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Hello,

The attached governance plan has the corrected spelling for Village of St. Louisville, Licking County, Ohio.

Please also find the signed resolution for docketing purposes.

Thank you,

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-50BY: RTH Barbara Blaine Lin Harris Line

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT  
AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR  
NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING  
COUNTY, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2022 the residents of the City of Newark voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas rates to residential and small business consumers; and,

WHEREAS, The Licking County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of City of Newark, Licking County, Ohio as the governmental aggregator; and,

WHEREAS, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Council of the City of Newark hereby authorizes the Licking County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas program for the residents of the City of Newark, Licking County, Ohio.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be copied to the Licking County Commissioners, 20 South Second Street, Newark, Ohio 43055.


**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of

this Council, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective at the earliest time permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

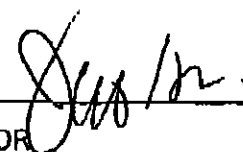
Passed this 21st day of June, 2022.

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: 6-21-2022

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: 6-21-2022

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

FORM APPROVED:   
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DIRECTOR OF LAW

**Resolution Number 2022-6**

**A Resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Licking County to act as the purchasing agent and governmental aggregator for the natural-gas aggregation program for the City of Heath, Ohio.**

**Whereas, On May 3, 2022, the residents of the City of Heath voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas rates to residential and small business consumers; and**

**Whereas, The Licking County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of the City of Heath in Licking County as the governmental aggregator; and**

**Whereas, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation.**

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Heath, State of Ohio:**

**Section 1. That the Council of the City of Heath hereby authorizes the Board of Commissioners of Licking County to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas program for the residents of the City of Heath, Ohio.**

**Section 2. That this resolution shall be copied to the Board of Commissioners of Licking County, 20 South Second Street, Newark, Ohio 43055.**

**Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Council, in compliance with all legal requirements.**

**Section 4. This resolution shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.**

Adopted: June 6, 2022

  
Tim Kelley, President of Council

Attest: Tracy Dupps  
Tracy Dupps, Clerk of Council

Submitted to the Mayor this:  
6 day of June, 2022

Approved by the Mayor this  
6 day of June, 2022

  
Mark D. Johns, Mayor

Approved as to form this  
6 day of June, 2022

  
David C. Morrison, Director of Law

First Reading: May 16, 2022

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**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN****RESOLUTION 2022-18**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO  
ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR  
NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
OHIO.**

**WHEREAS**, On May 3, 2022 the residents of the City of Johnstown voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas rates to residential and small business consumers; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Licking County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of City of Johnstown in Licking County as the governmental aggregator; and,

**WHEREAS**, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of electrical aggregation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Johnstown, Ohio that:

**Section 1.** The City of Johnstown Council hereby authorizes the Licking County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas program for the residents of the City of Johnstown, Ohio.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be copied to the Licking County Commissioners, 20 South Second Street, Newark, Ohio 43065.

**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements

**Date of Introduction:** May 17, 2022

**Public Hearing/Passage:** May 17, 2022

Vote on Resolution: Yeas 7 Nays 0

By: Lehner

Chip Dutcher  
Mayor Chip Dutcher

**ATTEST TO:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Teresa Monroe  
Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

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Yazan Ashrawi, Law Director

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**RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS**

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Resolution No. 2022-06Passed May 102022**Resolution Number 2022 - 06**

A Resolution Authorizing The Licking County Commissioners to Act as the Purchasing Agent and Governmental Aggregator for Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the Village of St. Louisville, Ohio.

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2022 the residents of the Village of St. Louisville voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas rates to residential and small business consumers; and,

WHEREAS, The Licking County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of Village of St. Louisville in Licking County as the governmental aggregator; and,

WHEREAS, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of St. Louisville, Ohio that

**Section 1.** The Village of St. Louisville Council hereby authorizes the Licking County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas program for the residents of Village of St. Louisville, Ohio.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be copied to the Licking County Commissioners, 20 South Second Street, Newark, Ohio 43085.

