



January 30, 2023

Docketing Division  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**RE: Electric Governmental Aggregator Application — Village of Harveysburg, Warren County, OH.**

**CASE # 23-0095-EL-GAG**

The Village of Harveysburg is pleased to submit its application for electric governmental aggregator. The original application has been notarized and signed by an authorized official.

Material provided for review:

- Application for Governmental Aggregations and Affidavit
- Exhibit A-2 Authorizing Ordinance reflecting voter authorization;
- Exhibit A-3 Plan of Operation and Governance;
- Exhibit A-4 Automatic Aggregation Disclosure;

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (614) 425.4885.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Belcastro  
Principal  
614.425.4885  
[scott@electricsuppliers.org](mailto:scott@electricsuppliers.org)



## Public Utilities Commission

Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES)  
Governmental Aggregator Application

Case Number: 23 - 0695 -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.

### A. Application Information

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

Provide the name and contact information of the business entity.

Legal Name: Village of Harveysburg  
Street Address: 79 West Main Street  
City: Harveysburg State: Ohio Zip: 45032  
Telephone: 513-897-3998 Website: http://www.villageofharveysburg.org/

#### A-2. Contact person for regulatory matters.

Name: Scott Belcastro  
Street Address: 1216 Lexington Ave. Suite 301  
City: Mansfield State: Ohio Zip: 44907  
Telephone: 614-425-4885 Email: scott@electricssuppliers.org

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

Name: Scott Raffeld  
Street Address: 1216 Lexington Ave. Suite 301  
City: Mansfield State: Ohio Zip: 44907  
Telephone: 877-861-2772 Email: sraffeld@electricssuppliers.org

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

Street Address: 1216 Lexington Ave. Suite 301  
City: Mansfield State: Ohio Zip: 44907  
Toll-free Telephone: 877-861-2772 Email: trebelinfo@trebelllc.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.**

  
Signature

12/13/2022  
Date

President of Council  
Title



# **Competitive Retail Electric Service Affidavit**

County of Warren :

State of Ohio :

Mark Tipton, 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, 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.
4. The 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. 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.



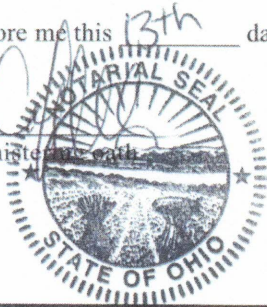
12. The facts set forth above are true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief and that he/she expects said applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

13. Affiant further sayeth naught.

ma John President of Council  
Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13th day of December, 2022  
Month Year

Crystal Coffman  
Signature of official administering oath  
Crystal Coffman  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires  
September 17, 2024  
Print Name and Title  
My commission expires on 9-17-24



**EXHIBIT A-2**

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE**



VILLAGE OF HARVEYSBURG  
Ordinance No. 0-02-22

A ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OHIO REVISED CODE AND DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature enacted electric deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3"), which authorized the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and unincorporated areas of the county, to aggregate the retail electrical loads located within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity; and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise said authority individually or jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electricity rates, which would not otherwise be available to those electricity customers individually; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Harveysburg Village ("Council") seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the incorporated areas of the Village, and may be in conjunction with any other legislative authorities in the State of Ohio, as permitted by law (the "Aggregation Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Harveysburg Village, Warren County, Ohio that:

Section 1: The Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the incorporated areas of the Village to establish an Aggregation Program within the incorporated areas of the Village. Provided that the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Village pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance, the Council is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within the incorporated areas of the Village, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. The Council may exercise such authority jointly with any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law, which may include use of an energy broker/consultant/aggregator, so long as the broker/consultant/aggregator is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling, or using an electric load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

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Section 2: The Board of Elections of Warren County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Village at the election on November 8, 2022:

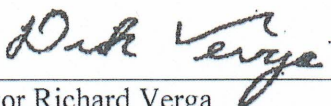
Shall the Council of Harveysburg Village have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located within the incorporated areas of the Village, and for that purpose, enter into services agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt-out, in accordance with Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and Ordinance No. 0-08-22 adopted by the Council?

