



Chief of Docketing
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad St. 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

RE: Natural Gas Governmental Aggregator Renewal Application Case Number 14-0886-GA-GAG

Perrysburg Township is pleased to submit its renewal application for natural gas governmental aggregator. The original of the city's filing is enclosed. The original application was docketed as case number 14-0886-GA-GAG.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bellish

President

Enclosure

Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

Services

Deregulated Energy

- Consulting
- Aggregation
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Benefits

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Public Utilities Commission

Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service (CRNGS)
Governmental Aggregator Application

Case Number: 14 0886 -GA-GAG

Please complete all information. Identify all attachments with a label and title (example: Exhibit C-2 Financial Statements). 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.

A. Application Information

A-1. Applicant's legal name and contact information.

Provide the name and contact information of the business entity.

Legal Name: Perrysburg Township
Street Address: 26609 Lime City Road
City: Perrysburg State: Ohio Zip: 43551
Telephone: (419) 872-8861 Website: perrysburgtownship.us

A-2. Contact person for regulatory matters.

Name: Thomas M. Bellish
Street Address: 66 East Mill Street
City: Akron State: Ohio Zip: 44308
Telephone: (330) 730-4338 Email: tb@buckeyeenergybrokers.com

A-3. Contact person for PUCO Staff use in investigating consumer complaints.

Name: Thomas M. Bellish
Street Address: 66 East Mill Street
City: Akron State: Ohio Zip: 44308
Telephone: (330) 730-4338 Email: tb@buckeyeenergybrokers.com

A-4. Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints.

Street Address: 66 East Mill Street
City: Akron State: Ohio Zip: 44308
Toll-free Telephone: (866) 302-2237 Email: tb@buckeyeenergybrokers.com

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 [4928.20\(A\)](#), [4929.26](#), and/or [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 [4928.20\(C\)](#), [4929.26\(C\)](#), and/or [4929.27\(B\)](#) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with [4901:1-21-16](#) and/or [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 [4928.20\(D\)](#) or [4929.26\(D\)](#) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with [4901:1-21-17](#) and/or [4901:1-28-04](#) 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.

Walton Kelley
Signature

2/22/22
Date

Twp Administrator
Title

Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Affidavit

County of Wood :

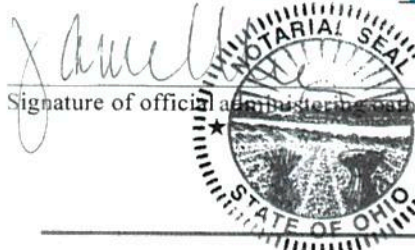
State of Ohio :

Walter J. Celley, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed, hereby states that:

1. The information provided within the certification or certification renewal application and supporting information is complete, true, and accurate to the best knowledge of affiant, and that it will amend its application while it is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided.
2. The applicant will timely file an annual report of its intrastate gross receipts and sales of hundred cubic feet of natural gas pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A), and 4929.23(B), Ohio Revised Code.
3. The applicant will timely pay any assessment made pursuant to Sections 4905.10 and 4911.18(A), Ohio Revised Code.
4. Applicant will comply with all applicable rules and orders adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio pursuant to Title 49, Ohio Revised Code.
5. Applicant will cooperate 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. Applicant will comply with Section 4929.21, Ohio Revised Code, regarding consent to the jurisdiction of the Ohio courts and the service of process.
7. Applicant will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Affiant further sayeth naught.

Walter J. Celley Twp Administrator
Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 22nd day of FEB, 2022
Month Year



Jamie S Slee

Notary Public - Ohio

Jamie S. Slee
Print Name and Title

My Commission Expires

My commission expires on 04-30-2023
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Exhibit B-1

“Authorizing Ordinance”

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RESOLUTION 2006-13

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At the July 18, 06 Regular meeting Perrysburg Township Trustee Craig LaHote
Moved to: Adopt Resolution 2006- 13

Whereas, the Ohio General Assembly enacted House Bill 9 which authorizes governmental aggregation of natural gas supply services to rate payers; and

Whereas, the legislation permits a township to act as an aggregator of the natural gas load of its citizens who have not selected a competitive supplier; and

Whereas, the aggregation of natural gas loads may enable Perrysburg Township to obtain a favorable price for natural gas that will benefit its citizens; and

Whereas, it is necessary to submit the question of whether Perrysburg Township shall automatically aggregate and purchase natural gas for customers within the township to a vote of the electorate; and

Whereas, if voters give authority to Perrysburg Township to become an opt-out aggregator, Perrysburg Township will adopt a plan of operation and governance and commercial aggregation services and may do so in conjunction jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision, as permitted by law; and it is therefore,

Resolved by the Board Of Trustees of Perrysburg Township, that the Perrysburg Township Board of Trustees declares its intention to act as an opt-out aggregator under which Perrysburg Township will automatically aggregate, subject to opt-out procedures, the natural gas loads located within the unincorporated areas of township limits pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4929.26. Perrysburg Township may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, county or other political subdivision to the full extent permitted by law.

