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#### **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Village of Pomeroy

Case # 09-0962-GA-GAG

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find attached for filing in the above-referenced case record the opt-out notices for eligible residential and small commercial natural gas customers in the Village of Pomeroy. The opt-out notice will be mailed November 9, 2021 with a response due date of November 30, 2021.

Very truly yours,

VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

/s/ John L. Einstein, IV

John L. Einstein, IV, Esq.



# DO NOT DISCARD: Important Natural Gas Aggregation Information Enclosed.

Welcome to the Village of Pomeroy Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program!

November 9, 2021

Dear Natural Gas Consumer,

The Village of Pomeroy has selected Volunteer Energy as its supplier for its Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program. Under this 2009 voter approved program, Village officials bring together citizens in order to gain buying power for the purchase of natural gas from a retail supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. As the Village of Pomeroy's selected supplier, Volunteer Energy is pleased to offer natural gas for your home or business at a rate of NYMEX month end close plus a fixed adder of \$0.153 per Ccf. This rate is for the January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 billing cycles. Prior to the end of your term, the Village will negotiate a new rate for the next period of the program. Columbia Gas of Ohio is still your utility and will continue to provide monthly billing and service.

### You are automatically enrolled.

As an eligible Village of Pomeroy resident or small business, you are automatically enrolled and **do not need to take any further steps in order to receive this negotiated rate.** Or, you may choose at this time to opt-out of the program by taking the steps outlined below. After you become a participant in the Village's natural gas aggregation program, Columbia Gas of Ohio will send a notice confirming your selection of Volunteer Energy as your natural gas provider. As required by law, this notice will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with Volunteer Energy within seven (7) business days

of its postmark date. To remain in the Village's government aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this notice arrives. You will be automatically enrolled. To learn more about Volunteer Energy and the Governmental Aggregation Program please see the enclosed Terms and Conditions and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

# If you choose to opt-out.

You don't need to do anything to get this exclusive rate. However, if you decide not to participate in the program we must receive your opt-out response by November 30, 2021 either by mail or phone.

mail — Return the completed form below to:
 Village of Pomeroy Governmental Aggregation Program
 Volunteer Energy
 790 Windmiller Drive
 Pickerington, OH 43147

**phone** — Call 800-977-8374 and speak directly with a Volunteer Energy representative.



# **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

- Your community's group buying power, has provided for the opportunity to receive a negotiated natual gas supply rate of NYMEX month end close plus a fixed adder of \$0.153 per Ccf for the January 2022 through December 2022 billing cycles.
- You will still receive one bill from Columbia Gas of Ohio. That bill will simply list Volunteer Energy as your natural gas supplier, along with your negotiated rate.
- You will still contact Columbia Gas of Ohio for all service calls and emergencies.

VolunteerEnergy.com/what-is-energy-aggregation/

The rate provided will NOT include taxes or local utility charges. If you are already enrolled with another natural gas supplier, a cancellation fee may apply if you choose to end your agreement with that supplier. The Terms and Conditions govern your participation in the program. Please do not contact Village of Pomeroy. If you have additional questions about this offer, contact Volunteer Energy. Ohio supplier certification # 02-022G.

#### AGGREGATION PROGRAM OPT-OUT FORM

I do NOT want to participate in the Villag Governmental Aggregation Program.  Governmental Aggregation opt-out number:	e of Pomeroy Natural Gas	Volunteer <b>Energy</b>
EMAIL ADDRESS	() PHONE	service address:
SIGNATURE REQUIRED Account Holder		
PRINTED NAME	DATE	Check here if any of the information above is incorrect. Please make corrections on the back of this form.
ACCOUNT HOLDER'S SIGNATURE		



# ENERGY SUPPLY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS** 

UTILITY	Columbia Gas of Ohio
RATE PLAN	Village of Pomeroy Natural Gas Aggregation Rate
PRICE & TERMS	NYMEX month end close plus \$0.153/Ccf January 2022 through December 2022 billing cycle
CANCELLATION FEE	None

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

**Service Arrangement:** VESI's energy supply will be delivered to your residence or facility via Columbia Gas of Ohio's (COH) pipeline service on a monthly basis. Upon acceptance by Columbia Gas of Ohio, the monthly cost will be NYMEX month end close plus a fixed adder of \$0.153 per Ccf at the burner tip through your December 2022 billing cycle.