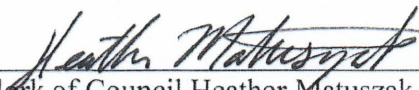
A representative of this Council is instructed to immediately file a certified copy of this Ordinance and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Warren County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to the election to be held November 8, 2022. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this Ordinance and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: Upon approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in Section 2 of this Ordinance, this Council, individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, may develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Council shall 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 incorporated areas of the Village. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and place of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Council shall aggregate the electric load of any electric load center within the incorporated areas of the Village unless it, in advance, clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, or using the load center that the person will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by a stated procedure not to be so enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment. The stated procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person who opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under Section 4928.141 of the Ohio Revised Code, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


Date: 7-25-22

  
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Mayor Richard Verga

  
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Clerk of Council Heather Matuszak

  
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President of Council Mark Tipton

Approved as to Form:

  
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Village Solicitor Chase T. Kirby

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**EXHIBIT A-3**

**OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN**





**VILLAGE OF HARVEYSBURG  
ELECTRIC AGGREGATION  
PROGRAM**

***OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE  
PLAN***

**Prepared by:**



**Adopted on December 12th, 2022**

## **I. Overview**

In November 2022, a majority of voters authorized the Village of Harveysburg ("Village") to create a form of government electric aggregation known as "opt-out" aggregation and to create an opt-out electric aggregation program ("the Aggregation Program") as provided under Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the opt-out electric aggregation program, all eligible electric consumers within the Village's limits will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program initially. However, all consumers will also be given the opportunity to opt out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program as detailed herein. Additionally, Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the village after the initial opt-out period may be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis.

The purpose of the Aggregation Program is to represent local consumer interests in competitive electricity markets by combining multiple electric loads within the Village's limits and negotiating affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of the Village's residents and small commercial consumers. The Village may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other legislative authorities.

Many small commercial and residential electric consumers lack the knowledge, expertise, and bargaining power to effectively negotiate power supply rates and services. A governmental aggregation program provides these consumers with an option for expert representation and the bargaining power of a larger, more diverse consumer group that may be more attractive to suppliers, allowing them to effectively participate in the competitive process and achieve the benefits of retail electric competition.

The Aggregation Program is designed to combine multiple electric loads to obtain the best electric generation rate available for those who participate in the Aggregation Program, and/or to gain other favorable economic and non-economic terms in supply agreements. The Village will not buy and resell power but will act as the agent for the Aggregation Program, representing the collective interests of the consumers in the Village to establish the terms and conditions for service. Through a negotiation process, the Village and its Consultant will develop a contract with a Competitive Retail Electric Services Provider (CRES Provider) or Providers for firm, all-requirements electric service. The contract will run for a fixed term (e.g., one to five years).

The Aggregation Program covers the power supply or generation portion of a Participant's electric bill. AES (AES) will continue to deliver electricity to Aggregation Program Participants' homes and businesses through the electric transmission and distribution system as an electric distribution utility function regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). AES will also continue to install, operate, and maintain their systems of poles, wires, transformers, and other electric distribution components. Aggregation Program Participants should continue to call AES if their power goes out or if they have billing questions. The PUCO will continue to oversee AES electric safety and reliability service standards.



## **II. Process**

Under an opt-out aggregation program, each eligible consumer within the Village's boundaries initially will be automatically included in the Aggregation Program on a non-discriminatory basis. However, prior to actual enrollment, each consumer for whom electric rates, terms, and conditions have been negotiated will receive a notice from the Village detailing the Aggregation Program's rates, terms, and conditions.

Each consumer will then have a 21-day period to opt out of or decline to participate in the Aggregation Program without additional fees charged. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on AES's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider. If the term of the Aggregation Program is longer than three years, a similar opt-out period will be offered every three years during which time consumers can leave the Aggregation Program without paying an early termination fee or penalty.

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Village cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. In the event that a consumer is not initially included in the Aggregation Program and the consumer chooses to participate in the Aggregation Program after it has begun, that consumer may participate in the Aggregation Program by executing a contract to enroll in the established Aggregation Program with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program.

Participants who relocate within the Village's limits and retain the same electric account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as their former location, provided the utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the electric distribution utility.

The Village, through its Consultant, will negotiate a contract with a CRES Provider to implement and operate the Aggregation Program. Contracts for power supply and other related services will be negotiated, recommended, and monitored for compliance by the Village's Consultant on behalf of local consumers.

