recent "opt-out" process) directly with AEP Energy, in each case, subject to any exercise of your rescission right (as described under "Right of Rescission"). Your EDU then distributes or delivers the electricity to you. Your Distribution Service will remain with your current EDU, which is regulated by the PUCO. Your EDU also will continue to read your meter, provide your monthly bill and respond to emergencies. The words "we", "us", and "our" refer to AEP Energy, and the words "you" and "your" refer to the customer.

**CERTAIN DEFINITIONS:** "Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider" or "CRES" provider means, as defined by OAC 4901:1-21 of the PUCO Rules applicable to electric service providers, an entity that sells electric energy to retail customers in Ohio. "Generation Service" means the production of electricity. "Generation-Related Charges" means those charges or costs

associated with the production, procurement and supply of electricity. "Non-bypassable utility charges and fees" means those EDU charges and fees payable by you regardless of whether the EDU or a CRES provider provides Generation Service. "Transmission Services" means moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of an EDU, which is either bypassable or non-bypassable to you, as determined in accordance with your Distribution Service. "Distribution Service" means the physical delivery of electricity to customers by the EDU. "Billing Cycle" means, with respect to a customer account, the monthly period between meter read dates during the Term.

**RIGHT OF RESCISSION:** Once you have been enrolled to receive Generation Service from AEP Energy, your EDU will send you a confirmation letter. You have the right to rescind your enrollment without penalty within seven (7) calendar days following the postmark date of the confirmation letter by contacting your EDU orally at the designated toll-free or local number in such letter or in writing and following the instructions contained in the letter.

**OTHER IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES.** In the event a third party was involved in this Agreement, including, without limitation, a broker or a shopping website, or you are part of a municipal aggregation, the pricing contained herein may be inclusive of a broker fee. **Price Comparison Qualification:** Please be advised that the EDU's standard offer service rates generally change from time to time. AEP Energy therefore does not provide any guarantee of savings in comparison to the EDU's standard offer service rates during the Term of this Agreement. If you received any price comparison(s) in connection with your enrollment, by accepting this offer from AEP Energy, you understand and agree that AEP Energy has informed you, prior to entering into this Agreement, that no guarantee of savings during the Term is being provided.

**1. Eligibility.** Customers must reside within the relevant jurisdictional territory applicable under the SOPEC Agreement. Residential customer accounts that are on residential rates codes and are not enrolled in the Percentage of



Income Plan Program (PIPP) and non-national account small commercial customers with annual usage less than 700,000 kWh are eligible for this offer from AEP Energy. AEP Energy reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any customer that is not current on their Non-bypassable utility charges and fees.

**2. Price.** Pursuant to PUCO Case No. 14-568-EL-COI and PUCO guidelines, the retail electric product herein is being defined as "Variable". Starting with the first Billing Cycle of this Agreement through the last Billing Cycle of the "Term" (as listed in the table above), you agree to pay AEP Energy the price stated in the table above under "Generation Service Charges" or, with respect to the relevant period at and/or after your June 2021 meter read date, the price SOPEC publishes or otherwise makes available to you (via its website notification), as applicable, for all kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of all applicable combined Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges metered by the EDU. After your June 2021 meter read date and every twelve (12) months thereafter, AEP Energy and SOPEC will determine your price based on different factors, which may include applicable industry charges, wholesale market conditions and electricity supply sources. You are responsible for, and your price does not include, applicable state and local taxes and/or Non-bypassable utility charges and fees, which will be billed by the EDU. In addition to AEP Energy's charges, you will be charged by your EDU for Distribution Service, Transmission Service, and other Non-bypassable utility charges and fees. The PUCO does not regulate AEP Energy's prices. An average residential customer, using 750 kWh of electricity on a monthly basis, would incur approximately \$40 to \$50 per month in such EDU charges and fees. Note that if, due to a change in market conditions, we wish to lower the price per kilowatt hour charged to you under this Agreement, we may do so without your consent, provided there are no other changes to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of the SOPEC Agreement, in the event that there is any new, or any change in existing, statute, rule, regulation, order or other law, or procedure, tariff, rate class or other process or charge, or any change in any interpretation or application of any of the foregoing, promulgated by any judicial, regulatory, administrative, or governmental authority, EDU, Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") or other regulated service provider (a "Change in Law"), and such Change in Law results in AEP Energy incurring additional or increased costs or expenses or other adverse economic effects relating to providing the services contemplated herein (collectively, "Additional Costs"), AEP Energy may pass through to you any such Additional Costs. Furthermore, Additional Costs may be assessed to you as prescribed by the PUCO.

