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

# RE: Electric Governmental Aggregator Certification Renewal Application for Washington Township (Case 10-0703-EL-GAG)

Attached please find the renewal application for certification renewal as a Governmental Aggregator of Electricity for Washington Township. Please file under case 10-0703-EL-GAG.

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. is providing aggregation consulting services to Washington Township and is filing this application on their behalf.

If you have any additional needs or questions, please call me at 330 995-2675 or email me at eburns@naturalgas-electric.com.

Thank you for your assistance.

Eric & Burns

Eric Burns

Governmental Aggregation Manager

Attachments



Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) Governmental Aggregator Application

Case Number: 10 -0703 -EL-GAG

Please complete all information. Identify all attachments with a label and title (example: Exhibit B-2 Operation and governance plan). For paper filing, you can mail the original and three complete copies to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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# B. Managerial Capability

Provide a response or attachment for each of the sections below.

### B-1. Authorizing Ordinance.

Provide a copy of the adopted ordinance or resolution authorizing the formation of a governmental aggregation program pursuant to Sections  $\underline{4928.20(A)}$ ,  $\underline{4929.26}$ , and/or  $\underline{4929.27}$  of the Ohio Revised Code.

### B-2. Operation and governance plan.

Provide a copy of the applicant's plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section  $\frac{4928.20(C)}{4929.26(C)}$ , and/or  $\frac{4929.27(B)}{4901:1-28-03}$  of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with  $\frac{4901:1-21-16}{4901:1-28-03}$  of the Ohio Administrative Code.

#### B-3. Opt-out disclosure notice.

Provide a draft copy of the opt-out notice that provides or offers automatic aggregation services in accordance with Sections <u>4928.20(D)</u> or <u>4929.26(D)</u> of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with <u>4901:1-21-17</u> and/or <u>4901:1-28-04</u> of the Ohio Administrative Code. The applicant must file the finalized opt-out notice in the certification case docket no more than 30 days and not less than ten days prior to public dissemination.

### B-4. Experience and plans.

Describe in detail the applicant's experience and plan for providing aggregation services, including contracting with consultants, broker/aggregators, retail natural gas suppliers and/or retail generation providers, providing billing statements, responding to customer inquiries and complaints, and complying with all applicable provisions of Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4929.22 and/or 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.

As authorized representative for the above company/organization, I certify that all the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in penalties or other legal actions.

Minit KBayce 4-6-22
Signature Date

Trustee

Title

# Competitive Retail Electric Service Affidavit

County of Stark	<u></u>
State of Ohio	
Merrit Boyce	, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed, hereby states that:

- The information provided within the certification or certification renewal application and supporting information is complete, true, and accurate to the best knowledge of affiant, and that it will amend its application while it is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided.
- The applicant will timely file an annual report of its intrastate gross receipts, gross earnings, and sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A), and 4928.06(F), Ohio Revised Code.
- 3. The applicant will timely pay any assessment made pursuant to Sections 4905.10, 4911.18, and 4928.06(F), Ohio Revised Code.
- The applicant will comply with all applicable rules and orders adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio pursuant to <u>Title 49</u>, Ohio Revised Code.
- The applicant will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and its Staff on any utility matter including the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the applicant.
- 6. The applicant will fully comply with Section 4928.09, Ohio Revised Code regarding consent to the jurisdiction of Ohio Courts and the service of process.
- 7. The applicant will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
- 8. The applicant 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.
- 9. The applicant will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 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, 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.
- 11. The Applicant will inform the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of any material change to the information supplied in the 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 consumer complaints.

- 12. The facts set forth above are true and accurate 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.
- 13. Affiant further sayeth naught.

My KBoice Waltington Signature of Affiant & Title	Sup huster	
Sworn and subscribed before me this day  Signature of official administering oath	of APRIL, 2022  Month Year  KIM C. KNAM  Print Name and Title	OFFICE MANAGER

My commission expires on

Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires 04-17-2026

# **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

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Resolution No05191001	····
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By - Washington Township Trustees

A Resolution acknowledging the authorization establishment of a government aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Aggregation Program") for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the Township of Washington.