The Village developed this Plan of Operation and Governance in compliance with Ohio law regarding governmental aggregation programs and opt-out aggregation of electric consumers.

After adoption of this Plan of Operation and Governance by resolution or ordinance pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Village will file such Plan with



the PUCO and will likewise maintain its certification as a governmental aggregator with the PUCO and its registration as a governmental aggregator with AES.

### **III. Plan of Operation and Governance**

#### **A. Definitions**

1. **Aggregation:** Combining the electric loads of multiple customers for the purpose of supplying or arranging for the supply of competitive retail electric service to those customers.
2. **Aggregation Program Manager or Consultant:** The individual or company retained by the Village to oversee the operation and management of the Village's Aggregation Program.
3. **Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES):** A component of retail electric service that is deemed competitive under the Ohio Revised Code or pursuant to an order of the PUCO. This includes, but is not limited to, the services provided by competitive retail electric service providers, power marketers, aggregators, and governmental aggregators.
4. **Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider (CRES Provider):** A person or entity certified by the PUCO and registered with an electric distribution utility which supplies or offers to supply a competitive retail electric service over an electric distribution utility's transmission and/or distribution system. This term does not apply to an electric distribution utility in its provision of standard offer generation service.
5. **Consumer:** Any person or entity that is an end user of electricity and is connected to any part of the applicable electric distribution utility's transmission and/or distribution system within the Village's boundaries.
6. **Delivery Charge:** Charge imposed by the electric distribution utility for delivering electricity to a consumer's home or business. The charge includes meter reading, billing, maintaining electric system reliability and responding during emergencies and outages (also called a distribution charge).
7. **Distribution:** The delivery of electricity to a consumer's home or business over an electric distribution utility's local poles, wires, transformers, substations, and other equipment. Electric distribution utilities' distribution system operations are regulated by the PUCO.
8. **Electric-Related Service:** A service that is directly related to the consumption of electricity at a consumer's home or business. This may

include, but is not limited to, the installation of demand side management measures at a consumer's premises, the maintenance, repair or replacement of appliances, lighting, motors or other energy-consuming devices at a consumer's premises, and the provision of energy consumption measurement and billing services.

9. **Electric Supply Charge:** All charges related to the supply of generation of electricity by the CRES Provider.
10. **Governmental Aggregator:** An incorporated township or city, village, or county acting as an aggregator for the provision of a CRES under authority conferred by Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.
11. **Kilowatt-hour (kWh):** A kilowatt-hour is 1,000 watts of electricity used for one hour. For example, a 1,000-watt appliance operating for one hour will consume one kilowatt-hour of electricity. Consumers are charged for electricity in cents per kilowatt-hour.
12. **Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC):** The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) was established by the Ohio Legislature in 1976 to represent the interests of Ohio's residential utility customers served by investor-owned utilities in proceedings before the PUCO, other regulatory agencies, and in the courts.
13. **Participant:** An eligible consumer enrolled in the Village's Aggregation Program.
14. **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO):** The state agency charged with assuring that all residential and business consumers have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices.
15. **Standard Offer Generation Service:** The electric generation service a consumer will receive from its default electric service provider if the customer does not choose a CRES Provider.

#### **B. Aggregation Program Management**

Due to the complexity of the electric utility industry, the Village has entered into an Energy Management and Consulting Agreement with the Consultant to provide the necessary expertise to represent the Village's interests in legislative and regulatory matters and to serve as the Aggregation Program Manager. Such services may include, but are not limited to, overall management of the Aggregation Program, facilitating consumer enrollment and the opt-out process, assisting with consumer education, addressing consumer questions and concerns,



providing reports on program operation, negotiating CRES Provider contracts, providing analysis and review of the Village's energy service usage and costs, and providing consulting services to aggregate and procure energy and/or energy-related services, products, and accounts, and representing the Village in dealings with CRES Providers, the Ohio Legislature, the PUCO, and the OCC.

The CRES Provider's rates will include an administrative fee, which shall be collected to fund the implementation and administration of the Village's Aggregation Program, including consulting fees. The administrative fee may be adjusted annually to cover the Village's cost of administering the program, including consulting fees.