**3. Term (Length of Agreement).** Your service from AEP Energy will begin on the start of service date determined by the EDU, and this Agreement shall be considered executed by AEP Energy, following: (a) the end of the seven (7) day rescission period and (b) acceptance of your enrollment by your EDU, and will continue for the Term (as listed in the table above), unless otherwise terminated, ending on the date your EDU effectuates your switch back to EDU standard offer service or to another CRES provider. Your meter read date and the date of initiation of service are determined by your EDU. This contract does not automatically renew. At SOPEC's sole discretion, SOPEC may terminate the SOPEC Agreement, by providing written notice to AEP Energy on or before January 1, 2023, to be effective with your June 2023 meter read date, and SOPEC's exercise of such right shall not trigger any liability by AEP Energy to pay Liquidated Damages (as hereinafter defined).

**4. Billing.** Unless AEP Energy notifies you otherwise, you will continue to receive a single bill, typically on a monthly basis, from your EDU that will contain both your EDU and AEP Energy charges (and you acknowledge that your billing and payment information may be provided to AEP Energy). AEP Energy offers budget billing for AEP Energy's charges to residential customers only; provided, however, that AEP Energy reserves the right not to make budget billing available to Net Metering Customers (as hereinafter defined). You will be responsible for payment of the utility consolidated bill in accordance with applicable EDU billing rules and procedures. Failure by you

to pay your EDU bill or meet any agreed-upon payment arrangement could result in service termination in accordance with your EDU's tariff and the termination of your contract with AEP Energy. Upon termination you will be returned to your EDU's applicable tariff service or you may switch to another CRES provider. AEP Energy reserves the right to issue an invoice to you directly. Such invoice would contain AEP Energy's charges for your retail electric energy service and may also contain applicable taxes and all of the EDU's applicable charges. If at any time AEP Energy must send you a bill directly for the supply service provided under this Agreement, and if you do not pay the full amount owed to AEP Energy by the due date of the bill, a late payment fee with respect to amounts owed to AEP Energy of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the outstanding balance per month, or the maximum legally allowed interest rate, whichever is lower, until such payment is received by AEP Energy, will apply. If AEP Energy bills you directly for our services, AEP Energy may terminate this Agreement with fourteen (14) calendar days' written notice should you fail to pay the bill or meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements with respect to amounts owed to AEP Energy. Upon termination you will be returned to your EDU as a customer. You will remain responsible to pay AEP Energy for any electricity used before this Agreement is terminated as well as any late payment charges.

**5. Switching Fees and Exceptions.** Your EDU may charge you a switching fee. AEP Energy will be responsible for any switching fees incurred by you to take service from AEP Energy under this Agreement.

**6. Cancellation/Termination Provisions/Failure to Pay/AEP Energy Default.** If this Agreement is not rescinded during the rescission period, your enrollment will be sent to your EDU. You may terminate this Agreement, without penalty, (A) for any reason by providing AEP Energy with thirty (30) calendar days' prior written or verified telephone notice and (B) if you move outside AEP Energy's service area or into an area where AEP Energy charges a different price, by providing AEP Energy with a thirty (30) calendar day written notice prior to such move. You will remain responsible to pay AEP Energy for any electricity supply used before this Agreement is cancelled or terminated for any reason, as well as any late fees (if applicable as described in the "Billing" section above). Should you cancel service with AEP Energy and return to standard offer service with your EDU, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other EDU customers. Upon AEP Energy's material failure to provide Generation Service to you as required hereunder, AEP Energy shall owe you liquidated damages in the amount of the greater of (a) Market Value (as hereinafter defined) less Contract Value (as hereinafter defined) or (b) zero ("Liquidated Damages"); provided, however, that no material failure will be deemed to have occurred if (i) AEP Energy has not been given the opportunity to cure such material failure within 30 days after receiving written notification from you of such material failure, or (ii) such material failure is the result of a Force Majeure Event (as hereinafter defined). "Market Value" means the lesser of (i) the applicable EDU standard offer service rates multiplied by the Remaining Performance (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) the amount a bona fide third party retail customer would pay for the Remaining Performance at retail market prices as of the termination date. "Contract Value" means the amount that would have been owed by you under this Agreement for the Remaining Performance had this Agreement not been terminated early. "Remaining Performance" means the remaining performance, in kWhs, under this Agreement for the remainder of the Term had it not been terminated early. AEP Energy shall calculate the Liquidated Damages in its commercially reasonable discretion, including where applicable AEP Energy estimates of market prices and forward market prices. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Liquidated Damages constitute a reasonable approximation of harm or loss, and is not a penalty or punitive in any respect.