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2010, Washington residents voted in favor of the Township having the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the Township and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electric pursuant to Sections 4928 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, after the passage of the ballot, the Board of Trustees held two public hearings as required by Revised Code 4928.20(c) to explain customer rights in an "opt-out" aggregation and to adopt a Plan of Operations and Governance for its electric governmental aggregation program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Washington, County of Stark, State of Ohio:

<u>Section 1:</u> That the Trustees of the Township of Washington acknowledge the affirmative vote of the electorate on May 4, 2010, thereby granting authority to the Township of Washington to establish an electric aggregation program.

Section 2: That this Board hereby adopts the Township of Washington's Plan of Operation and Governance, (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A) for the implementation and administration of the Township's electric aggregation program in accordance with Revised Code 4928.20(c).

<u>Section 3:</u> That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Date: 5/19/10

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

# Plan of Operation and Governance

For additional information contact: Eric Burns, Director, Aggregation & Sales Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. Ph: (330) 995-2675



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## 1. Purpose of Electric Aggregation Program & Services

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4928.20 regarding governmental aggregation of electric service. That section of the Code defines two different types of aggregation that may be enacted by a governmental entity; opt-in aggregation and opt-out aggregation. The Township of Washington ("the Township") will administer an opt-out aggregation program that will automatically include all eligible electric accounts receiving a beneficial offer from a Competitive Retail Electric Service Supplier (CRES Supplier). Those customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the Program.

The Township passed the necessary ordinance to place the issue of Opt-out Governmental Aggregation of electricity on the 5/4/2010 ballot. The ballot issue subsequently passed. The Township will follow the Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan") outlined below. This Plan was adopted after two public hearings were held in accordance with section 4928.20 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Township's Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to aggregate the retail electric loads of consumers located in the Township to negotiate the best rates for the generation supply of electric power. With a Township population of approximately 4,800 the Program has the potential to combine residential accounts and small commercial accounts into a buying group that will be attractive to a Competitive Retail Electric Service Supplier (CRES Supplier). Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer ("Member") has the opportunity to decline to be a Member of the aggregation program and to return to their respective local utility, Ohio Edison or Ohio Power ("utility"), standard offer of service or to enter into a power supply contract with any CRES Supplier.

Residential and small commercial electric customers often lack the ability to effectively negotiate electric supply services. The Township's Program provides them an opportunity to benefit from professional representation and bargaining power achieved through an aggregation program.

The aggregation program is designed to reduce the amount Members pay for electric energy and to gain other favorable terms of service. The Township will not buy and resell the power to the Program Members. Instead, the Township will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a CRES Supplier to provide firm, full-requirements generation service to the Members of the aggregation program.

Due to the complexity of deregulation of the electric utility industry, the Township has entered into contract with Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. (Independent Energy Consultants), a PUCO certified broker and aggregator of natural gas and electricity. Among other things, Independent Energy Consultants will provide professional assistance which includes these consulting services:

- Draft and assist in maintaining this Plan of Operation and Governance
- Lead the required Public Hearings and attend Trustee meetings
- Assist the Township in the day-to-day administration of the program (problem resolution, press releases, PUCO compliance, supplier liaison, contract review, etc.)

- Administer the Request for Proposal process, analyze supplier responses and provide recommendations for the supply agreement
- Review customer data provided by the utility that would serve as the basis for an Opt-Out Notice
- Write/prepare reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the Township, PUCO, PUCO's Market Monitoring division, and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

### 2. Determination of Rates and Other Charges

### 2.1. Rates

Through the efforts of its consultant, Independent Energy Consultants, Inc., the Township will seek proposals from CRES suppliers. The request for proposals shall require the suppliers to offer a generation charge for firm, full-requirements supply. CRES Providers will bid by Ohio Edison or Ohio Power customer rate classification or customer class. CRES Providers will be encouraged to bid on as many electric accounts as possible, but it is recognized that from a practical standpoint it is not likely that bids will be received for larger commercial and industrial accounts that require interval metering and individual price analysis. Furthermore, a CRES Provider may not be able to beat Ohio Edison's or Ohio Power's tariff rates for all customer classes and/or rate schedules. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the Township Trustees, or their designee, after negotiations with the selected CRES Supplier. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program through a direct mailing sent to each eligible resident and business within the Township limits. Once offers are found a table similar to the one shown below will be populated to reflect the offer rates.

