

DIS Case Number: 12-0528-EL-GAG

## Section A: Application Information

### A-1. Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, and web site address

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Legal Name: Columbia Township (Hamilton Country: United States

County)

Phone:

Extension (if applicable): Street: 5686 Kenwood Road

5135616046

Website (if any):

City: Cincinnati

Province/State: OH

Postal Code: 45227

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

**Ross Calliott** 10749 E Garden Rd Mt Vernon, IL 62864 US rcalliott@agellc.com 6363992501

#### A-3. Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints

**Ross Calliott** 10749 E Garden Rd Mt Vernon, IL 62864 US rcalliott@agellc.com 6363992501

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

Extension (if Phone: 866-787-6749 Country: United States

applicable):

Fax: 312-264-6200 Extension (if applicable): Street: 300 S. Wacker Drive, Ste 800



Email: info@agellc.com City: Chicago Province/State: IL

Postal Code: 60606

## **B-1.** Authorizing ordinance

Provide a copy of the adopted ordinance or resolution that reflects voter authorization to form a governmental aggregation program pursuant to Sections 4929.26 and 4929.27 of the Ohio Revised Code.

File(s) attached.

#### **B-2.** Operation and governance plans

Provide a copy of the applicant's plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Sections 4929.26(C) or 4929.27(B) of the Revised Code. The Operation and Governance Plan should include all information pursuant to Rule 4901:1-28-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Files(s) attached.

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

If the aggregation program provides for automatic aggregation in accordance with Section 4929.26(A) of the Revised Code, provide a copy of the disclosure notification required by Section 4929.26(D) of the Revised Code.

File(s) uploaded

## **B-4. Experience and Plans**

Provide a description of the applicant's experience in providing the service(s) for which it is applying (e.g. number and type of customers served, utility service areas, amount of load, etc.). Also provide the plan for contracting with customers, providing contracted services, providing billing statements, and responding to customer inquiries and complaints in accordance with Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4928.10 of the Revised Code.

Application Experience and Plan Description: The Applicant uses the consulting services of SATORI ENTERPRISES LLC DBA SATORI ENERGY (Cert #11-359E) for the purposes of managing its



governmental aggregation program, including the facilitation of contract execution with CRES/CRNG suppliers, 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.

# **Application Attachments**

# RESOLUTION NO 11-26, 2011 COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, met in regular session on the \_\_\_\_th day of July 2011 at the office of the Board with the following members present:

Susan Hughes

David Kubicki

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Stephen Langenkamp

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted electric deregulation legislation which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity;

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise such authority jointly with any other legislative authorities;

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

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with optout provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, ("the aggregation program"), for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in Columbia Township and in conjunction jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question to the electors of Columbia Township,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trustees of Columbia Township Hamilton County, Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of Columbia Township its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the limits of Columbia Township to establish the Aggregation Program in Columbia Township. Provided that this Resolution and the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of Columbia Township pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, Columbia Township is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio

Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within Columbia Township, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity. Columbia Township may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, or county or other political subdivision of Ohio to the fullest extent permitted by law. 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 Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Board of Elections of Hamilton County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of Columbia Township at the general election on November 8, 2011. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this Resolution and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.

That the form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

#### PROPOSED AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

Shall Columbia Township have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the Township, and for that purpose, enter into service 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?

For the Resolution	
Against the Resolution	

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SECTION 3. Upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election provided in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Board individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, shall develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Board 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 Township. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and location of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Board shall aggregate the electrical load of any electric load center within the Township unless in advance the Board 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 every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the

stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under Section 4928.14 or division (D) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

SECTION 4. The Fiscal Officer of this Board is instructed to file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to November 8, 2011. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this Resolution and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to Section 2 and Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 6.** Notice of the adoption of this Resolution shall be given once by publishing the title of the Resolution in an abstract form in The Enquirer.

Motion to acc	cept Resolution made	by: Mr./Mrs.		
Seconded by:	Mr./Mrs	~4#A75		· 79.
VOTE: TRUSTEE		Voting	Signature	Date
Stephen Lang	genkamp, President			
Susan Hughe	s, Vice-President			
David Kubicl	ki, Trustee		<del></del>	
ATTEST:	Paul C. Davis, Fisca as to form:	al Officer nbia Township I	egal Counsel	
Passed this	_ day of July 2011.			