**7. Customer Consent and Information Release Authorization.** By accepting this offer from AEP Energy, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement with AEP Energy. You authorize AEP

Energy to obtain information from the EDU that includes, but is not limited to: your billing history, payment history, historical and expected electricity usage, meter-readings, characteristics of electricity service, address, telephone number, and account number(s).

**8. Contract Expiration.** At the end of its Term, this Agreement will expire. As prescribed by the PUCO, at least every three (3) years, you will be given the opportunity to “opt-out” of the Program at no cost. You are responsible for arranging your electric supply upon the expiration of this Agreement.

**9. Dispute Procedures.** Contact AEP Energy with any questions concerning the terms of service, billing, disputes and complaints by phone at 1-877-726-0214 (toll-free), Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm EST and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm EST or in writing at AEP Energy, 1 Easton Oval, Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43219, Attn: Customer Care. Our web address is [AEPenergy.com/help](http://AEPenergy.com/help). If your complaint is not resolved after you have called AEP Energy and/or your EDU, or for general utility information, you may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST weekdays or at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.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. EST weekdays, or at <http://www.pickocc.org>.

**10. Miscellaneous.** You have the right to request from AEP Energy up to twenty-four (24) months of payment history, without charge. Your social security number, account number(s), or any of your customer information will not be released without your express written consent except in accordance with rules 4901:1-21-06 and 4901:1-21-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code. AEP Energy assumes no responsibility or liability for the following items that are the responsibility of the EDU: operation and maintenance of the EDU's electrical system, any interruption of service, termination of service, or deterioration of the EDU's service. In the event of a power outage, you should contact your EDU. Any notice, demand or other communication to be given hereunder, including, without limitation, any termination notice, shall be in writing and sent to the address or email address maintained on file for you. By providing AEP Energy your email address, you agree to receive notices electronically, where permitted under applicable law. This Agreement supersedes all prior written or oral agreements or understandings. AEP Energy's environmental disclosure statement is available for viewing on our website at [AEPenergy.com](http://AEPenergy.com). You agree that AEP Energy will make the required quarterly updates to the statement electronically on our website. We will also provide the information to you upon request. **AEP Energy is a competitive retail electric service provider and an affiliate of Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio). AEP Energy is not soliciting on behalf of and is not an agent of AEP Ohio.**

**11. Warranty and Force Majeure.** AEP Energy warrants title to all electricity sold hereunder. THE WARRANTY SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE IS EXCLUSIVE AND AEP ENERGY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER STATUTORY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ARISING OUT OF ANY COURSE OF DEALING OR PURPOSE OR USAGE OF TRADE. AEP Energy will make commercially reasonable efforts to provide your electric service, but does not guarantee a continuous supply of electricity. Certain causes and events are out of the reasonable control of AEP Energy (“Force Majeure Events”) and may result in interruptions in service. AEP Energy is not liable for damages caused by acts of God, changes in laws, rules or regulations or other acts of any governmental authority (including the PUCO or RTO), accidents, strikes, labor troubles, required maintenance work, inability to access the EDU's system, nonperformance by the EDU, terrorism, sabotage, or any other cause beyond AEP Energy's reasonable control. If a Force Majeure Event occurs

which renders AEP Energy unable to perform in whole or in part under this Agreement, our performance under this Agreement shall be excused for the duration of such event.

**12. REMEDIES. UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, ANY LIABILITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES IN SECTION 6 AS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. NEITHER PARTY WILL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS AFFILIATES FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, TREBLE, EXEMPLARY OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOST PROFITS OR OTHER BUSINESS INTERRUPTION DAMAGES, WHETHER IN TORT OR CONTRACT, UNDER ANY INDEMNITY PROVISIONS OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON REMEDIES AND DAMAGE MEASUREMENT WILL BE WITHOUT REGARD TO CAUSE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY, WHETHER SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE AND SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION, CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, COMPLETION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT; PROVIDED NO SUCH LIMITATION SHALL APPLY TO DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY PARTY.**

**13. Your Liability.** You assume full responsibility for retail electricity supplied to you at and after the Delivery Point.