Ohio Edison Rate Schedule	CRES Supplier Offer
RS – Residential Service	\$0.0473/kWh through September 2022
GS – General Service	\$0.0473/kWh through September 2022
Ohio Power Rate Schedule	CRES Supplier Offer
RS – Residential Service	\$0.0462/kWh through September 2022
GS – General Service	\$0.0462/kWh through September 2022

### 2.2 Charges

Neither the Township nor the selected Supplier will impose any terms, conditions, fees, or charges on any Member served by the governmental aggregation unless the particular term, condition, fee, or charge is clearly disclosed to the Member at the time the Member chose not to opt-out of the aggregation.

Ohio Edison and Ohio Power will continue to bill for Late Payment, Delivery Charges and Monthly Service Fee, etc. These charges apply whether or not a Member switches to the Program's CRES supplier. Switching generation suppliers will not result in any new charges billed to the Member.

### 2.3 Switching Fees

Should the utility assess a switching fee for Members voluntarily remaining in the aggregation program; the Request for Proposal will be written to require the selected supplier to pay the switching fee.

### 2.4 Early Termination Fee

Members may terminate their agreement without penalty if they relocate outside of the Township. Members that leave for other reasons may be assessed an early termination fee by the CRES supplier. Early termination fees are standard in most electric contracts. The Township will negotiate with the CRES supplier to ensure that any early termination fee assessed is reasonable and clearly stated in the optout disclosure notice.

### 3. Process for Providing Opt-Out Disclosure Notices

When a successful supply offer is found, the Township shall order the eligible customer list from Ohio Edison or Ohio Power. The respective utility shall turn over the list to the Township or its consultant upon request. Once the list is obtained, it will be shared with the selected CRES supplier and they will have 30 days from the Township's receipt of the data to mail the Opt-Out Notices to all eligible Members receiving an offer.

The selected CRES supplier will be required to pay for printing and mailing of opt-out disclosure notices. The notices will be mailed to the owner or occupant residing at the electric account mailing address shown on the utility's customer list. The notice will contain the Township's name and logo to clearly indicate to the recipient that it is a notice from the Township.

Prior to mailing Opt-Out Notices a thorough review will be performed to see that all eligible Members receiving an offer are sent the notice. The review process will include the efforts of numerous parties and utilize a number of resources as specified in section four of this plan.

Following acceptance of an offer by the Township, the CRES supplier will mail Opt-Out Notices to eligible Members. Members will have 21 days from the postmark date on the notice to postmark the return opt-out card if they do not wish to participate in the Township's program.

In the event that an eligible Member is inadvertently not sent an Opt-Out Notice and is omitted from the Program, the CRES supplier shall, upon request, enroll the eligible Member at the group rate for the remaining term.

### 4. Determination of Eligible Customer Pool

Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all eligible electric consumers within the Township will be automatically included in the Program. However, such customers will be given prior notice entitling them to affirmatively elect not to be part of the Program.

Prior to mailing Opt-Out Notices a thorough review will be performed to see that all ineligible customers are excluded. The review process will include the efforts of numerous parties and utilize a number of resources:

- Ohio Edison or Ohio Power will query their customer database using best efforts to capture all accounts within the Township limits.
- The Township's consultant working with the CRES supplier, available Township
  resources and publicly available material shall screen out customers who are not
  located within the Township limits. Those resources may include any or all of the
  following: Property records, water and/or sewer records, fire and/or police
  department address records, 911 address records, street listings, Township maps,
  internet maps, county parcel mapping databases, and geographical information
  systems (GIS).
- Ineligible accounts will be screened out based on codes provided in the utility's data.
- The data shall be reviewed to see that all zip codes have been included, all streets included, all customer classes, all customer rate schedules, and finally that an expected total for a community of this population was turned over.
- Any suspected omissions will be reported to utility along with a request to furnish that data.
- Eligibility may be limited by a supplier's offer. For example, a fixed rate might not be offered to an account if their Price-to-Compare indicates they would not save.

## 5. Opt-Out Process

The Township is using an Opt-Out form of Governmental Aggregation pursuant to section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any such person that opts-out of the aggregation program pursuant to stated procedure will default to the standard service offer provided by the utility until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

When a successful supply offer is found the Township shall order the eligible customer list from Ohio Edison or Ohio Power as appropriate. The utility shall turn over the list to the Township or its consultant upon request. Once the list is obtained, it will be shared with the selected CRES supplier and they will have 30 days from the Township's receipt of the data to mail the Opt-Out Notices to all eligible Members receiving an offer.

