

DIS Case Number: 16-0425-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: Union Township, Clermont Country: United States

County, OH

Phone: 513-753- Extension (if applicable): Street: 4350 Aicholtz Road

2300

Website (if any): www.union- City: Cincinnati Province/State: OH

township.oh.us

Postal Code: 45245

A-2. Contact person for regulatory matters

Brenda Coffey 8469 Blue Ash Road Suite 1 Cincinnati, OH 45236-1992 US bcoffey@energyalliances.com 3047698921

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

Brenda Coffey 8469 Blue Ash Road Suite 1 Cincinnati, OH 45236-1992 US bcoffey@energyalliances.com 3047698921

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



Phone: 800-735-0359 Extension (if Country: United States

applicable):

Fax: 513-794-7777 Extension (if applicable): Street: 8469 Blue Ash Rd., Suite 1

Email: bcoffey@energyalliances.com City: Cincinnati Province/State: OH

Postal Code: 45236

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.

File(s) attached

Application Attachments



Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES)
Governmental Aggregator Application

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. | | | | | |
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| Provide the name and contact information of the business entity. | | | | | |
| Legal Name: | Union Township, Clermont County | | | | |
| Street Address: | 4350 Aicholtz Road | | | | |
| City: | Cincinnati | State: OH | Zip: 45245 | | |
| Telephone: | 513-753-2300 | Website: www.union-to | ownship.oh.us | | |
| A-2. Contact per | son for regulatory matters. | | | | |
| Name: | Brenda Coffey | | | | |
| Street Address: | 8469 Blue Ash Rd., Suit | e 1 | | | |
| City: | Cincinnati | State: OH | _{Zip:} 45236 | | |
| Telephone: | 304-769-8921 | Email: bcoffey@ene | | | |
| A-3. Contact per | son for PUCO Staff use in investiga | ating consumer complaints. | | | |
| Name: | Brenda Coffey | | | | |
| Street Address: | 8469 Blue Ash Rd., Suit | e 1 | | | |
| City: | Cincinnati | State: OH | _{Zip:} 45236 | | |
| Telephone: | 304-769-8921 | Email: bcoffey@ene | rgyalliances.com | | |
| A-4. Applicant's | A-4. Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints. | | | | |
| Street Address: | 8469 Blue Ash Rd., Suit | e 1 | | | |
| City: | Cincinnati | State: OH | _{Zip:} 45236 | | |
| Toll-free Telephone: | 800-735-0359 | Email: bcoffey@energyalliances.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 $\underline{4928.20(A)}$, $\underline{4929.26}$, and/or $\underline{4929.27}$ of the Ohio Revised Code.

B-2. Operation and governance plan.

Provide a copy of the applicant's plan for operation and governance of its aggregation program adopted pursuant to Section $\underline{4928.20(C)}$, $\underline{4929.26(C)}$, and/or $\underline{4929.27(B)}$ of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with $\underline{4901:1-21-16}$ and/or $\underline{4901:1-28-03}$ 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 $\underline{4928.20(D)}$ or $\underline{4929.26(D)}$ of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with $\underline{4901:1-21-17}$ and/or $\underline{4901:1-28-04}$ 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.

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Signature

Title

Competitive Retail Electric Service Affidavit

| County of Clermor | <u>nt</u> : |
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| State of Ohio | _: |
| Com Whist | , 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.
- 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 49</u>, 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. Township ADM, Stragger Signature of Affiant & Title Sworn and subscribed before me this 18th day of January, 2024

Month Year

Heather Brown Signature of official administering oath Heather Brown
Print Name and Title

My commission expires on 111724



UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO Electric Aggregation Program

EXHIBIT B-1 "AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE"

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

| Dayton Legal Blank, Inc., Form No. 30045 | | |
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| RESOLUTION 2015-23 | | |

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

The Union Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on <u>July 23, 2015</u> at the Union Township Civic Center, 4350 Aicholtz Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, with the following members present: John McGraw, Lloyd Acres, and Matthew Beamer..

| Mr. | Acres | moved to ado | pt the | following | resolution: |
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WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted electric deregulation legislation which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate automatically, pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, subject to opt-out provisions, competitive electric service for the retail electric loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate the sale and purchase of the service for the electricity loads; and

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, the Union Township Board of Trustees (hereinafter "Board") seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code (the "aggregation Program"), for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in Union 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. This Board of Trustees finds and determines that it is in the best interest of Union Township its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the corporate limits of Union Township to establish the Aggregation Program in Union Township. Provided that this Resolution and the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of Union Township pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, Union Township is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electrical loads located within Union Township, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity. Union Township may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township or county or other political subdivision of the State of Oho to the full 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.