**Term:** The length of supply service shall commence with the January 2022 billing cycle and continue through the December 2022 billing cycle unless otherwise cancelled by either party. Natural gas service will begin within 60 days of acceptance by Columbia Gas of Ohio. You may terminate natural gas service with VESI by providing a 30-day notice in writing or by telephone to VESI. Columbia Gas of Ohio will continue to deliver VESI-supplied natural gas to your home at the agreed upon rate.

**Office Locations and Hours:** VESI's offices are located at 790 Windmiller Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 and are open from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. VESI can be reached by telephone at (614) 856-3128 or toll free at 800-977-8374. Telephone service hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Friday. E-mail address is sraffeld@ volunteerenergy.com.

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

Complaint Dispute Resolution: If you have any complaints regarding your natural gas service or your monthly bill, please contact us at 1-800-977-8374. Upon request, VESI will provide you up to twenty-four months of your payment history without charge. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called VESI, or for general utility information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at http://www.puco.ohio.gov. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). Additionally, the Ohio consumers' council (OCC) represents residential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at http://www.pickocc.org.

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

**Termination/Rescission of Agreement:** You may terminate / rescind your natural gas supply enrollment with VESI within seven (7) business days of the post mark date of the confirmation letter from Columbia Gas of Ohio. After the initial seven (7) business day period, either you or VESI may terminate the contract at any time by providing the non-terminating party

thirty (30) days written notice of such termination, without penalty. You will remain responsible for all natural gas consumed by you prior to the actual termination of service. If your supply contract with VESI is terminated, your natural gas supply will automatically be provided by Columbia Gas of Ohio under its standard tariff unless or until you choose another supplier. If you voluntarily terminate participation in the Village's natural gas governmental aggregation program, you may be charged a price other than the Columbia Gas of Ohio regulated sales service rate. There will be no early termination fees associated with the Village of Pomeroy's program. Service will automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the requested service location is not served by Columbia Gas of Ohio; (2) you move outside the Columbia Gas of Ohio service area or to an area not served by VESI; or (3) VESI terminates your supply agreement and returns you as a customer to Columbia Gas of Ohio. You have the right to terminate natural gas service with VESI, without penalty, for any reason at any time.

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

Change In Law: In the event that there is a change (including a change in interpretation by any judicial or government authority with competent jurisdiction) in law, administrative regulation, rule, filed tariff (in effect at the start of the Initial Term, not pending and disputed), regulatory design, market or transportation design or structure, ordinance, order, judicial decision, or statute, including, without limitation, changes in utility tariffs and pipeline protocols, or any fees or costs, including any charged by pipelines or utility, or the commencement of enforcement of a change in law or administrative regulation, and such results in VESI incurring additional costs and expenses in providing your natural gas service under this Contract to Municipality's Program participants, such additional costs and expenses will be Program participants' responsibility and will be assessed in Program participants' rate, charges and fees for natural gas service, not withstanding the type of product you elected. In such occurrence, VESI will provide notice to Customers of any cost increase at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation of such increase, including an explanation of the basis of the increase and a statement that Customers may choose to leave the Program, at their own discretion, with no early termination fees. Failure to fulfill this timeline will result in a breach of contract by VESI. In such event, Customer will still be obligated to pay any current or past balances owed to VESI for previous gas consumption.

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

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

790 Windmiller Dr. · Pickerington, OH 43147 · p. 800.977.8374 · volunteerenergy.com

PLEASE COMPLETE IF THE INFORMAT	TION ON THE FRONT OF THIS FORM IS INCORRECT
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Summary: Opt-Out Notice electronically filed by Mr. John L Einstein IV, Esq. on behalf of Village of Pomeroy