The selected CRES supplier and the Township will agree upon the format of the Opt-Out Notice and will docket a sample with the PUCO at least ten days prior to mailing it to eligible Members.

The selected CRES supplier will be required to pay for printing and mailing of opt-out disclosure notices. The notices will be mailed to the owner or occupant residing at the electric account mailing address shown on the utility's customer list. A Township official will sign the notice and it will contain the Township's name and logo on the outside to clearly indicate to the recipient that it is a notice from the Township.

Prior to mailing Opt-Out Notices, a thorough review will be performed to see that all eligible Members receiving an offer are sent the notice. The review process will include the efforts

of numerous parties and utilize a number of resources as specified in section four of this plan.

Following acceptance of an offer by the Township, the CRES supplier will mail Opt-Out Notices to eligible Members receiving an offer. Members will have 21 days from the postmark date on the notice to postmark the return opt-out card if they do not wish to participate in the Township's program. If available, Members may also call the CRES supplier's toll-free recorded phone number to opt-out. The selected CRES supplier will not enroll those accounts opting out from the Program.

In the event that an eligible Member is inadvertently not sent an Opt-Out Notice and is omitted from the Program, the CRES supplier shall, upon request, enroll the eligible Member at the group rate for the remaining term.

All members of the Program will also be given an opportunity to opt-out without penalty at least once every three years.

### Procedure Steps:

- The selected CRES supplier and the Township will agree upon the format of the Opt-Out Notice and will docket a sample with the PUCO at least ten days prior to mailing it to eligible Members.
- 2. The selected supplier will distribute an Opt-Out Form to all eligible Members via first class U.S. Mail;
- 3. Recipients will have 21 days from the postmark on the notice to notify the selected CRES supplier if they do not want to be part of the program;
- 4. Members will be able to opt out by returning an opt-out card via U.S. Mail to the selected CRES supplier. The supplier may offer additional means of opting out, such as, making a toll-free recorded phone call to the CRES supplier, email notification or fax.
- 5. Additionally, Members who do not opt-out per step 4 above will receive written notification from the utility stating that they are about to be switched. That notice will inform them that they have 7 days to rescind the contract by contacting the utility; and
- 6. The selected CRES supplier will not enroll those accounts opting out from the Program.

The Opt-Out Notice will clearly notify the Program Members of the rates to be charged for electricity and other terms of the contract with the selected supplier. The notice will also satisfy the requirements for disclosing the environmental impact of the generation sources used to supply the program.

#### 6. Customer Classes Included

All eligible Members are included in the Program but the selected CRES supplier's offer will determine which groups receive an offer and Opt-Out Notice. It is envisioned that residential and small commercial customers supplied by Ohio Edison within the Township limits are the most likely to receive an offer. If Ohio Power's rates remain lower that what can be obtained from a CRES supplier, those customers will not be provided an offer and

will remain supplied by the utility until an acceptable offer can be found. The specific rate schedules will be identified in Section 2 of this Plan of Operation. In addition to having a rate schedule listed in Section 2, the following eligibility requirements apply.

- Customers must be up to date with their bill payment;
- Customers must not have Opted-out of the Program;
- · Customers must not be on the Do Not Aggregate list;
- Customers must not be supplied generation service from another CRES provider;
- Customers must not be on a special contract with Ohio Edison or Ohio Power;
- Customers must not be in the Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP);
- Commercial Customers must have a Peak Demand of <= 399 kW; and</li>
- · Commercial Customers must not have interval metering.
- Customers must not be classified as mercantile.
- Eligibility may be further limited by a supplier's offer. For example, a fixed rate might not be offered to an account if their Price-to-Compare indicates they would not save.

### 7. Billing Procedures

The Township will utilize the coordinated billing services of the utility and the selected CRES supplier. Most customers are expected to receive a single bill from the utility that itemizes among other things, the cost of generation provided by the CRES supplier. In some instances, particularly for commercial accounts, the CRES supplier may request that dual billing be used. In this case the supplier would issue a bill for their supply service and the utility would issue a bill for their delivery services.

Members currently on budget billing will continue to be budget billed. The utility's process will remain the same. Members wishing to start budget billing should contact their utility. The process will take place in accordance with the utility's policy and is not unique to the Township's Program. The utility's policies will dictate what portions of a Member's bill are budgeted and how the budget amount is calculated.