Oversight of the Aggregation Program will be the responsibility of the Village's Consultant, in consultation with the Village. The Consultant, in consultation with the Village, will have the authority to develop specifications for the Aggregation Program. The CRES Provider will work under the direction of the Consultant with the advice and counsel of the Village.

### **C. Selection of a CRES Provider and Contract**

The Village will not buy and resell power to Aggregation Program Participants. The Village, through its Consultant, will negotiate with potential CRES providers to provide affordable, reliable electric supply, and other electric-related services on behalf of local consumers. The Village will consider cooperating with other governmental aggregators if it appears beneficial to do so.

Through a negotiation process driven by its Consultant, the Village will develop a contract with a CRES Provider or Providers for firm, all-requirements service. Each Aggregation Program Participant shall be individually bound by the terms and conditions found in the opt-out notice and the contract and shall be solely responsible for payment and performance. The Village will contract only with a CRES Provider that possesses, at a minimum, the following criteria:

1. Is certified as a CRES Provider by the PUCO;
2. Is registered with AES.
3. Has a service agreement under AES Open Access Transmission Tariff;
4. Has successfully completed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) computer system testing with AES, and the CRES Provider's EDI computer system is capable of effectively processing Aggregation Program EDI transactions in a timely manner;
5. Will maintain a database of Aggregation Program Participants, which will include all necessary information for the CRES Provider, Village, and Consultant to serve and manage the Aggregation Program;



6. Meets standards of creditworthiness established by the PUCO and/or the electric distribution utility;
7. Has or has arranged for a customer call center capable of effectively handling Participants' questions, concerns and disputes in a timely manner using a toll-free telephone number;
8. Holds the Village harmless from any financial obligations arising from offering electricity and/or energy-related services to Aggregation Program Participants; and
9. Will assist the Village and its Consultant with the filing of reports required by Ohio law and the PUCO.

The CRES Provider's contract will run for a fixed term (e.g., one to five years) and contain all pricing, charges, switching fees, etc. in clear and easily understandable terms.

The Village will require any CRES Provider to disclose any subcontractors that it uses in fulfillment of the services described herein.

#### **D. Electric Supply Charges**

The Village, through its Consultant, will aggregate electric loads within the Village's applicable boundaries (including Village facilities) and negotiate mutually agreeable pricing, terms, and conditions of service with the CRES Provider for affordable, reliable electric supplies and other related services on behalf of Participants. The Village may pursue this purpose individually or in cooperation with other legislative authorities. CRES Providers will supply information on electric supply charges by utility customer rate classification or other appropriate pricing category as approved by the Village. All electric supply charges will be fully and prominently disclosed in consumer enrollment materials, the opt-out notice, and will be subject to approval by the Village.

#### **E. AES Regulated Customer Classifications and Rates**

The applicable electric distribution utility assigns customer rate classifications, character of service, and associated regulated rates subject to PUCO-approved tariffs. In addition to the CRES Provider's generation supply charges, consumers will continue to be billed for AES service and delivery charges. Although the Village may participate in regulatory proceedings and represent the interests of consumers regarding these regulated rates, it cannot assign or alter customer rate classifications.

It is the intention of the Village to offer its Aggregation Program to eligible residential and non-mercantile commercial customers in any and all customer classifications, and in all rate categories, for which the CRES Provider can offer

discounted energy costs for those who participate in the Aggregation Program and/or other favorable economic and non-economic terms in supply agreements compared to the electric distribution utility's avoidable costs or price to compare or Standard Offer Generation Service.

#### **F. Developing the Pool of Eligible Accounts**

The Village or its Consultant shall request the electric distribution utility to provide current customer information for all customers within the Village's boundaries. The provided information shall include the following:

- Customer name;
- Customer service address;
- Customer billing address;
- Electric distribution utility customer account number;
- Electric distribution utility rate code;
- Electric distribution utility PIPP code;
- Customer load data;
- Whether or not a customer has a present contract with a CRES Provider; and
- Whether or not a customer has a special service contract with the electric distribution utility.

From this information, the Village, its Consultant, and the CRES Provider will develop the pool of customers eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program, for which the CRES Provider can offer discounted energy costs for those who participate in the Aggregation Program and/or other favorable economic and non-economic terms in supply agreements.