**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements

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Resolution No. 2022-06Passed 19

**Section 4.** This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure in order to permit this legislation to be forwarded to the Office of the Licking County Auditor, and shall become effective immediately upon its passage by Council, immediate preservation of the public peace, health, economic well-being, and safety of the inhabitants of the Village of St. Louisville, the necessity for such action arising out of the need to ensure the Village will be able to timely enter into the aforementioned aggregation program.

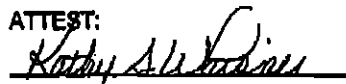
Date Passed May 10, 2022

President of Council



David L. Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathy S. Whisner, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Darren Meade, Solicitor

**Village of Hanover****Resolution 7- 2022**

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A Resolution Authorizing The Licking County Commissioners to Act as the Purchasing Agent and Governmental Aggregator for Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio.

**WHEREAS**, On May 3, 2022 the residents of the Village of Hanover voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas rates to residential and small business consumers; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Licking County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of the Village of Hanover in Licking County as the governmental aggregator; and,

**WHEREAS**, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Hanover, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1.** The Village of Hanover Council hereby authorizes the Licking County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas program for the residents of the Village of Hanover, State of Ohio.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be copied to the Licking County Commissioners, 20 South Second Street, Newark, Ohio 43065.


**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements

Vote on Resolution:

Yeas 5 Nays 0

Passed on: June 8, 2022

Attest:



Brandon Hale, President of Council



Nicole D. Gieseler, Clerk



Jeffrey Collins, Mayor

Approved: June 8, 2022

5-11-22 ✓  
5-25-22 ✓  
6-8-22 ✓



Oct. 18. 2022 9:05AM Palmer Energy Company

**Resolution Number 2022 - 25****Dated: 6-28-2022**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Licking County Commissioners to Act as the Purchasing Agent and Governmental Aggregator for the Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the Village of Alexandria, Ohio.**

**WHEREAS, On May 3, 2022, the residents of the Village of Alexandria voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas rates to residential and small business consumers; and,**

**WHEREAS, the Licking County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of Village of Alexandria in Licking County as the governmental aggregator; and,**

**WHEREAS, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation; and**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Alexandria, Ohio that:**

**Section 1. The Village of Alexandria Council hereby authorizes the Licking County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas program for the residents of Village of Alexandria, Ohio.**

**Section 2. This resolution shall be copied to the Licking County Commissioners, 20 South Second Street, Newark, Ohio 43065.**

**Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.**

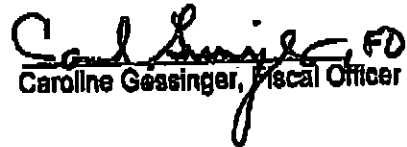
Vote on Resolution:

Yeas 6 Nays 0

Passed on: 6-21, 2022

Attest:

  
Mayor Jan Jasper

  
Caroline Gessinger, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
David T. Ball, Village Solicitor  
*Raymond Moore, Asst. Solicitor*

# Licking County

## Natural Gas Aggregation Program

### Plan of Operation and Governance

Approved August 18, 2022

## **Purpose**

The goal of this "opt-out" governmental aggregation program is to facilitate additional choices for the supply of natural gas for eligible residential and commercial consumers, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4929.26.

The Licking County Natural Gas Aggregation Program seeks to aggregate the retail natural gas loads of consumers located in the County to obtain the lowest price for the supply of natural gas. Participation in the County of Licking aggregation program is limited to individuals who are not already under contract with an alternative CRNGS.

This program is voluntary. Every eligible customer has the opportunity to decline to be a member of the aggregation program and to remain with Columbia Gas of Ohio (COH) or to enter into a natural supply contract with any other competitive retail natural gas services provider (CRNGS).