Members are required to remit and comply with the payment terms of their utility and/or their supplier if dual billing is used. This Program will not be responsible for late or no payment on the part of any of its members. Furthermore, slow or no payment on the part of some Members will not adversely impact the rates charged to other Members. The selected Supplier shall not charge more than 1 ½ percent per month for overdue balances owed to the selected Supplier.

# 8. Credit/Deposit Requirements

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

### 9. Procedures for Handling Customer Complaints and Dispute Resolution

Members have multiple means of addressing complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability should be directed to the utility, questions regarding the Program administration should go to the Township, billing questions should be directed to the utility or the selected supplier and any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and/or The Ohio Consumers' Counsel. Listed below is a table of toll-free numbers for members to call for assistance.

Nature of Complaint	Contact	Phone Number
Service interruptions or	Ohio Edison	1-888-544-4877
emergencies	Ohio Power	1-800-277-2177
Service turn on/off	Ohio Edison	1-800-633-4766
	Ohio Power	1-800-277-2177
Billing disputes – Delivery	Ohio Edison	1-800-633-4766
charges	Ohio Power	1-800-277-2177
Billing disputes – Supplier	Dynegy (OE Customers)	1-888-682-2170
charges	Dynegy (OP Customers)	1-888-682-2170
Joining/Leaving Program	Dynegy (OE Customers)	1-888-682-2170
	Dynegy (OP Customers)	1-888-682-2170
Aggregation Program questions	Township of Washington	330-821-9834
	Independent Energy Consultants	1-888-862-6060
Unresolved disputes	Public Utilities Comm. (voice)	1-800-686-7826
Unresolved disputes	Public Utilities Comm. TDD/TTY	1-800-686-1570
General information – residential	Ohio Consumers' Counsel	1-877-742-5622

# 10. Moving Into/Within the Township

Utility rules require that people moving into a different residence, new construction or otherwise, be assigned a new account number and be served for at least one month by the local utility before they can switch to a new supplier. The above-mentioned are examples of utility rules approved by the PUCO that will impact the operation of Washington's aggregation program.

Residents and businesses that move into the Township will <u>not</u> be automatically included in the Township's Program. The Township cannot guarantee the rates, terms and conditions to Members enrolling after the 21-day opt-out period of the initial enrollees. Members wishing to opt-in to the Program may contact the Township or the CRES supplier to obtain enrollment information. There is, however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants. The selected CRES supplier's decision whether or not to extend an offer will be based, in part, on the market prices at the time of request.

Members who move within the Township limits and are assigned a new account number by the utility will be treated in the same manner as a new resident. They will not be automatically enrolled, but may contact the CRES supplier concerning re-enrollment. Once again, there is no guarantee that the CRES Supplier will extend an offer, or an offer that is the same as that of the initial enrollees.

### 11. Moving Within the Township and Maintaining the Same Account Number

The selected CRES Supplier shall continue service at the same rate and under the same terms and conditions for any Member who relocates within the Township prior to the expiration of the contract term, providing that the Member notifies the CRES Supplier of their desire to do so with thirty (30) days written notice. Moving within the Township may cause the Member to be served for a brief period of time by the local utility. The CRES supplier shall have the right to bill the participant for any associated switching fee imposed by the utility. Members may also opt-out without penalty under these circumstances.

## 12. Joining the Aggregation Group after Opting-Out

Members who have left the aggregation group and wish to rejoin at a later date are treated in the same manner as new residents moving into Washington. These customers may contact the Township or the CRES supplier at any time to obtain enrollment information. There is however, no guarantee that customers opting-in at a later date will receive the same price, terms and conditions as did the initial participants.

### 13. Reliability of Power Supply

The Program will only affect the generation source of power. The respective local utility will continue to deliver power through their transmission and distribution systems. Responsibility for maintaining system reliability continues to rest with the utility companies. If Members have service reliability problems, they should contact their utility for repairs. The PUCO has established "Minimum Reliability Standards" for all utilities operating distribution systems in Ohio. Customer outages, duration of outages, interruptions, etc., are monitored to ensure reliability remains at satisfactory levels.

In addition to maintaining the "wires" system, the utilities are required to be the "Providers of Last Resort." This means, should the selected CRES supplier fail for any reason to deliver any or all of the electricity needed to serve the Members needs, the appropriate utility will immediately provide for the shortfall. The utility would then bill the supplier for the power provided on their behalf. The Members would incur no additional cost.