## November 8, 2011 General Election

11/30/2011

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## PROPOSED ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

### **COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Columbia Township have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in Columbia Township, and for that purpose, enter into service 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?

YES

NO

# CERTIFICATE OF RESULT OF ELECTION ON QUESTION OR ISSUE Revised Code, Section 3501.11

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The Board	of Elections	of	Hamilton		County hereby
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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Hamilton County, Ohio

# PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

## **OF**

# COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, OHIO, HAMILTON COUNTY

For Additional Information Contact:

Donald I. Marshall Eagle Energy, LLC 6566 Glenway Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Telephone: (513) 251-7283 E-mail: eagleenergy@fuse.net <u>Introduction</u>. Columbia Township (Township) obtained voter approval to offer an electric aggregation program pursuant to §4928.20, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) on November 8, 2011. As a result of the voter's affirmative vote, the Township shall offer an "opt-out" electric aggregation program to all eligible customers<sup>1</sup>; i.e., all residential customers and non-mercantile commercial, industrial and other public authority customers within the Village. The plan will be available to approximately 2,000 customers and those customers shall automatically be enrolled in the program as further explained herein. A Program Agreement has not been executed with IGS Energy (IGS) for the purpose of implementing an aggregation program.

The aggregation program has been developed in accordance with §4928.20, ORC, in the following manner:

- 1. §4928.20(A) specifies the requirement of a municipal authority to adopt an ordinance. Exhibit A-2 is a copy of Resolution No. 11-26, 2011 adopted by the elected officials of Columbia Township specifying that aggregation shall occur automatically.
- 2. §4928.20(B) requires that the Resolution be submitted to the electorate. Also included in Exhibit A-2 is the certification by the Hamilton County Board of Elections that Resolution No. 04-0809-H was passed on November 8, 2011 by a majority affirmative vote.
- 3. §4928.20(C) requires two public hearings on this Plan of Operation and Governance (Plan) to be conducted. Those hearings were held on January 24 and 31, 2011 at 6:00 PM after appropriate public notice was provided for two consecutive weeks.
- 4. §4928.20(D) requires appropriate notice be provided to customers being automatically enrolled in the aggregation program. The notice, including terms and conditions, is attached as Exhibit A-4. The final notice was timely provided to the Commission Staff.

The Plan has been developed in accordance with the Commission's rules and regulations, specifically rule 4901:1-21-16(B) of the Administrative Code, in the following manner:

1. <u>Services to be Provided</u>. Columbia Township has entered into a contract with a IGS to provide generation and transmission services. The contract includes all terms and conditions that make it clear that the IGS has ultimate responsibility to deliver firm power to the distribution system of the local Electric Distribution Utility (EDU), Duke Energy-Ohio (Duke). Duke, in turn, shall utilize its distribution system, as it currently uses, and deliver the power to the customer's end-use facilities. Columbia Township does not intend to re-sell any power as a result of this program and, in fact, is not authorized to do so.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As further defined herein. Certain customers may not be eligible to participate.

2. <u>Determination of Rates to be Charged</u>. All customers shall continue to receive standard distribution service under Duke's tariffs on file and approved by the Commission. Customers shall be responsible for the distribution charges and certain delivery Riders specified under residential rates and other rates that apply to non-mercantile customers within Duke's tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 19<sup>2</sup>. Customers enrolled in the program shall receive relief from certain other Riders and the rates and Riders associated with generation and related cost contained in Duke's tariff. Columbia Township has retained Eagle Energy to assist in the identification of potential savings for customers. Savings shall be determined by comparing the prevailing price-to-compare of Duke with the contract rate of IGS. The rate comparison will be contained in the notice to be received by the customer. A surcharge authorized under §4928.20(I) is not applicable at the current time.

The rate to be charged customers electing to be in the program shall be fixed.