## **Process**

On May 3, 2022, the City of Newark, City of Heath, City of Johnstown, Village of Alexandria, Village of Louisville, and Village of Hanover, Licking County, Ohio voters approved the development of a form of natural gas government aggregation, known as opt-out aggregation. The County shall follow the process of governmental aggregation as set out in Ohio Revised Code section 4929.26 and the rules set out by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

These communities decided to utilize their aggregation jointly through Licking County, Ohio as permitted under Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code. A municipal corporation may automatically aggregate its residents after passage of an opt-out ordinance, approval by a majority of the voters and adoption of a Plan of Operation. The County has accomplished all of these requirements.

The process will entail selection of a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Supplier (CRNGS), mailing opt-out notices to eligible customers, generating a list of participants who did not opt out, then transferring the participants to the chosen CRNGS.

## **County of Licking Aggregation Program**

The purpose of the aggregation program is to reduce the amount consumers pay for natural gas. The County will not buy and resell the natural gas for the participants of the program. Instead, The County of Licking and its energy consultant will competitively bid and negotiate a contract with a CRNGS to provide natural gas to the members of the aggregation program.

The County of Licking will obtain the list of customers within its boundaries from Columbia Gas of Ohio, either by zip code or by method provided by the utility. The County will have its CRNGS cleanse the data to ensure that it does not contain customers with alternate suppliers, PIPP customers, and any other excludable consumers, and only those who live within the jurisdictional boundary. The County will then have its CRNGS send an opt-out notice to each eligible customer which discloses the offered price for natural gas along with any applicable contract terms. The opt-out notice will clearly inform potential customers that they may opt-out of the program during the 21-day period following the mailing of the notification, along with instructions on how to opt-out. Customers who opt-out of the County's aggregation program during this initial notification period will remain with Columbia Gas of Ohio unless and until the customer chooses an alternative CRNGS or chooses to opt-in to the aggregation program at a later date.

### **Operation**

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All necessary technical analysis, competitive procurement of services, regulatory approvals, accounting and fiscal management, contract maintenance, communications, program coordination and administrative support will be professionally provided by existing staff and an energy consultant, as well as the chosen CRNGS.

### **Funding**

The primary expenses associated with operating this program are printing and mailing cost of the opt-out notices, and fees for an energy consultant. Instead of paying for these costs upfront, it shall be The County's goal to have the chosen CRNGS absorb these fees into their offered rates of the program participants.

### **Notification of Customers**

All eligible customers in The County of Licking will receive opt-out information in the mail. The County of Licking will adhere to all eligibility requirements of R.C. 4929.26. Essentially, eligible customers cannot be under contract to buy natural gas from an alternate CRNGS or a mercantile customer.

The opt-out notice shall clearly inform customers of the offered rate, and that they have the right to opt-out of The County's aggregation program within twenty-one days after the mailing of the notice without paying a switching fee. The opt-out notice will fully describe how to opt-out. After the completion of the opt-out process, the residents who did not opt out will be included in The County's aggregation program.

### **Customer opt-out**

Customers may opt-out of The County of Licking aggregation program at no charge within the twenty-one day period following the mailing of the notice containing the rates and terms of the aggregation program. Customers who return the required opt-out notice will remain customers of Columbia Gas of Ohio. The County will offer the twenty-one day period during which customers can opt-out of the aggregation program without charge at least every two years pursuant state law.

### **Customer opt-in**

The County of Licking intends on having its supplier allow customers who move into or within The County of Licking to opt into The County's aggregation program by calling and voluntarily signing up with the supplier. The County will strive to provide these new customers with a rate similar to those who had been in the pool from the beginning. Additionally, the County's supplier may obtain a refreshed customer list from Columbia Gas of Ohio approximately every six months. The County's supplier may then send aggregation information to those eligible customers identified on the refresher list. Whether this information is in opt-in or opt-out format will depend on the negotiated language of the supplier contract. If interim opt outs are to take place; a twenty-one day opt-out will occur in the manner described above.

