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RENEWAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OHIO NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS

Please type or print all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (*Example: Exhibit B-1 – Authorizing Ordinance*). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

A-1 Renewal Applicant information:

Legal Name **VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE**
 Address **200 EAST STATION STREET, PO BOX 195, ASHVILLE, OHIO 43103**
 Telephone No. **740.983.6367** Web site address **http://www.ashvilleohio.gov/**
 Current PUCO Certificate Number **17-590G** Effective Dates **3.13.2021-3.13.2023**

A-2 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters:

Name **FRANKLIN CHRISTMAN** Title **VILLAGE ADMINSTRATOR**
 Business Address **200 STATION STREET EAST, ASHVILLE, OHIO 43103**
 Telephone No. **740.983.6367** Fax No. **740.983.4703** Email Address **fchristman@ashvilleohio.gov**

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

Name **JAY SELL, ASPEN ENERGY** Title **AGGREGATION SPECIALIST**
 Business address **4789 RINGS ROAD, SUITE 100, DUBLIN, OHIO 43017**
 Telephone No. **614.884.5300** Fax No. **614.336.8362** Email Address **jsell@aspenenergy.com**

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

Customer service address **4789 RINGS ROAD, SUITE 100, DUBLIN, OHIO 43017**
 Toll-Free Telephone No. **800.926.0046** Fax No. **614.336.8362** Email Address **jsell@aspenenergy.com**

SECTION B - APPLICANT AUTHORITY AND AGGREGATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED

- B-1** Exhibit 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.
- B-2** Exhibit 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 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.
- B-3** Exhibit B-3 "Automatic Aggregation Disclosure Notification," 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,
- B-4** Exhibit B-4 "Opt-Out Notice," provide a draft copy of the applicant's opt out notice that comports with the Opt-Out disclosure requirements pursuant to Rule 4901:1-28-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code. *(Ten days prior to public dissemination, the applicant shall docket with the Commission, the finalized Opt-Out notice that provides or offers natural gas aggregation service.)*
- B-5** Exhibit B-5 "Experience," provide a detailed description of the applicant's experience and plan for: providing aggregation services (*including contracting with consultants, broker/aggregators, retail natural gas suppliers*); providing billing statements; responding to customer inquiries and complaints; and complying with all applicable provisions of Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4929.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and contained in Chapter 4901:1-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Applicant Signature and Title

Franklin Village Administrator

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

Jesse Burke
Signature of official administering oath

Jesse Burke Notary Public
Print Name and Title

My commission expires on 4.17.23



Notary
JESSE BURKE
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
April 17, 2023



The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation
Affidavit Form
(Version 1.07)

In the Matter of the Application of)
VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE)
for a Certificate or Renewal Certificate to Provide)
Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Service in)
Ohio.)

Case No. 17-0441 -GA-GAG

County of Pickaway
State of Ohio

Franklin Christy

[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.
- (2) The applicant will timely file an annual report of its intrastate gross receipts and sales of hundred cubic feet of natural gas pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A), and 4929.23(B), Ohio Revised Code.
- (3) The applicant will timely pay any assessment made pursuant to Section 4905.10 or Section 4911.18(A), Ohio Revised Code.
- (4) 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) Applicant will cooperate with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and its staff in the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the applicant.
- (6) Applicant will comply with Section 4929.21, Ohio Revised Code, regarding consent to the jurisdiction of the Ohio courts and the service of process.
- (7) Applicant will inform the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of any material change to the information supplied in the certification or certification renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory or emergency purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer complaints.
- (8) Affiant further sayeth naught.

Affiant Signature & Title *Franklin Christy Village Administrator*

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

Jesse Burke
Signature of Official Administering Oath

Jesse Burke Notary Public
Print Name and Title

My commission expires on 4.17.23



JESSE BURKE
Notary Public
State of Ohio
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**Exhibit B-1:
Authorizing Ordinance**



ORDINANCE 2015-07 OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE



AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISOR CODE (ORC), DIRECTING THE PICKAWAY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted natural gas deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 5") which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purpose and sale of natural gas;

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 natural gas deregulation through lower natural gas rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually;

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Ashville seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to R.C. 4929.26 (the "Aggregation Program"), for the residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers in the Village 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 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. Council for the Village of Ashville hereby finds and determines it is in the best interest of its residents, businesses, and other natural gas consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village to establish the Aggregation Program. Provided this Ordinance is adopted by Council and the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Village of Ashville pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance, the Village of Ashville is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with R.C. 4929.26, the retail natural gas loads located within the Village, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas. The Village may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township or county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law. This aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling, or using a natural gas load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Board of Elections of Pickaway County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Village of Ashville at the primary election on November 3, 2015.