**14. Assignment.** You shall not assign this Agreement or your rights hereunder without the prior written consent of AEP Energy. Subject to the terms and conditions of the SOPEC Agreement, AEP Energy may, upon prior written notice but without your consent, assign this Agreement to another licensed CRES provider, including any successor, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUCO.

**15. Choice of Law; Severability.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, including applicable rules of the PUCO, without giving effect to any conflicts of law principles which otherwise might be applicable. Any provision or section of this Agreement declared or rendered void, unlawful, or otherwise unenforceable shall not otherwise affect the lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement.

**16. Contact Information; Notices.** AEP Energy, 1 Easton Oval, Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43219, Attn: Customer Care. For more information, call 1-877-726-0214, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm EST and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm EST or visit [AEPenergy.com/help](http://AEPenergy.com/help). You agree and authorize that AEP Energy and/or its third party service providers may listen to, monitor, and/or record your telephone calls with us and/or any of our affiliates, agents, and/or contractors as part of providing services under this Agreement. You expressly agree that these contacts are not unsolicited for purposes of any state or federal law. You also agree to receive communications from AEP Energy via email at the email address you provide (if any) to AEP Energy. It is your responsibility to notify AEP Energy of any changes to your contact information, including your email address.

**17. Net Metering.** On and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this paragraph and in the SOPEC Agreement and upon AEP Energy's notification from the EDU of a Net Metering Customer, AEP Energy will offer net metering billing arrangements to customers that (A) have installed (at such customer's expense) adequate metering equipment (which may include metering that tracks electricity as it flows in each direction through the meter) that enables tracking of electricity flowing to and from the local electric grid/EDU's distribution system and the generation facility(ies) (e.g., solar panels) with an EDU metering point for the Customer account on such premises in an area that is owned, operated, or leased by such Net Metering Customer or on a contiguous lot thereto (each facility and premises, subject to any safety or other conditions as may be determined by the EDU, “Onsite Generation”) and (B) are otherwise eligible and satisfying (1) any and all applicable (x) EDU interconnection agreement, eligibility, and/or prescribed



requirements (including the execution and ongoing continuation of a validly in-effect interconnection agreement with the EDU), (y) EDU review process(es) and review requirements of EDU rules/tariffs and of the PUCO, and (z) other laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, and standards; and (2) all other requirements and representations set forth in the SOPEC Agreement, including that the customer's billing method must allow for EDU-consolidated bill-ready billing (each, a "Net Metering Customer"). A net metering program in the applicable EDU load zone or equivalent market delivery point (including availability of the relevant metering information and calculations as provided by the EDU) must be available. AEP Energy will only enroll and continue the enrollment of any Net Metering Customer in a net metering billing arrangement that meets all eligibility requirements (including all requirements set forth in this paragraph and in the SOPEC Agreement and as set forth in all relevant EDU rules and tariffs and all applicable laws, rules, and regulations) at the time of such Net Metering Customer's enrollment and remaining true throughout the Term. A Net Metering Customer must fulfill all AEP Energy contractual and eligibility requirements, as determined by AEP Energy in its sole discretion, including that such Net Metering Customer must unconditionally agree in its net metering contract with AEP Energy to be removed from the EDU's net metering tariff and to not be credited by the EDU for excess generation. A Net Metering Customer's Onsite Generation must be: (i) fueled by solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas, or hydropower, or use a microturbine or a fuel cell; (ii) located on Net Metering Customer's premises (as described above in this paragraph); and (iii) operated in parallel with the EDU's transmission and distribution facilities. If the monthly usage data that the EDU reports to AEP Energy with respect to a Net Metering Customer's account is summary data (i.e., either a single usage value combining consumption and production or a single usage value for each of consumption and production), then monthly net usage consumption during such monthly Billing Cycle presented as a: positive value (i.e., such Net Metering Customer's electricity consumption exceeds on-site generation/production of electricity, any such positive value being "Excess Consumption") will result in such Excess Consumption being charged to the Net Metering Customer at the applicable price stated in the table above under "Generation Service Charges" or, with respect to the relevant period at and/or after the June 2021 meter read date, the price SOPEC publishes or otherwise makes available (via its website notification); and negative value (i.e., such Net Metering Customer's on-site generation/production of electricity exceeds electricity consumption, any such negative value being "Excess Generation") will result in such Excess Generation being credited to such Net Metering Customer's account in an amount equal to, within such monthly Billing Cycle, (A) the amount of such Excess Generation expressed in kWhs multiplied by (B) a per-kWh rate equal to the monthly average of all applicable RTO/EDU *real time* hourly locational marginal prices (LMPs) posted from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. during the Billing Cycle (such resulting credit amount, the "Excess Generation Credit"). If the monthly usage data that the EDU reports to AEP Energy with respect to a Net Metering Customer's account is interval data (i.e., single hourly usage values combining consumption and production), then monthly net usage consumption during such monthly Billing Cycle presented as a: positive value (i.e., such Net Metering Customer's electricity consumption exceeds on-site generation/production of electricity, any such positive value being "Excess Consumption") will result in such Excess Consumption being charged to the Net Metering Customer at the applicable price stated in the table above under "Generation Service Charges" or, with respect to the