#### **G. Initial Consumer Notification and Enrollment**

After contract approval by the Village and its Consultant, the CRES Provider will work with the Village, its Consultant, and the electric distribution utility to identify all eligible consumers within the Village's boundaries.

All eligible consumers will be notified in writing of the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of participation in the Aggregation Program and that they will be automatically enrolled in the Aggregation Program unless they opt out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program. Consumers will be given 21 days from the postmark date of the opt-out letter in which to notify the Village that they wish to opt out of or decline participation in the Aggregation Program without penalty or fees. Consumers opting out of the program will remain on the applicable



distribution utility's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as they select an approved CRES Provider.

Consumers may opt out of the Aggregation Program by returning a post card, by calling a toll-free number, or by any other means or form provided in the opt-out letter.

After the initial 21-day opt out period has elapsed, all eligible consumers who have not notified the Village of their desire to opt out of the Aggregation Program will be enrolled automatically by the CRES Provider at the earliest date practicable. No other affirmative steps will be required of consumers in order to be included in the Aggregation Program as Participants.

Consumers ineligible to participate in the Aggregation Program include those customer accounts that are located outside the Village's boundaries, customers who are already in contract with a CRES provider, customers in a "special rate" contract with an electric distribution utility, and Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) consumers and consumers whose accounts are not current with their present electric distribution utility, as appropriate. The aggregation of PIPP customers is under the direction of the State of Ohio.

Consumers enrolled in the Aggregation Program by the CRES Provider will receive a letter from their electric distribution utility notifying them of their enrollment. Consumers will have seven calendar days to notify the electric distribution utility of any objection to their enrollment in the Aggregation Program. The applicable electric distribution utility will notify the CRES Provider of consumer objections or any reason that a consumer was not enrolled in the Aggregation Program and the CRES Provider will maintain a list of customers who have opted out under the Aggregation Program rules.

The CRES Provider will report to the Village the status of the Aggregation Program enrollment on at least a quarterly basis.

#### **H. Leaving the Aggregation Program**

In addition to the initial opt-out period described above, each Participant will be given an opportunity to opt out of the Aggregation Program every three years without paying an early termination fee or penalty as required by law and PUCO rules. Consumers who choose to opt out of the Aggregation Program at any time other than during the initial 21-day opt-out period or during subsequent opt-out periods offered by the Village may be subject to an early termination fee and may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric distribution utility.



Any consumer who opts out of the Aggregation Program during the initial opt-out period or subsequent opt-out periods will be returned to their electric distribution utility's Standard Offer Generation Service until such time as the consumer selects another approved CRES Provider.

#### **I. CRES Provider Responsibilities**

The CRES Provider will build and maintain a database of all Aggregation Program Participants. The database will include the name, address, utility service delivery identification (SDI) number, and other pertinent information as agreed upon by the Village, Consultant, and the CRES Provider. Such information may include the CRES Provider's account number (if different from utility's SDI number), rate code, rider code (if applicable), most recent 12 months of kWh consumption and kW demand, and meter reading cycle. The Aggregation Program database will be updated at least quarterly. The Village and its Consultant will have the right to access information in the database for purposes of auditing.

The CRES Provider will provide and maintain the required Electronic Data Interchange computer system to effectively process Aggregation Program enrollments, opt outs, billing, etc., with the applicable electric distribution utility.

The CRES Provider will provide a local or toll-free telephone number for Participant questions or concerns about enrollment, opt-out provisions, billing, and other Aggregation Program issues.

The CRES Provider will develop internal controls and processes to help ensure that the Village remains in good standing as a governmental aggregator that complies with all laws, rules, and regulations regarding the same as they may be periodically amended.

#### **J. New and Returning Participants**

Participants who leave the Aggregation Program and wish to return, consumers who affirmatively choose to participate in the Aggregation Program, and consumers who move into the Village after the initial opt-out period will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in the Aggregation Program on an opt-in basis. However, the Village cannot guarantee rates, terms, and conditions to consumers enrolling in the Aggregation Program after the initial 21-day opt-out period. In the event that a consumer is not initially included in the Aggregation Program and the consumer chooses to participate in the Aggregation Program after it has begun, that consumer may participate in the Aggregation Program by executing a contract to enroll in the established Aggregation Program with the selected CRES Provider delineating the rates, terms, and conditions prior to being placed into the Aggregation Program. Consumers may contact the Village's Consultant to obtain

current enrollment information and the applicable contract to opt-in to the established Aggregation Program.