- 3. <u>Standby Service</u>. The Township intends for customers to return to Duke on a full-requirements basis without penalty.
- 4. Opt-out Disclosure Notice. The Township requested a customer list that identifies potential customers within its geographic boundary from Duke. It has been Eagle's experience that the customer list may not be entirely accurate so a request of IGS to sanitize the customer list was made to improve its accuracy. The sanitized customer list shall then be used to mail the opt-out notice. One the mailing list has been developed, the opt-out notice was mailed via first class U.S. mail and customers shall have twenty-one (21) days to opt-out of the program. Those customers electing **not** to opt-out were enrolled in the program.
- 5. <u>Customer Inclusion</u>. The following customers shall be excluded from the opt-out program:
  - (a) Customers who have opted-out of the program;
  - (b) Customers under contract with a CRES;
  - (c) Customers who may have a special contract with Duke;
  - (d) Customers outside the geographical boundary of the Village;
  - (e) Customers who have elected to be on the "do not aggregate" list provided by §4928.21(C);
  - (f) Mercantile customers; and,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The program may be available to other special rates such as Rates EH, ORH, et al.

(g) Customers with an unsatisfactory credit rating.

The Township is relying on Duke to provide a concise customer list as well as identifying the above customer categories as reasonable as possible. Customers in categories (b) through (g) shall not appear in the customer list provided by Duke. Customers within these categories who may be accidentally enrolled shall be returned to Duke without charge.

IGS has the responsibility to monitor the enrollment of customers. Customers who elect to opt-out of the program shall be excluded and if a customer were accidentally enrolled shall also be returned to Duke without charge.

- 6. Opt-out Process. Customers received a letter, terms and conditions and a postcard that shall be used to determine enrollment status<sup>3</sup>. Customers were provided twenty-one (21) days to elect to opt-out of the program. After the twenty-one day opt-out period ended customers shall be submitted to Duke for enrollment. Duke shall confirm enrollment and provide the customer with an additional seven (7) days to allow the customer to cancel enrollment. Thereafter, a similar enrollment program shall be offered at intervals not to exceed three (3) years.
- 7. <u>Eligible Customers</u>. The aggregation program shall include residential and non-mercantile customers, except those identified in Section 5 above, served under the provision's of Duke's electric tariff P.U.C.O. No. 19<sup>4</sup>.
- 8. <u>Billing Procedures</u>. The contract with IGS includes billing procedures and the customer receives a single bill from Duke. The bill includes all charges including the rates of IGS. The billing interval shall be approximately thirty (30) days. If Duke does not receive timely payments, then the subsequent bill will reflect late payments fees, as authorized by the Commission, including those charges of IGS.
- Credit and Deposit Procedures. Collection and credit procedures shall be those
  authorized by the Commission and remain the responsibility of Duke, IGS and the
  involved customer. Columbia Township shall not be involved in any credit or
  collection matter.
- 10. <u>Customer Service Procedures</u>. Customers shall have multiple means of addressing customer service issues. Generally, concerns relative to service reliability or billing should be addressed to Duke and concerns regarding the Plan should be addressed to Columbia Township or Eagle Energy. If a customer is unable to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Customers shall also be provided a toll-free telephone number to be provided by IGS that will monitor and verify enrollment status.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See footnote 2 also.

resolve their concern in a satisfactory manner, then that matter should be directed to the Commission or to the Ohio Consumers' Counsel. The following telephone numbers are for customers' assistance for resolving customer service issues:

Duke Energy Ohio	(800) 544-6900
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	(800) 686-7826 (800) 686-1750 (TDD/TTY)
Columbia Township	(513) 561-6046
Eagle Energy	(513) 251-7283
Ohio Consumers' Counsel	(877) 742-5622
IGS	(800) 280-4474

In addition, this Plan adopts by reference Commission rule 4901:1-21-08 of the Administrative Code as the rule pertains to customer access, slamming and complaint handling procedures.