relevant period at and/or after the June 2021 meter read date, the price SOPEC publishes or otherwise makes available (via its website notification); and negative value (i.e., such Net Metering Customer's on-site generation/production of electricity exceeds electricity consumption, any such negative value being "Excess Generation") will result in such Excess Generation being credited to such Net Metering Customer's account in an amount equal to, within such monthly Billing Cycle, the sum of the products of (A) the amount of such hourly Excess Generation expressed in kWhs multiplied by (B) the per-kWh rate equal to the applicable RTO/EDU *real time* hourly locational marginal price (LMPs) posted for each applicable hour (such resulting credit amount, the "Excess Generation Credit"). For each month of the Term, AEP Energy will make a true-up calculation that reflects the Net Metering Customer's Excess Generation Credit(s) applied and offset against Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges for the applicable billing period (each, a "True-Up"). The calculation of the True-Up will credit any previously unused Excess Generation Credit(s) applicable to the prior billing period(s). To the extent that such Excess Generation Credit(s) exceed the Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges due, such excess will be carried forward and credited against future Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges until fully discharged. At the end of the Term, if a Net Metering Customer has any unused Excess Generation Credit(s) that have not been offset against charged Generation Service and Generation-Related Charges, such unused Excess Generation Credit(s) will be distributed to such Net Metering Customer in the form of a check or gift card, subject to (i) applicable law and any tax reporting requirements and (ii) AEP Energy's satisfactory receipt of all documentation requested from such Net Metering Customer, including the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, (x) Net Metering Customers will not be credited or reimbursed for any avoided Distribution Service, Transmission Service, or other Non-bypassable utility charges and fees, demand-related or capacity-related charges, or line losses, ancillary services, renewable portfolio standards (RPS), or taxes; (y) renewable energy credits (RECs) associated with a Net Metering Customer's Onsite Generation remain the property of such Net Metering Customer; and (z) AEP Energy shall perform all calculations under this paragraph using commercially reasonable methodologies. In the event that the EDU's, PJM's, and/or the PUCO's net metering tariff, rules, or regulations are terminated or changed in any manner prior to the end of the Term, AEP Energy (at its option, in its sole discretion, and upon written notice to relevant Net Metering Customers) may either (1) discontinue existing net metering arrangements, without penalty to either AEP Energy or the Net Metering Customers, or (2) amend existing net metering arrangements to the extent necessary to make them valid while still giving effect to the intent of the parties to the SOPEC Agreement.

**18. Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs").** The electricity supply provided to you will include renewable energy certificates sourced from renewable resources in the amount equal to the percentage of your load volume stated in the table above under "Generation Service Charges" during the term of this Agreement. Eco-Advantage is a 100% nationally wind-generated REC product, is Green-e® Energy certified, and meets the environmental and consumer-protection standards set forth by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information about Green-e Energy, write Green-e Energy, 1012 Torney Ave, 2nd Floor San Francisco, CA 94129 or log onto [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).

## 2021 PROSPECTIVE PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL<sup>1</sup>

AEP Energy's ECO-Advantage® is a Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) product and does not contain electricity. A REC represents the environmental benefits of 1 megawatt hour (MWh) of renewable energy that can be paired with electricity. For more information, see [www.green-e.org/rec](http://www.green-e.org/rec).

AEP Energy's ECO-Advantage matches 100% of your electricity usage. In 2021, ECO-Advantage will be made up of the following renewable resources.

Green-e Energy Certified New <sup>2</sup> Renewables in ECO-Advantage		Generation Location
-Wind	100%	National supply could be sourced from any of the following states including but not limited to: Texas, Iowa, and Illinois
TOTAL	100%	

1. These figures reflect the renewables that AEP Energy has contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before August 1 of next year in the form of a Historical Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the RECs you purchased.

2. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years.

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying the United States includes: Coal (30.1%), Nuclear (20%), Oil (<1%), Natural Gas (31.7%), Hydroelectric (7.5%), Other Fossil (<1 %), and Renewables (17.1%; Hydropower 1.5%, Wind 6.3%, Biomass 1.6%, Solar 1.3%, and Other <1%). This resource mix was prepared in accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy/ Energy Information Administration.

The average home in the United States uses 897 kWh per month. Source: U.S. EIA, 2017.


For specific information about this product, please contact AEP Energy via phone at (866) 258-3782, by email at [care@aepenergy.com](mailto:care@aepenergy.com), or visit [AEPenergy.com](http://AEPenergy.com).



ECO-Advantage is Green-e Energy certified, and meets the environmental and consumer-protection standards set forth by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Learn more at [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).



You have decided to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates for all or a portion of your total electricity usage through AEP Energy, Inc.'s (AEP Energy) ECO-Advantage<sup>SM</sup> Plan. AEP Energy does not purchase supplies of renewable electricity directly. Instead, AEP Energy purchases RECs, on your behalf, to offset your usage. RECs represent the environmental attributes and benefits of power generated from renewable resources. ECO-Advantage is Green-e Energy certified, and meets the environmental and consumer-protection standards set forth by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Learn more at [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).

Price, Terms, and Conditions	
	<p>AEP Energy's ECO-Advantage Plan is certified by Green-e Energy, which requires companies to provide their customers with this notice of Price, Terms and Conditions of service. You have the right to rescind your enrollment without penalty by contacting AEP Energy at the toll-free number specified below. Your rescission period depends upon the state in which your service area is located and is specified in your AEP Energy contract. For more information about Green-e Energy, write Green-e Energy, PO Box 29512, San Francisco, CA 94129 or log onto <a href="http://www.green-e.org">www.green-e.org</a>.</p>
<p>Company:</p>	<p>AEP Energy, a competitive retail electric generation supplier and an affiliate of Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio). Electricity is the product of a mix of generation energy sources that is delivered over a system of wires. Customers do not need to purchase electric generation supply from AEP Energy in order to continue to receive regulated service from their utility. Switching to AEP Energy is not mandatory and you have the option of remaining with your local distribution company for basic generation service. AEP Energy's Maryland license is IR-757.</p>
<p>Whom should I contact for more information?</p>	<p>AEP Energy Customer Care: 866-258-3782 or <a href="mailto:care@aepenergy.com">care@aepenergy.com</a></p> <p>AEP Energy, Inc. 303 Marconi Blvd., Suite 400 Columbus, OH 43215</p> <p><a href="http://www.AEPenergy.com">www.AEPenergy.com</a></p>
<p>How will I be billed?</p>	<p>Your utility will bill you for total electricity services. This invoice will include your contracted energy charge that is equal to the sum of your electric supply charge and your REC purchase.</p>
<p>How will my bill be calculated?</p>	<p>Based on a monthly average usage of 1,000 kWh, the following example provides you an estimate of your monthly power charge. This is an example only. Your actual bill will vary based on your use of electricity and the price per kWh of power in your AEP Energy contract.</p> <p>Monthly kWh usage: 1,000 Percentage of power: 100% Price per kWh of power: \$0.0047 Total power charge: \$4.70</p>

Will my rates change over time?	Your rate for renewable energy will not change during the initial 1-month period from your May 2021 Billing Cycle to your June 2021 Billing Cycle of your AEP Energy contract Term.
What sources will be used in my certified product?	Please see the attached product content label.
If I want to terminate this agreement/ contract, what is the early termination fee?	There is no early termination fee per your AEP Energy contract.
What length of agreement/ contract is required?	Please refer to your AEP Energy contract (Terms and Conditions) for the term of your contract.
What other fees might I be charged?	For those customers who are invoiced by AEP Energy, late payments, including late interest payments, are subject to interest charges at the rate of one and one half percent (1.5%) per annum. If you do not make timely payments, the utility or AEP Energy may impose late fees and your service may be disconnected.
Where can I find the current and historic Green Product Content Labels.	<p>The current product content label is attached to this document below.</p> <p>The current and historic product content labels are also available online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.AEPenergy.com/renewable">www.AEPenergy.com/renewable</a></p>

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