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SECTION 2. The Board of Elections of Clermont County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of Union Township at the general election on November 3, 2015.

"Shall Union 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?"

The Fiscal Officer of the Union Township Board of Trustees is instructed immediately 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 3, 2015. 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.

- SECTION 3. Upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Board of Trustees 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 of Trustees 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 Union Township. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and location of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Board of Trustees shall aggregate the electrical load of any electric load center within Union Township 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 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 division (a) of Section 4928.14 or division (d) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code until the person chooses an alternative supplier.
- SECTION 4. This Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.
- **SECTION 5.** Notice of the adoption of this Resolution shall be given once by publishing the title of the Resolution in an abstract prepared by the Township Administrator or Solicitor in Union Township, Ohio.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Board, upon majority vote, does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

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| that all formal action meeting of this Bowhich resulted in | PATHER RESOLVED, that this Board hereby finds and determined one relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open pard, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committee formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full opplicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio |
| general authority gr | RTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is the subject of the ranted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and cority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited ip. |
| BE IT FUR earliest date allowed | THER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective on the by law. |
| Mr. <u>Beamer</u> the roll call being cal | seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. Or lled the vote resulted as follows: |
| | Mr. Acres -yea |
| | Mr. Beamer -yea |
| | Mr. McGraw -yea |
| RESOLUTION 2015- ATTEST: Ronald B. Campbell, Date | 23 adopted July 23, 2015. |
| custodian of the record | Campbell, Fiscal Officer of Union Township, hereby certify, as official ds of Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio that the foregoing is taken tecord of Proceedings of Union Township and that the same is a true and original on file in the township hall at 4350 Aicholtz Road, Union 5 |
| | Ronald B. Campbell, Fiscal Officer |
| | Date |
| Approved as to form: | |
| L. E. Barb | ere. |

Lawrence E. Barbiere Union Township Law Director

UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO Electric Aggregation Program

EXHIBIT B-2 "OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PLAN"

UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION

For More Information Contact:

Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio Administration Building 4350 Aicholtz Road Cincinnati, OH 45245 513-752-1741

UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

Electric Governmental Aggregation

Introduction. On November 3, 2015, majority of the voters in Union Township, Clermont County, OH approved a referendum that authorized Union Township ("the Township") to pursue Automatic Governmental Aggregation. After the Township held two public hearings on the matter, Township approved this Plan of Operation and Governance as prescribed by Section 4928.20(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. The Township has developed this Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan of Operation") in accordance with the governmental aggregation provisions in Sections 4901:1-21-16 Ohio Administrative Code. Once certified as a Governmental Aggregator, the Township will be authorized to combine multiple retail electric customer loads within its geographic boundaries (the "Aggregation") for the purpose of facilitating the purchase of electric supply in Ohio's competitive retail electric market.

<u>Governmental Aggregation Services</u>. The Township, as a Governmental Aggregator, will serve as purchasing agent for the Aggregation. As purchasing agent, the Governmental Aggregator shall (i) select a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider ("Provider") to supply the Aggregation, (ii) negotiate the terms of supply between the Provider and each Aggregation participant, and (iii) oversee the enrollment procedures administered by the Provider.

The Contract. The supply contract negotiated by the Governmental Aggregator for the Aggregation (the "Contract") shall be for firm, full-requirements supply. Each Aggregation participant will be individually bound to the Provider by the terms of the Contract, and will be solely responsible for payment and performance. The electric supply charges for the Aggregation are included in the Contract that will be negotiated by the Governmental Aggregator. The electric supply charges will take the form of a fixed price charge. All electric supply charges will be fully and prominently disclosed in consumer enrollment materials (such as the Opt-out Notice), available on the Provider's website, and available by calling the Provider's toll free customer service telephone number. The surcharge authorized under Section 4928:20 will not be charged.

Eligibility, Opt-out Disclosures, and Pooling Accounts. Section 4901:1-21-06 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires Duke Energy-Ohio, the local electric distribution utility (the "Utility") to use its best efforts to provide the Governmental Aggregator with an account list of eligible customers, including the names, account numbers, and service and mailing addresses for all eligible customers residing within the Governmental Aggregator's boundaries. The following customers are not eligible: customers already under contract with a certified electric services company; customers that have a special contract with the Utility; customers that are not located within the Governmental Aggregator's boundaries; customers on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), customers that have past due amounts owing to the Utility, and mercantile customers. It is the intention of the Township to offer its Aggregation Program to all eligible residential and non-mercantile customers in all customer classifications and in all rate categories. The Township realizes that factors such as consumption patterns and peak demand impact rate classes