# 14. Supplier Qualification Selection Criteria

Only Suppliers meeting strict criteria will be considered.

- Suppliers will need to be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- Registered with the respective utility company to do business in their service territory. Both the certification and registration ensure that Suppliers possess the managerial, technical, and financial competence to perform the services they offer.
- Successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with the utility to support Governmental Aggregation Program transactions.
- Agree to hold harmless the Township from any financial obligations arising from the Program.
- The selected CRES supplier will need to agree to notify the Township and negotiate with the Township at least 60 days in advance of attempting to terminate the agreement for any reasons other than (i) the scheduled end date or (ii) Force

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- The Township shall review the creditworthiness of the selected CRES supplier. Should the Township have concerns about the CRES supplier's current or projected financial stability at the time a contract is entered, the selected supplier may be required to demonstrate its creditworthiness by providing:
  - a Letter of Credit; or
  - a Parental Guaranty from a company that is deemed creditworthy; or
  - a Surety Bond.

Details of the credit type and amount will be subject to negotiation.

#### 15. Miscellaneous

The Township will maintain a copy of this Plan of Operation and Governance on file at its administrative office. This Plan will be kept available for public inspection. It will, upon request, be copied for any existing or potential Members of the aggregation in accordance with the Township rules for copying public documents.

The Township will not materially alter this Plan of Operation and Governance without first notifying its Members.

The Township or the selected CRES supplier will not issue an opt-out notice before the Township has obtained its certification as a Governmental Aggregator of electricity from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The success of the Township's Aggregation Program relies in part to the cooperation it receives from the utility companies. In addition to other tasks, the utilities must turn over accurate customer data and perform the customer switching process in a timely manner. The Township will comply with PUCO rules and will hold the utility companies to their obligations under the same.

The Electric Aggregation Program may be terminated upon the termination or expiration of the supply contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent supply contract being negotiated. Each individual Member receiving electric supply service under the Program will receive notification 45-90 days prior to termination of the Program. In the event of termination, Members in the Township aggregation program would either return to their utility company's supply service or choose a CRES supplier on their own.

If the Township is unable to find a satisfactory offer at the end of an existing supply agreement, they have the option of maintaining their status as a Governmental Aggregator while they continue to seek offers for their Members.

Washington Township Stark County, Ohio 5789 Beechwood Ave. Alliance, OH 44601



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Welcome to the
Washington Township
Electric Aggregation Program

Hi <Contact\_First\_NM>,

June 15, 2020

We are pleased to let you know that Washington Township has chosen Dynegy to be the preferred electricity supplier for you and your neighbors through the Washington Township Aggregation Program. In May 2010, your community gave the Washington Township Trustees the authority to negotiate the most favorable electricity supply rate and terms for you. We are very proud to have been chosen to serve you!

# Here's What You Can Expect

- The program is simple! You're automatically enrolled and there's no enrollment, switching or early termination fee.
- You'll receive a guaranteed, fixed rate of 4.62¢ per kWh through your September 2022 meter read.
- Nothing will change! You will continue to receive one monthly bill from your local utility, AEP Ohio. You'll notice that Dynegy will now show as a line item for the supply portion on your bill.
- AEP Ohio will send you a confirmation letter after your enrollment is finalized.

### **Secure Rate**

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Satisfaction Guaranteed

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Trusted by Millions

# Don't want to participate?

Just complete and return the reply card below or call Dynegy at 888-682-2170 by July 6, 2020. 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 AEP Ohio under its standard service offer or until you choose an alternative supplier of electric service. 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.

To learn more about the program, please see the enclosed terms and conditions or visit

https://www.dynegy.com/municipal-aggregation/communities-we-serve/Ohio/Washington-Township.

With much appreciation,

Washington Township & Dynegy

See Reverse for Frequently Asked Questions

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	e favorable rate negotiated through the Washington Township Electric Aggregation derstand that my electricity account will not be included in the program.
his opt-out card must be post marked by <b>July 6</b> ,	<u>, <b>2020</b></u> and mailed to Dynegy, PO Box 650764 Dallas, Texas, 75265-0764
Customer Name	Service Delivery Identifier
Service Address	
Service Address	
Signature	Date

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# 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 this agreement your 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 electric 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?