Participants who relocate within the Village limits and retain the same electric utility account number will be allowed to continue in the Aggregation Program at their new location under the same terms and conditions as at their former location, provided the electric utility rate classification is the same at both locations, and subject to any switching fees imposed by the consumer's former electric distribution utility. The CRES Provider will comply with all local, state and federal rules and regulations regarding discontinuing service to Aggregation Program Participants.

#### **K. Billing**

At this time, the Village plans to utilize the applicable electric distribution utility's consolidated billing service in which each consumer account receives one bill itemizing the CRES Provider's electric supply charges and electric distribution utility's delivery, and other PUCO-approved charges. The billing statement will be consistent with applicable PUCO rules and regulations. The Village will consider other billing options, including CRES Provider consolidated or dual billing, if and when they become available and if it appears advantageous to do so.

#### **L. Questions and Concerns**

The Aggregation Program impacts the source of generation or power supply of electricity to the applicable electric distribution utility. The applicable electric distribution utility will continue to deliver the electricity purchased through the Aggregation Program to Participants' homes and businesses through its electric transmission and distribution system.

Participants with questions or concerns regarding service delivery or safety, such as a power outage, a downed power line, sparking power lines or equipment, low voltage, etc., should continue to contact their electric distribution utility. Meter reading or other billing questions should also be directed to their electric distribution utility. Questions regarding Aggregation Program enrollment and opting out should be directed to the CRES Provider. Any other general questions regarding the Aggregation Program should be directed to the Village's Consultant.



Question or Concern	Contact	Phone Number
Power outage or interruption	AES	1-877-468-8243
Connect/disconnect service	AES	1-800-433-8500
Meter reading/billing	AES	1-800-433-8500
Enrollment in or opting out of Aggregation Program	CRES Provider Trebel LLC	1-888-XXX-XXXX 1-877-861-2772
Aggregation Program Questions or Concerns	Trebel LLC	1-877-861-2772
Unresolved disputes	PUCO	1-800-686-7826 (voice) 1-800-686-1570 (TDD)

#### **M. Reliability and Indemnification of Consumers**

Electric service reliability is essential to Aggregation Program Participants. The Village will strive to provide high-quality service and reliability through provisions of the CRES Provider contract, through traditional proceedings related to your electric distribution utility's regulated distribution service, and through direct discussions with your electric distribution utility concerning specific or general problems related to quality and reliability of its transmission and distribution system.

If for any reason a CRES Provider fails to provide uninterrupted service, the Village and its Consultant will attempt to acquire an alternative power supply. If this attempt fails, Participants will default to the applicable electric utility's Standard Offer Generation Service. In no case will Participants be without power as a result of the CRES Provider's failure to provide the supply of generation. The Village and its Consultant will seek to minimize this risk by contracting only with reputable CRES Providers that have demonstrated reliable service. The Village, through its Consultant, also intends to include conditions in its CRES Provider contract that will indemnify Participants against risks or problems with power supply service and price.

#### **N. Participant Rights**

All Aggregation Program Participants shall enjoy the protections of law afforded to consumers as they currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time. These include rights to question billings or service quality or service practices. All consumers shall also enjoy the individual right to decline participation in the Aggregation Program subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.



All Aggregation Program Participants will be treated equitably. They will be guaranteed the rights to raise and resolve disputes with the CRES Provider, be provided all required notices and information, and always retain the right to opt out of the Aggregation Program or switch suppliers subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

All Consumers within the Village's boundaries shall be eligible to participate in the Aggregation Program on a non-discriminatory basis, subject to the terms and conditions described herein, Ohio law, PUCO rules and regulations governing electric service, and the applicable electric utility's approved tariffs.

Service under the Aggregation Program shall be available to all eligible customer classes. CRES Provider contracts shall also contain non-discrimination provisions to ensure the equitable treatment of all customer classes.

Low-income consumers shall remain subject to all provisions of Ohio law and PUCO rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time regarding their rights to participate in the Aggregation Program.