Be it further Resolved that the Wood County Board of Elections is directed to submit to the electors of Perrysburg Township at the next general election on November 7, 2006, the question of whether or not Perrysburg Township shall automatically aggregate and purchase natural gas for the retail loads within the unincorporated areas of the Township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4929.26, pursuant to the following drafted language or similar language acceptable to the Wood County Board of Elections thereto:

Shall Perrysburg Township have the authority to aggregate the competitive retail natural gas service for the retail natural gas loads that are located within the unincorporated areas of Perrysburg Township and for

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section 4929.26, then Perryburg Township shall prepare a plan of operation and governance and hold at least two public hearings on the plan. Before the first hearing, notice of the hearings shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

Be it further resolved that the Perryburg Township Administrator has given said copy to the Township Fiscal Officer who is hereby directed to immediately certify a copy of this resolution to the Wood County Board of Elections.

Be it further resolved that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer of Perryburg Township, Wood County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of trustees of Perryburg Township, wood County, Ohio on the 18th day of July 2006.

Shirley A. Haar
 Shirley A. Haar, Fiscal Officer
 Perryburg Township

SECONDED BY: Gary Britten

Robert Mack
 Robert Mack, Chairman

Vote: YES

Craig Lahote
 Craig Lahote, Trustee

Vote: YES

Gary Britten
 Gary Britten, Trustee

Vote: YES



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-
PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIPS OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE
PLAN FOR A GOVERNMENTAL GAS AGGREGATION
PROGRAM**

The Trustees of Perrysburg Township pursuant to Sections 4929.26(C) or 4929.27(B) of the Revised Code due hereby adopt this Operation and Governance Plan pursuant to Rule 4901:1-28-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

**NATURAL GAS
AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**PLAN OF OPERATION
AND GOVERNANCE**

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, OHIO



Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

For additional information contact Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.:

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President

Ph: (330) 730-4338

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(A) Introduction

This aggregation plan has been developed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 4929.26 regarding governmental automatic aggregation of Natural Gas service. The Township of Perrysburg ("Township") Aggregation Program ("Program") seeks to continue to aggregate the retail Natural Gas loads of consumers located in the Township to negotiate the best rates for the supply of Natural Gas. It has the potential to combine approximately 4,600 residential and commercial customers into a buying pool that will be attractive to third party suppliers ("Suppliers"). Participation in the Program is voluntary. Any individual customer ("Member") has the opportunity to decline to be a Member of the aggregation program and to return to Columbia Gas of Ohio ("Local Utility") standard offer of service or to enter into a service contract with any competitive retail Natural Gas supplier.

The Township has passed the necessary resolution to place the issue of governmental aggregation of natural gas on the November 7, 2006 ballot. The issue passed and the Township will follow the Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan") outlined below. The original Plan was adopted after two public hearings were held in accordance with section 4929.26(C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) Operation and Governance Plan Detail

(1) Description of Services and Professional Assistance

The process of governmental aggregation is set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4929. The chapter defines two different types of aggregation that may be enacted by a governmental entity opt-in aggregation and opt-out aggregation. Opt-in aggregation can occur only with the prior consent of each Natural Gas consumer. That is, the consumer must give its consent to be included in the Program. Under the opt-out aggregation provisions, all Natural Gas consumers within the 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. These customers can opt-out during a 21-day period. A similar opt-out period will be offered at least every two years during which Members can leave the Township's aggregation pool without paying a switching fee.

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

- Handle day-to-day administration of program (problem resolution, press releases, PUCO compliance, supplier & local utility liaison, tariff analysis, contract review, etc.)
- File for PUCO Certification so the Township can work with any supplier
- Administer the Request for Proposal process, analyze responses and provide deal structuring services

- Write and maintain the Plan of Operation and Governance
- Hold the required Public Hearings and attend Trustee meetings
- Review customer data from Local Utility
- Write reports on a quarterly/annual basis to the Township and the PUCO

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Determination of Rates

The Township shall receive proposals from Natural Gas suppliers using a competitive selection process. The Request For Proposal ("RFP") shall require the suppliers to offer a natural gas rate for each customer class, load grouping or other appropriate category. It is the responsibility of each Member to compare the rate with others and decide accordingly. The prices to be charged to Members in the Program will be set by the Township after negotiations with the selected Supplier. Members will be notified of the rates and terms of the Program as part of the opt-out process, through a direct mailing sent to each resident and business within the Township limits. The following rate comparison will be completed once the Township has selected a supplier.

