Muskingum County Electric Aggregation

- Commissioners have placed Electric Aggregation on ballot for March 17, 2020 election
  - Commissioners utilize County Commissioners Association of Ohio to consult on process.

- Yes vote would allow for the county to use purchasing power to secure discount on generation portion of electric bill.

- Eligibility
  - All AEP customers are eligible to participate
    - If customer is in current agreement, they will not be included, but can join after current deal expires.
  - REA customers are NOT eligible, but are able to vote.
    - No change to service for REA members
    - A yes vote from a REA member will allow neighbors who are eligible to participate in program.

- Perry Township currently saving through the CCAO program
  - AVERAGE SAVINGS ON CURRENT DEAL IS $147 PER HOUSEHOLD

- Leave aggregation program any time with NO FEE.
Muskingum County (Perry Township)
Community Aggregation Savings

Muskingum County Price vs. Ohio Power Price

Contract: March 2018–March 2021
Months Remaining: 15

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Estimated Community Savings through Dec 2019 $78,720

GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is governmental aggregation?

A. Governmental aggregation is an easy and effective way for a large group of consumers to save money on their electric bills.

Ohio law allows for communities – such as townships, cities, villages and counties – to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electric generation on behalf of their citizens. By bringing citizens together, the aggregation gains group buying power and typically can negotiate a better price with the supplier than each aggregation group member could have negotiated individually. The governmental aggregator chooses the electric generation supplier for all of the customer-members in its group.

On Election Day, your community will have the issue of electric aggregation on the ballot. By voting FOR electric aggregation, you will allow your locally elected officials to purchase electric generation at a discounted rate for your community.

Q. How do residents join a governmental aggregation program?

A. First, the governmental aggregation issue must be placed on the ballot and then passed by a majority of the voters. Once passed, all eligible residents and small businesses in the community will be enrolled and will begin receiving the discounted generation pricing under the program. Residents do not need to do anything to join the program. However, anyone who does not want to participate in the program can easily opt out by returning a form, which will be mailed to all eligible members.

Q. What does opt out mean?

A. Since all eligible residents are automatically enrolled in the governmental aggregation program, those residents who do not want to participate are given the opportunity to opt out. By returning the opt-out form by the due date, which is included in a letter that is mailed to all eligible residents, residents can choose not to be enrolled as an electric generation customer with the community’s competitive electric generation supplier.

Q. What happens if I do not send in the opt-out form?

A. Governmental aggregation is designed so it is easy for residents to save money on their electric bills. So, if you do not return the opt-out form postmarked by the due date, you will be included in the community’s governmental aggregation program and will begin receiving competitively priced electricity from the community’s competitive electric generation supplier.
Q. Can I opt out of the program at a later date?
A. Yes,

Q. What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?
A. You can stay with your current electric utility, which will continue to supply your electricity as it always has, or you can shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and their current prices is available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (1-800-686-7826).

Q. If I join the community's electric aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?
A. Your local electric utility 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.
Snapshot of Governmental Aggregation

According to Ohio law, local communities are allowed to bring their citizens together to buy electricity as a group and negotiate the terms, conditions and price of the electric supply on the group's behalf. This type of group buying power is an effective way to obtain a lower electricity rate for all the group members.

Most governmental aggregation programs are structured so that all eligible residents and small business customers in the community are automatically enrolled. Residents who don't want to participate must then actively "opt-out" of the program - which means they choose not to be included. An opt-out program can only be implemented if a majority of the voters approve the ballot issue in a primary or general election. The ballot issue must be submitted to the county Board of Elections at least 90 days before the election.

All About Opting Out

Since eligible consumers do not need to do anything to participate in the program, the opt-out form of governmental aggregation makes it extremely easy for eligible residential and small business customers to save money on the generation portion of their electric bill.

When voters approve the ballot issue, the local government selects a certified supplier to provide the generation service and a letter is sent to consumers specifying the terms and conditions of the offer as well as the rate.

The letter will also contain an opt-out form that can be completed and returned if the consumer does NOT want to participate in the aggregation program. Consumers have 21 days to opt out of the program at no charge - and another opportunity to opt-out every three years. If the aggregation member chooses to leave the program for any reason other than moving, the consumer will most likely be assessed a small cancellation fee that covers the supplier's costs for any power that it has secured in anticipation of serving consumers.
ELECTRIC AGGREGATION:

1. Pass Resolution to place Government Aggregation on ballot
2. Informational meetings for public.

Ballot Passage:

3. (2) Public Hearings, these can be on same day
4. Council Approval of Governance Plan
5. Palmer Energy assists County in PUCO Certification Application
6. County executes PUCO paperwork
7. Paperwork submitted to PUCO for approval
8. Certification by PUCO expected 30 days later
9. Supplier secures prospective customer list from local utility
10. Supplier culls list with assistance from Palmer Energy
11. Opt out letters submitted to PUCO
12. Opt out letter mailed to prospective participants
13. 21 day opt out period ensues
14. Supplier eliminates any opt-outs
15. Supplier submits list to local utility for inclusion into program
16. Customers receive rescission notice
17. Customer has 7 days to respond to rescission notice
18. Any customers not rescinding placed in Gov’t Aggregation
19. Power flow and savings started

Timeline (post ballot passage) 4-5 months