You will need to contact Dynegy if you wish to participate in budget billing for the electricity supplied by Dynegy in the AEP Ohio service territory. Please contact Dynegy at 888-682-2170 if you would like to enroll in budget billing for your energy supply charges or have any additional questions about the program.

# 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.

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**Washington Township** Stark County, Ohio 5789 Beechwood Ave. Alliance, OH 44601



# Washington Township Electric Aggregation Program

<<Address Block>> <<pre><<post mark date>>

Dear Washington Township Residents and Businesses,

We are writing to tell you about Washington Township's new electric aggregation program. In May 2010, Washington voters authorized the Township Trustees to form a governmental aggregation program to negotiate a favorable price and terms for electricity supply for Township residences and businesses. Washington Township Trustees are pleased to announce that Dynegy has been selected as the Supplier for its program.

### Here's What to Expect:

- You receive a Fixed Electricity Price of 4.73¢/kWh through your September 2022 meter reading.
- You receive one energy bill, including the Dynegy charge, from Ohio Edison, your local utility.
- After your enrollment is finalized, Ohio Edison will send you a confirmation letter.
- You can leave the aggregation program without penalty at any time.

### You're Automatically Enrolled

Customer Number << Customer Number>>

Signature \_\_\_\_

Service Address <<service address>>

There is no cost to enroll. Enrollment is automatic for those who are eligible, but participation is voluntary. You may opt-out of this program by August 22, 2019 or leave the program at any time for any reason by providing notice to Dynegy. Please see the enclosed terms and conditions for full details of the program.

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We look forward to providing this program.
Sincerely,
Washington Township and Dynegy
Community: Washington Township
I do not want to participate in the Washington Township Electric Aggregation Program. By checking this box, I understand that my account will <b>not</b> be included in the program.
This opt out must be post marked by August 22, 2019 and mailed to:
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Customer Name

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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 this agreement your 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 electric company.

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

Yes, how you pay your bill will not change.

# I am currently under the budget billing option with First Energy. Can I continue

#### this service?

Yes, the utility will continue to manage your budget billing and determine your monthly payments. If you have any questions about budget billing, please contact your utility.

# 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?

Dynegy at 888-682-2170 or DynegyCustomerService@Dynegy.com

Washington Township is well versed in negotiating, contracting, and providing for common services to Township residents. Some examples of experience as a service provider are:

- 1. Police Service
- 2. Fire Service
- 3. Parks and Recreation
- 4. Public Works

The Administrator, Trustees and Township Staff routinely negotiate for services and supplies that benefit the residents of Washington Township. However, due to the complexity of Governmental Aggregation, the Township has hired Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. (January 18, 2010) to assist them in designing, implementing, and maintaining the Program. Independent Energy Consultants are:

- Certified Electric Aggregators and Brokers #04-116(9) in the State of Ohio.
- Certified Natural Gas Aggregators and Brokers #04-078(9) in the State of Ohio.
- Licensed Electric and Natural Gas Aggregators and Brokers #A-17 in the State of Virginia.
- Registered Aggregators #80252 in the State of Texas.
- Licensed Agent/Broker/Consultant in the State of Illinois.

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. has designed, implemented and administered numerous opt-in and opt-out Governmental Aggregation Programs in Ohio. Contact information for Independent Energy Consultants is:

Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. 215 W Garfield Road, Suite 210

Aurora, Ohio 44202 Phone: 330 995-2675 Fax: 800-574-4508

Email: info@naturalgas-electric.com

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Among other services, Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. will:

- Draft and assist in maintaining the Plan of Operation and Governance.
- Lead any required Public Hearings and attend Township Trustee meetings upon request.
- Assist the Township in the day-to-day administration of program (problem resolution, press releases, PUCO compliance, supplier liaison, contract review, etc.).
- Design and issue the Request for Proposal, analyze supplier responses, and provide recommendations for the supply agreement.

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- Review customer data provided by the local utilities (Ohio Power, Ohio Edison) that would serve as the basis for an Opt-Out Notice.
- Write/prepare reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the Township, PUCO, and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

Washington Township will not take title to electricity, issue bills, read meters or staff a call center for complaints. Those functions will be provided by Ohio Power, Ohio Edison and the selected CRES supplier as detailed in Section 7 of its Plan of Operation and Governance. The Township will comply with its responsibilities as a Governmental Aggregator (ORC 4928.20) and will respond to questions concerning the Aggregation Program.

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