- 11. <u>New Customer Policy</u>. During the Plan's term, customers who have either left the Plan or who moved into the governmental boundaries of Columbia Township, may contact Columbia Township, Eagle Energy or IGS at any time to obtain enrollment<sup>5</sup> information. IGS shall have sole discretion to permit new customers to enroll into the Plan at no charge. In addition. IGS may periodically provide an opt-out refresh opportunity to eligible customers upon concurrence of the Township and appropriate notice provided to the Commission Staff.
- 12. <u>Customer Who Move</u>. Enrolled customers who move from one location to another within the geographical boundaries of Columbia Township shall be permitted to maintain their enrollment status at their new location.
- 13. <u>Customers Who Opt-out</u>. Customers who provided the required opt-out notice shall remain a customer of the EDU, Duke, or their selected CRES. Customers may request the Plan's CRES to permit enrollment and in that instance the CRES shall have sole discretion as to allow the enrollment at no charge. Customers being served by an existing CRES shall be cautioned about any cancellation charges associated with their current enrollment status. A new enrollment period shall be offered, at a minimum, every three (3) years without any charge to the customer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Enrollment must be authorized by Duke.

14. <u>Other Matters</u>. A copy of this Plan shall be available at the Columbia Township offices at 5686 Kenwood Road for public inspection and shall be made available to any customer upon request. Columbia Township shall be precluded from altering this Plan in any way that materially affects enrolled customers. If a change to the Plan is made, affected customers shall be provided notice of the change and shall be given an opportunity to opt-out of the aggregation.

# **Competitive Retail Electric Service Affidavit**

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State of <u>Ulli</u>	nois:
Davide	Mics 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 <u>Title</u> 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 <u>4928.09</u>, 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 acc that he/she expects said applicant to be a		•
13. Affiant further sayeth naught.		
Signature of Affiant & Title	PRESIDENT	KRISTEN A SPEVAK Official Seal Notary Public - State of Illinois My Commission Expires Aug 3, 2025
Sworn and subscribed before me this 3	_day of Movember 2023	3
Signature of official administering oath	Knisten A.	Speak, Project 490
	My commission expires on	Jug. 3 2025

## **Columbia Township**

**Community Electric Aggregation Notification** 

#### Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program. In November 2011, members of your community voted in favor of government aggregation, a program authorizing your local officials to purchase electricity from an electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to be your electric service provider.

#### **How You Benefit**

By participating in the aggregation program, you will receive the following exclusive pricing on your electric generation:

	Your Electric Utility	Fixed Price	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	Duke Energy	7.22 cents per kWh	August 2025	None
Small Business	Duke Energy	7.22 cents per kWh	August 2025	None

#### Same Reliable Service

You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from Duke Energy with your Energy Harbor charges included. There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and **you do not need to do anything to participate.** 

#### **Opt Out Information**

You may choose to leave the program at any time, without penalty, and will NOT be charged a cancellation fee. If you do not want to participate in the aggregation program, you must complete <u>one</u> of the following by the Opt Out Deadline:

MAIL: Return the enclosed Opt Out Reply Form

■ PHONE: Call Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749 to opt out over the phone

WEB: Enter your 10-digit Opt Out Code online at energyharbor.com/opt-out

Opt Out Deadline
July 13- Aug 3, 2023

#### **Enrollment Information**

Following the opt out deadline, future bills will reflect the Energy Harbor price listed above upon your next available meter read date, which may take up to 30-45 days. If you are not currently receiving electric generation from Energy Harbor, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your participation. To become a member of your community's electric aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives.

#### 100% Green Opt-In Information

If you are interested in supporting renewable energy, you can also select electric generation backed by **100% renewable energy certificates (RECs)** at a price of **7.61 cents per kWh**. To enroll in the green offer, please call 1-866-636-3749.

Please refer to the enclosed Terms and Conditions and FAQs (reverse) for more information. Your community encourages members with questions regarding the electric aggregation program to contact Energy Harbor directly. If you have any questions or wish to opt out, please contact Energy Harbor toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Sincerely,

#### **Columbia Township**

#### Community Electric Aggregation Program FAQs v.12.20

# How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?

Under government aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Residents voted to allow the community to contract with an electric generation supplier on their behalf. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to provide you with exclusive pricing on your electric generation.

#### Who is Energy Harbor?

Energy Harbor is a fully integrated retail energy provider and independent power producer capable of generating substantial carbon-free energy. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, the company proudly serves nearly one million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan. Your community is one of over 200 who have chosen Energy Harbor to provide electric aggregation programs.