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

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

(3) Plan for Providing Opt-out Notice

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

(4) Process for Determining the Pool of Customers

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

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

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

- Are up to date with their bill payment;
- Have not opted-out of the program;
- Are currently with the Local Utility;
- Are classified as non-mercantile;
- Have not exercised their right of rescission;
- Are not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP); and
- New Members may opt-in to the Program upon contract expiration with an

alternate supplier. These Members will need to contact the Program Supplier for enrollment information. The Program Supplier has a right of refusal in accordance with Section 8 of this plan.

(5) Customer Billing Procedures

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

(6) Credit and Deposit Policies

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(C) Availability of Plan of Operation and Governance

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

(D) Altering the Plan of Operation and Governance

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

(E) Certification Prior To Sending Opt-out Notices

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

(F) Opt-out Disclosure Policies

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

(A) A summary of the actions that the Township took to authorize the aggregation.

(B) A description of the services that the Township will provide under the aggregation.

(C) Disclosure of the price that the Supplier will charge customers for competitive retail natural gas service. The price shall be expressed in dollars and/or cents per hundred cubic feet of gas ("Ccf") or thousand cubic feet of gas ("Mcf"), depending on the unit that is used by the natural gas company that serves the customer. If a variable rate is offered, it shall be accompanied by an understandable description of the factors that will cause the price to vary (including any associated indices) and disclosure of how frequently the rate will change. If different rates will be charged to different rate classes within the aggregation, the Township shall disclose the applicable rate(s) to customers within the various rate classes.

(D) An itemized list and explanation of all fees and charges that are not incorporated into the rates charged for natural gas that the Township or Supplier will charge the customer for participating in the aggregation, including any applicable switching fees or early termination penalties. These switching fees and/or early termination penalties shall not apply to a customer that moves out of the governmental aggregator's territory.

(E) Disclosure of the dates covered by the aggregation, including an estimated service commencement date and notice that the customer may opt-out of the aggregation at least every two years without penalty.

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

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

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

(G) Cooperation Between Natural Gas Companies and Governmental Aggregators

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

Exhibit B-3 "Opt-Out Disclosure Notice"



Perrysburg Township



July 11, 2014

Dear Natural Gas Consumer,

Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. (VESI) in cooperation with Perrysburg Township is providing you with the opportunity to join with other residents and small commercial customers in the Township's natural gas Governmental Aggregation Program. Governmental Aggregation programs allow township officials to bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of natural gas from a retail supplier licensed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Perrysburg Township voters approved this program in 2006.

During the past few months, we have researched options for competitive natural gas pricing for you. We have chosen VESI, an Ohio based corporation to provide you with natural gas on a year to year basis unless otherwise negotiated.

You will be automatically enrolled in the Township's Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out" – that is, affirmatively choose not to participate. If you wish to be excluded from the Township's natural gas aggregation program, you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form by **August 1, 2014**. Otherwise, you will be included in the aggregation program. If you do not opt out at this time, you will receive a notice at least once every two years asking if you wish to remain in the program. However, you do not need to do anything to participate. There is no cost for enrollment and you will not be charged a switching fee.

For members of this program, VESI has offered to provide natural gas to Aggregation Members at rate of NYMEX last day settle plus \$.10175 per Ccf (exclusive of sales tax) at the burner tip.

VESI will notify you if a new rate is established and you will automatically continue at that rate unless you choose to cancel. If you are ever unhappy with your rate, you may leave the program free of charge at any time. Please refer to the attached Terms and Conditions for full details of this offer.

After you become a participant in the Township's natural gas aggregation program, Columbia Gas will send a letter confirming your selection of VESI as your natural gas provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with VESI within seven business days of its postmark date. To remain in the Township's government aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives. You will be automatically enrolled.

Columbia Gas of Ohio will always be responsible for ensuring the distribution of natural gas to your premises and will continue to maintain your meter, the monthly reads and the pipelines that deliver natural gas to your home. Your natural gas bill will also continue to come from Columbia Gas of Ohio. The only change you'll notice is the name of your new gas supplier, VESI, included on your bill.

If you have any questions, please call VESI toll-free at 1-800-977-8374, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Perrysburg Township &
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

These **ENERGY SUPPLY TERMS AND CONDITIONS** 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 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 the utilities pipeline on a month to month basis. The cost will be NYMEX last day settle plus \$.10175 per Ccf. Your rate per Ccf will remain the same or a fixed rate that can be negotiated between Perrysburg Township and VESI at any time.