#### **O. Participant Responsibilities**

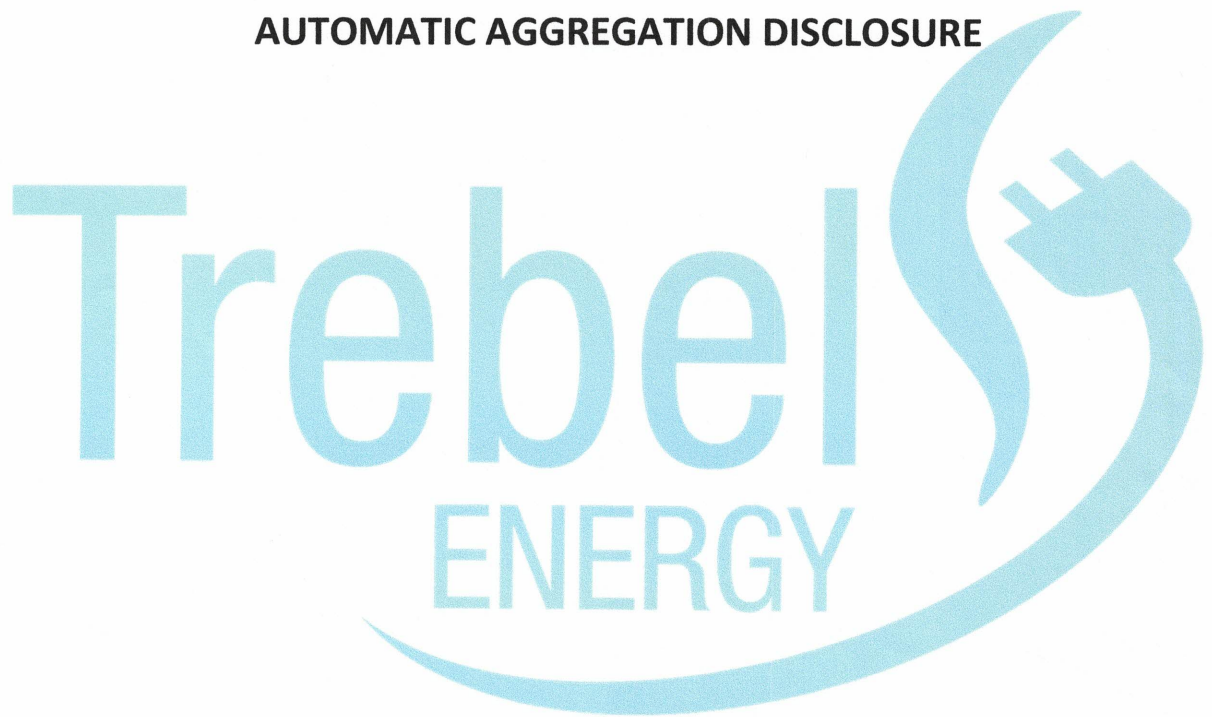
Aggregation Program Participants are subject to the same standards and responsibilities as other electric consumers, including payment of billings and access to metering and other equipment necessary to carry out utility operations.

#### **P. Termination of the Aggregation Program**

The Aggregation Program may be discontinued upon the termination or expiration of the CRES Provider contract without any extension, renewal, or subsequent contract being executed. In the event of Aggregation Program termination, each Participant will receive written notification of the termination at least 60 days prior to such program termination and will have the option to return to the applicable electric utility's Standard Generation Offer Service or select another approved CRES Provider.

**EXHIBIT A-4**

**AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION DISCLOSURE**



# Governmental Entity

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July, 15, 2014

## Government Entity Electric Government Aggregation Program with XYZ Supplier

Dear Government Entity Resident,

Government Entity is providing you with the opportunity to join with other residents to save money on the Electric you use. Savings are possible through a concept called government aggregation, where Township officials bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of Electric from a retail supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Township voters approved this program in May 2014.

During the past few months, we have researched options for competitive Electric pricing for you. We have chosen XYZ Supplier (XYZ SUPPLIER), an Ohio based corporation to provide you with Electric for the term of October 2014 through September 2015.

You will be automatically enrolled in the Township's Electric Governmental Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out"—that is, affirmatively choose not to participate. If you wish to be excluded from the program you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form by July XX, 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 3 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 the enrollment and you will not be charged a switching fee.