### **Joining the Program at a later date**

Residents of the County who initially chose to opt-out of the Program, for whatever reason, and wish to enroll at a later date, will be treated the same as a new resident. That is they will not automatically become part of the existing program, but will be given an opportunity to enroll. However, the County cannot guarantee that rates, terms and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation after the initial 21 day opt-out period, will match those of the initial enrollee.

### **Disputes**

The procedure for handling complaints will be in accordance with the rules set by the PUCO, and handled by the retail natural gas supplier. Dispute resolution provisions will also be in accordance with PUCO regulations. The opt-out package will contain the telephone numbers and websites for the PUCO and the Ohio Consumers Counsel, as well as the supplier's toll-free number.

The County of Licking supplier will maintain this toll free number for all customer related questions and complaints. The County shall require that the personnel assigned to

answer these calls be trained and provided the knowledge specific to The County's program.

### **Termination of natural gas supply program**

The natural gas supply program may be terminated at the expiration of the supply contract without any extension, renewal or subsequent supply contract being negotiated.

In either event, the aggregation pool customers will return to Columbia Gas of Ohio unless and until they switch to an alternate supplier. Each individual customer receiving natural gas supply service under The County of Licking aggregation program will receive notification of the termination of the program before termination.

### **Rates**

The Department of Public Utilities shall receive proposals from CRNGS using a competitive selection process. Bidders will be requested to provide a fixed price, floating price, a percent off rate, or a combination of the above. If consumers will have the option of choosing between fixed and floating prices, the opt-out package will contain ample and easy to understand information to aid the consumer in deciding which option best suits their natural gas needs. The County will decide which pricing structure(s), to offer based on the bids received, and an analysis of the current and projected market status as well as the bids received.

### **Billing and Payment**

The County of Licking will continue to have Columbia Gas of Ohio bill customers monthly, using an itemized format approved by the PUCO. The County will not become involved in any payment delinquency issues and thus will not require any type of consumer credit or deposit. If The County's supplier wishes to pursue payment delinquency issues, details of the supplier's credit and deposit policies will be included in the opt-out package.

Columbia Gas of Ohio will continue to deliver the natural gas purchased on the County's aggregation program through its natural gas distribution system. Participants with questions or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a natural gas outage or gas odor should continue to contact Columbia Gas of Ohio. Meter readings and other billing questions should also continue to be directed to Columbia Gas of Ohio.

Questions or concerns regarding the aggregation program should be directed to the CRNGS or the County of Licking.

Question or Concern	Contact	Telephone Number
Gas Odor or leaks	Columbia Gas of Ohio Delivery	1-800-344-4077
Turn on or off gas service	Columbia Gas of Ohio Delivery	1-800-344-4077
Billing Disputes	Columbia Gas of Ohio Delivery	1-800-344-4077
Enroll or opt-out of program	CRNGS	1-800-XXX-XXXX
Program Questions or Concerns	CRNGS	1-800-XXX-XXXX
Unresolved Disputes	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	1-800-686-7826 (voice) 1-800-686-1750 (TDD)
Unresolved Disputes	Ohio Consumers Council	1-877-742-5622 or occ@occ.state.oh.us

### **Liability**

The County shall not be liable to Members in the Aggregation Group for any claims whatsoever arising out of the aggregation program or the provision of aggregation services by the County or the Provider. Aggregation Group members shall assert any such claims solely against the Provider pursuant to the Power Supply Agreement, under which such participants are express third-party beneficiaries.

### **Copies of Plan**

Copies of this plan are available from the County of Licking free of charge. Call The County at 740-670-5110, for a copy or for more information.

### **Consumer Right to Contact PUCO**

Any natural gas customer, including any participant in The County of Licking Natural Gas Aggregation Program, may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for information, or make a complaint against the Program, the Provider, or CGO. The PUCO may be reached toll free at 1-800-686-7826. The PUCO may be reached at 1-800-686-1570 for all TDD/TYY calls. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel may be reached at 1-877-742-5622.