Term: The term of this Agreement shall commence when accepted by VESI and shall continue month to month. Natural gas service will begin within 60 days of acceptance by Columbia Gas. You may terminate this Agreement with VESI by providing a 30-day notice in writing to VESI or by telephone. Columbia Gas 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 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 and are open from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Thursday. VESI can be reached by telephone at (614) 856-3128 or toll free at 800-977-8374. Telephone service hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Monday through Thursday. E-mail address is ennum@volunteerenergy.com.

Bill Payment Process: Columbia Gas of Ohio will continue to bill you monthly for their delivery services and also for VESI's natural gas supplies. Should you fail to pay the bill or fail to meet any agreed upon payment arrangement, Columbia Gas may terminate your service in accordance with its company tariffs, and this agreement with VESI may be automatically terminated. If VESI is providing billing services, VESI may terminate this agreement with fourteen (14) days' notice for failure to pay the bill or failure to meet any agreed upon payment arrangements. **Complaint Dispute Resolution:** If you have any complaints regarding your natural gas service or your monthly bill, please contact us at **800-977-8374**. 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), toll free at 1-800-686-7826 or, for TTY toll free at 1-800-686-1570, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays or visit www.puco.ohio.gov. Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Council (OCC) for assistance with complaints and utility issues toll free at 1-877-742-5622 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays or visit www.pickocc.org.

Amendment to Agreement: VESI may amend VESI's Supply Agreement from time to time upon approval from Perrysburg Township. Any amendments made

would not take effect for a minimum of thirty (30) days and you will receive thirty (30) days written notice at members - service address. Notice of any such change is public information and may be announced by any one of or variation of the following methods: local newspaper press release, local radio station announcement, written communications to participants or update on Cities website.

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

Termination/Rescission of Agreement: You may rescind your natural gas supply enrollment with Columbia Gas of Ohio within seven (7) days of the post mark date of the confirmation notice from Columbia Gas. After the initial seven (7) 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 cessation of services. If your supply contract with VESI is terminated, your natural gas supply will automatically be provided by the utility under its standard tariff unless or until you choose another supplier. If you voluntarily terminate participation in the Township's natural gas governmental aggregation program, you may be charged a price other than the Columbia Gas regulated sales service rate. **There will be no early termination fees associated with the Township's program.** This agreement will automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the requested service location is not served by Columbia Gas; (2) you move outside the Columbia Gas service area or to an area not served by VESI; or (3) VESI terminates your supply agreement and returns you to the incumbent natural gas company. You have the right to terminate this agreement, without penalty, for any reason at any time.

Program Compliance: The utility'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 this agreement.

VESI's fixed rate excludes utility charges and taxes. Service is subject to enrollment processing timelines as determined by your local utility and VESI's aforementioned Terms and Conditions of Service. To be eligible to participate in the aggregation, you must: (1) have a residence or business located in Perrysburg Township; (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 supply service from another natural gas marketer. If you believe you received this letter in error as you are not located in Perrysburg Township, please contact VESI to remove your account from our aggregation list.

P.S. Remember to return the opt-out form only if you do not want to participate in the Township's Governmental Aggregation program.

OPT-OUT FORM FOR THE PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

I wish to opt out of the Perrysburg Township Governmental Aggregation Program

Service Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Account holder's signature: _____

Mail by August 1, 2014 to: Perrysburg Township Governmental Aggregation Program, 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147

Exhibit B-4 "Experience & Plans"

Perrysburg Township has a wealth of experience in negotiating, contracting and providing for common services to the township residents. Some examples of experience as a service provider are:

1. Electric Generation "Opt-Out" Municipal Aggregation Program
2. Natural Gas Municipal Aggregation Program "Opt-Out"
3. Police & Fire Services
4. Parks and Recreation

The administrator, Board of Trustees and Staff routinely negotiate for services and supplies that benefit the residents of Perrysburg Township. However, due to the complexity of municipal aggregation, the township will rely on the services of Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining the Program. Buckeye Energy Brokers is a PUCO certified 00-002 Electric Aggregator and Broker in the State of Ohio and a PUCO certified 02-006 Natural Gas Aggregator and Broker in the State of Ohio. They have experience working with over 200 buying groups in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

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

- Perrysburg Township is contracting with the following consultant to provide third party assistance:

Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.
66 East Mill Street
Akron, Ohio 44308
(330) 730-4338

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

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

Governmental Aggregator's Customer Service Procedures and Dispute Resolution

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

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

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

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

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