XYZ SUPPLIER has offered to provide Electric to Aggregation Members at a monthly variable rate equal to: guaranteed X% off the Price to Compare of EDU. In addition there are no early termination penalties if you decide to leave this offer.

After you become a participant in the Townships' Electric aggregation program, Ohio Edison or Dayton Power and Light will send a letter confirming your selection of XYZ SUPPLIER as your Electric provider. As required by law, this letter will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with XYZ SUPPLIER within seven business days of its postmark date. To remain in the Townships' government aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives. You will be automatically enrolled.

Ohio Edison or Dayton Power and Light, whichever is applicable, will always be responsible for ensuring the distribution of Electric to your premises and will continue to maintain your meter, the monthly reads and the lines that deliver Electric to your home. Your Electric bill will also continue to come from Ohio Edison or Dayton Power and Light. The only change you'll notice is savings and the name of your new gas supplier, XYZ SUPPLIER, included on your bill.

If you have any questions, please call XYZ SUPPLIER toll free at 1-800-XXX-XXXX, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Regards

Government Entity Trustees

President, XYZ Supplier

Address  
Supplier web address



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Entity

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OPT-OUT FORM — RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Option 1: Do nothing and save.

If you want to participate in this program and save, you do not need to return this form. Your enrollment is automatic.

OR

Option 2: Opt out by returning this form.

If you do not want to participate in this program and save, you must return this form before the due

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I wish to opt out of my community's electric savings program. (Check box to opt out.)

Service address (City, state and zip):

Phone

number:

Account holder's  
signature:

Date:

Mail by September XX, 2013 to: Gov. Entity Electric Governmental Aggregation Program, ADDRESS of Supplier

Address  
Supplier web address

## Electric Aggregation - Frequently Asked Questions

**What is governmental aggregation of electricity?**

Ohio's laws allow for communities - such as Village/Township/City/County's, cities and counties - to form aggregated buying groups on behalf of their citizens. Savings are possible through governmental aggregation, where community officials bring together residential and small commercial customers to gain group buying power for the purchase of electricity from a retail electric provider.

**How is the Village/Township/City/County able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?**

In Month 20xx, XXX Village/Township/City/County residents voted to allow the Village/Township/City/County to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf.

**How will I know if I can save money under the Village/Township/City/County's electric governmental aggregation program?**

Under the Village/Township/City/County's governmental aggregation program, the price residential customers pay for electric generation and transmission supply is guaranteed to be 15 percent lower than the AEP's price to compare. For commercial customers, the rate they will pay is guaranteed to be 10 percent lower than AEP's comparable price.

**If I join the Village/Township/City/County's electric aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?**

Your local electric company will be responsible for the delivery of power to your home or business. Since your local electric utility still owns the wires and poles that deliver power to you, it will continue to read your meter and restore power after an outage.

**What do I need to do to be included in the aggregation program?**

You do not need to do anything to receive the discounted pricing under this program. You may choose to remain part of the aggregation program and begin receiving your XX percent discount for residential customers and XX percent discount for commercial customer simply by not returning the opt-out form.

**What if I don't want to participate?**

Since all eligible residential and small commercial customers are automatically enrolled in the governmental aggregation program, those customers who do not want to participate are given the opportunity to opt-out. By returning an opt-out form by the due date, you can choose not to be enrolled as an electric generation and transmission customer of the community's competitive electric generation and transmission supplier.

**How will billing be handled?**

You will receive one bill from AEP Ohio Power (the utility) that contains your charges for distribution and maintenance service from the utility as well as Border Energy's charges for generation and transmission. You can remain on budget billing; however, the budget billing program does not apply to your charges from XYZ Supplier. Your total charges from XYZ Supplier will fluctuate from month to month according to your usage.

**Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account as I do now?**

Yes. How you pay your electric bill will not change.

**Who do I call if I have a problem with my electric service?**

If you have an outage, see fallen power lines, or require emergency repairs, you will continue to contact AEP Ohio Power Company at 1-800-672-2231.

**What is the toll-free number for questions?**

If you have any questions, please call XYZ Supplier at 1-888-XXX-XXXX, Monday through Friday between 8am-5pm.

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