#### What does it mean to have a fixed or variable price?

This notification states if your price is fixed or variable. With a fixed price, the price you will receive each month does not change. With a variable price, Energy Harbor provides a set % off discount each month regardless of the utility price. Because the actual price per kWh charged by your utility may change each month, your price per kWh from Energy Harbor will also vary, but your % discount is guaranteed to remain the same.

#### How will I know if I can save money in the aggregation?

You'll know you are saving money as long as your price with Energy Harbor is lower than the utility Price to Compare (PTC) communicated on your bill. To calculate your savings on a % off discount, locate the PTC on your electric bill. Divide your PTC by 100, then multiply it by the % discount (ex: 6% = 0.06) to determine your savings per kWh. Multiply this by your total monthly usage for an average monthly savings estimate.

#### Why am I receiving this letter if I'm in the aggregation?

As a current member of your community's electric aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt out of the program at least every three years. Whether your current contract term with Energy Harbor, or another supplier, is coming to an end, this is your opportunity to either opt out or continue the benefits of the program.

#### What does it mean to opt out?

Opt out means that you can decide to not participate in your community's electric aggregation program. If you chose to opt out via any of the methods indicated on the front of this notification, you will not be enrolled with Energy Harbor and will not receive further notifications until the end of the current term.

#### What happens if I do not opt out?

Whichever method you chose, you must do so by the Opt Out Deadline, or you will be automatically included in your community's electric aggregation program.

#### Can I opt out of the program at a later date?

Yes, you may leave the aggregation program at any time. You will not be charged an early termination or cancellation fee if you choose to leave the program at later date for any reason.

#### What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?

If you opt out or leave the program at a later date you will be returned to your utility's standard service offer and might not be served under the same rates, terms, or conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric utility. You may also shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the PUCO and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (7826).

# As part of the aggregation, will Energy Harbor continue or allow me to begin to budget bill my supplier charges?

For customers in Toledo Edison, The Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison and Duke Energy your utility includes supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. No action is necessary to continue that service. However, Energy Harbor will not automatically budget the generation portion of your electric bill in AEP Ohio and AES Ohio service areas. AEP Ohio and AES Ohio will continue to budget the delivery portion of your bill. If you are currently on, or enter into, a budget billing program with AEP Ohio or AES Ohio after enrolling with Energy Harbor and have at least 10 months of usage with Energy Harbor at your current service address, please call 1-866-636-3749, to determine if a budget billing offer through Energy Harbor is available in your community.

# 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 is not eligible for an electric aggregation program? Customers on a special arrangement with the utility such as net-metering, Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and mercantile customers who have not provided affirmative consent to join are not eligible for the program. Mercantile and customers with usage greater than 700,000 kWh must contact Energy Harbor to opt-in to the program.

#### How can I contact Energy Harbor for questions?

If you have any other questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm or visit our FAQs located at: www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation

OLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON OPT OUT REPLY FORM		Mail	Return This Form	
Option 1: Do Nothing to Join	OR	Option 2: Opt Out by: July 13 - Aug 3, 2023	Phone	1-866-636-3749
AIL TO: Community Electric Aggregation	Opt-Out	c/o Energy Harbor, PO Box 3500, Akron, Ohio 44309	Thone	1 000 030 37 13
ccount Holder Signature:			Web	energyharbor.com/optout
count Holder Signature.				



Government Aggregation – Electric Terms and Conditions		
Product	Fixed Price	
Electric Distribution Utility ("EDU")	Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.	
Price and Length of Agreement	7.22 ¢/kWh through your August 2025 meter read	
Cancellation/Termination Fee	None	

These Terms and Conditions apply to you because you are enrolling for electric generation service with Energy Harbor LLC ("Energy Harbor") through either (a) affirmative consent or (b) not opting out of your community electric aggregation program. If you enroll by affirmative consent, these Terms and Conditions and the enrollment information on the website are your Agreement ("Agreement"). If you choose to remain in the community aggregation program by not "opting-out" or exercising the right of rescission, these Terms and Conditions and your opt-out notification are your Agreement. Please keep a copy of this Agreement for your records.

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