differently. Consequently some customers may not benefit by a particular rate offer. Therefore, all customers will be afforded the opportunity to opt-out of the Program at least every three (3) years without paying a switching fee. Using this list of eligible accounts, the Provider, with the assistance of the Governmental Aggregator, will review the list to verify that the eligible accounts are located within the geographic boundaries of the Township and that an area within the Township boundaries has not been inadvertently filtered from the list. The Provider will also remove from the eligible list those customers who appear on the "do not aggregate" list as stated under division (c) of Section 4928.21 of the Revised Code. Finally the Provider will reduce the list by removing those accounts in rate classes that indicate (i) a higher demand than targeted for the Aggregation or (ii) a usage profile that is not consistent with ordinary residential and small commercial use.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the list from the utility, the Provider, with assistance from the Governmental Aggregator, will prepare and mail an "Opt-out Notice" to each account that remains on the eligible list after it has been reduced as noted above. The Opt-out Notice will inform the eligible account holder that the Governmental Aggregator has formed an automatic (or "Opt-out") aggregation, provide the price for the electric supply to the Aggregation and other terms and conditions of service, and explain how the account holder can decline participation in the Aggregation. If the Township determines the Aggregation participants should <u>not</u> purchase stand-by service from the Utility, that fact would be prominently disclosed in the Opt-Out Notice with a description of how it would impact the Aggregation participants.

As required by 4901:1-21-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Opt-out Notice will indicate that the account holder has twenty-one (21) days to affirmatively respond by telephoning a toll-free number or returning a postcard to the Provider that is included in the Opt-out Notice.

The Provider will receive all Opt-out requests and any Opt-out Notices that were undeliverable by mail, and will remove those accounts from the eligible account list. Upon completion of the twenty-one (21) day Opt-out period, the Provider will notify the Utility of the remaining accounts that will form the Aggregation, and through an electronic data interchange transaction, enroll the Aggregation. Upon enrollment, each participant will receive an enrollment notice from the Utility that will indicate that the enrollee may rescind its participation in the Aggregation by contacting the Utility within seven (7) calendar days.

In addition to the initial twenty-one (21) day Opt-out period, each participant will be provided an opportunity to opt-out every three years without paying an early termination fee.

Billing. Aggregation participants will receive a single, monthly bill from the Utility, which will include charges from the Provider for its electric supply, as well as the Utility distribution charges. Aggregation participants will be billed according to their Utility billing cycle. In order to maintain flexibility for Aggregation participants to return to Utility service on a full requirements basis without paying additional charges to the Utility or being subject to market-based rates Aggregation participants will be billed by the Utility for stand-by service within the meaning of division (B)(2)(d) of section 4928.143 of the Revised Code.

<u>Credit, Collections and Deposits.</u> The Utility's credit and collection policy and policies regarding deposits will apply to the Aggregation participants and shall be administered by the Utility. Neither the Governmental Aggregator, nor the Provider will implement additional policies with respect to credit, deposits and collections.

Concerns and Complaints. Aggregation participants will have multiple means of communicating concerns and reporting complaints. As a general rule, concerns regarding service reliability and billing should be directed to the Utility. The Utility will continue to read meters, handle billing, and generally have the most information about the physical service to a location or account. Questions regarding the administration of the Aggregation should be directed to the Provider. The Provider's customer service center will, at a minimum, be available by telephone Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 7:00 pm ET. Any unresolved disputes should be directed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and/or the Ohio Consumers Council. As a convenience, below is a list of helpful toll free telephone numbers.

| Nature of Complaint | Contact | Phone Number |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Outages/Emergencies | Duke Energy-Ohio | 1-800-634-4300 |
| Service turn on/off | Duke Energy-Ohio | 1-800-544-6900 |
| Billing Disputes | Duke Energy-Ohio | 1-800-544-6900 |
| Price/Joining/Leaving Program | Provider Customer Service | TBD |
| Program Regulatory Questions | Provider Customer Service | TBD |
| Unresolved Disputes | Public Utilities Commission | 1-800-686-7826 |
| Unresolved Disputes | Ohio Consumers Council | 1-877-742-5622 |

The Provider will attempt to resolve all customer complaints in a timely and good faith manner. The Provider shall investigate and provide a status report to the customer when the complaint is made directly to them and/or the Township within three (3) business days following the Provider's receipt of the complaint. Or in the case of a Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") complaint the Provider will investigate and provide a status report to the customer and PUCO staff within three (3) business days following Provider's receipt of the complaint. If an investigation into a complaint received from the customer or a complaint referred by the PUCO is not completed within ten (10) business days, then a status report will be given to the customer, and, if applicable, the PUCO. These status reports will be given every three (3) business days until the investigation is complete, unless the action that must be taken takes longer than three (3) business days and the customer has been notified. Final results of a PUCO-referred complaint will be provided to the PUCO either orally (phone) or in writing (e-mail, written correspondence), no later than three (3) business days after the investigation is completed. The final results will be provided in writing to the customer no later than three (3) business days after the investigation is completed. Customers retain the right to contact the PUCO regarding complaints and disputes. All customers have the right to contact the PUCO by writing to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, ATTN: IAD, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3793; by fax to (614) 752-8351; through their website at www.puc.state.oh.us or by calling toll free (800) 686-7826 (VOICE) or 7-1-1 (TTY-TDD). Records of customer complaints will be retained for two (2) years after the occurrence of the complaint. A copy of the complaint record will be provided to the PUCO within three (3) business days, if requested.

<u>Moving within the Township</u>. Aggregation participants who move from one location to another within the Township boundaries and retains the same account number, will remain an Aggregation participant and will receive the same price they would have received if their location had not moved.

An Aggregation participant who moves from one location to another within the Township boundaries and is assigned a new account number may enroll their new account in the Aggregation and receive the same price as they would have received if their location had not moved, provided the new account is eligible for Aggregation. An Aggregation participant who moves within the Township and receives a new account number may be dropped from the Aggregation by the Utility, but they will not be charged an early termination fee from the Provider. If a participant is dropped from the Aggregation due to a move within the Township, the participant must contact the Provider to be re-enrolled within 60 days of being dropped.

<u>Moving outside of the Township.</u> An Aggregation participant who moves out of the Township boundaries will no longer be eligible to participate in the Aggregation, but they will not be charged an early termination fee from the Provider.

Enrolling after the Opt-out Period. Residential and small business accounts located within the Township's boundaries that were initially eligible to join the Aggregation but chose to opt-out of the Aggregation, or otherwise weren't included in the Aggregation, may join the Aggregation after the expiration of the initial Opt-Out Period by contacting the Provider. The rate for those joining the Aggregation after the expiration of the Opt-out Period may be different from the rate negotiated for the Aggregation by the Government Aggregator.

If the Provider is able to offer to newly eligible customers the same price that is provided to the current Aggregation participants, the Provider may refresh the Aggregation by providing those who move into the Township the opportunity to be included automatically, rather than waiting until the next pricing term of the Contract. The process for refreshing the Aggregation with new enrollments would follow the process noted above for determining eligibility, providing Opt-out Notices, and pooling the accounts. (Current Aggregation participants and those who previously declined participation would not receive the Opt-out Notice intended only for newly eligible customers.)

UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO Electric Aggregation Program EXHIBIT B-3 "OPT-OUT DISCLOSURE NOTICE"



Union Township

Community Electric Aggregation Notification

Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program. In November 2015, 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 | 6.51 cents per kWh | May 2025 | None |
| Small Business | Duke Energy | 6.51 cents per kWh | May 2025 | None |

Same Reliable Service

You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility 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 one 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 April 10, 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 **6.94 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 us toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Sincerely,

Union 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?

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UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO Electric Aggregation Program

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Due to the complexity of Governmental Aggregation, the Governmental Aggregator applicant has entered into a program agreement with Energy Alliances, Inc. to assist them in implementing and maintaining their Electric and Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Programs.

Founded in 1985, Energy Alliances, Inc. is an independent energy broker and consulting company that provides comprehensive energy procurement for commercial, governmental, small business and residential customers throughout the mid-West.

As a PUCO certified Retail Natural Gas Broker/Aggregator (Certificate Number 14-350G(4)) and a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider (Certificate Number 14-805E(4)) Energy Alliances has over 15 years of experience in leading communities through the entire governmental aggregation process. They currently manage more than sixty (60) electric and gas governmental aggregation and/or endorsement programs in the State of Ohio.

A detailed summary of the contract incudes, but is not limited to providing the following services:

- Assist with the preparation of resolutions, public notices, and customer communications
- Assist with the preparation of the Plan of Operation and Governance
- Assist with the preparation of the required legal notices and public meetings to review and approve the Plan of Operation and Governance
- Assist with the preparation and submission of the Certification Application for Governmental Aggregators and Re-certification Applications, as well as the annual and/or quarterly reporting requirements
- Evaluate existing energy costs and rates, provide market expertise, and assist the communities with the selection of their electric/gas supply pricing strategy
- Assist with the preparation of all notifications required to be sent to program participants
- Assist the communities with the day-to-day operation of their programs (i.e. problem resolution, PUCO compliance, supplier liaison, etc.)
- Provide other services necessary for the communities to comply with provisions of Sections 4929 and 4928 and Chapter 4901 of the Ohio Revised Code

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