Shall the Village of Ashville have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the Village, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?


YES - FOR THE MEASURE

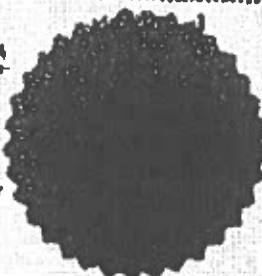
NO - AGAINST THE MEASURE

prepared: OS/18/2015
entered Date:
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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER
I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Village of Ashville Council held on the 17th day of July 2015, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.


(Original signature of April D. Gruba)



Clark-Fiscal Officer
(Title)

SECTION 3. The Village Clerk is instructed immediately to file a certified copy of this Ordinance 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 Ordinance and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and R.C. 4930.26.

SECTION 4. The Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement to help facilitate the Aggregation Program, pool the Village's residential and small business natural gas loads, and secure multiple competitive supplier bids. The Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary, and to take all action necessary, to effect the Aggregation Program.

SECTION 5. Upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in Section 2 of this Ordinance, Council for the Village of Ashville, individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, shall develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, the Village Council, and/or its representative 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 Village. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and location of each hearing. No plan adopted by Council shall aggregate the natural gas load of any natural gas load center within 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 every two years without paying a penalty as set forth in rule 4901:28-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

SECTION 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 7: Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of this municipality and the further reason that the Village needs to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Pickaway County Board of Elections no later than ninety days before the November 3, 2015 election. Wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the required affirmative votes of Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Offered by: Nelson R. Embrey

Seconded by: Randy S. Lovelass

PASSED THIS 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2015

ATTEST:

April B. Grube, Clerk-Fiscal Officer

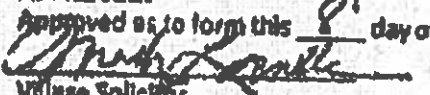
DATE: 7/10/15

APPROVED:


Charles X. Wise, Mayor

DATE: 13 July 15

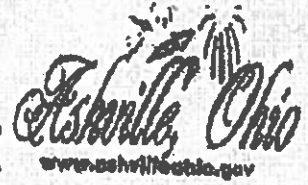
APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 8TH day of July 2015:

Village Solicitor

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ORDINANCE 2016-10 OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE



AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC. FOR A GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 4928.20, municipalities may aggregate customers within their jurisdiction in order to secure lower natural gas services within the municipality through collective purchasing; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Council for the Village of Ashville, thru an approved ballot question, established a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions, according to law, for the residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers in the Village to receive distribution service from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Aspen Energy Corporation, on behalf of the Village of Ashville, has been working with several suppliers to secure the lowest pricing for the natural gas aggregation. Although this pricing can fluctuate daily, Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. has agreed to hold its price for the Village; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Ashville now wants to authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. in order to secure lower cost natural gas services from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. for the benefit of the residents, businesses, and other natural gas consumers within the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Ashville, Pickaway County, Ohio that:

SECTION 1: Council hereby finds and determines it is in the best interest of the Village, its residents, businesses and other natural gas customers located within the corporation limits of the Village to receive distribution service from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

SECTION 2: The Mayor or Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. for a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions. The Mayor or Village Administrator also is authorized to execute any other documents necessary to make this Agreement effective.

SECTION 3: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.


SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5: Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of this municipality and the further reason that it is necessary to enter in to this agreement immediately or risk the electricity cost increasing. Wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the required affirmative votes of Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage by Council.

Offered by: Nelson R. Embrey Seconded by: R. David Reimy

PASSED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 20th day of December 2016  Mark Landes, Esq., Village

Solicitor
ATTEST:



DATE: 1/5/17

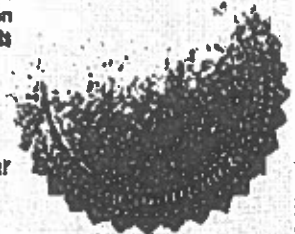
CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the ordinance adopted by the Village of Ashville Council held on 19th day of December 2016, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Prepared: 12/16/2016
Revised Date:
Review Date:

(Original signature of April D. Grube)

Clerk-Fiscal Officer
(TME)



April D. Grube, Clerk-Fiscal Officer
APPROVED:


Charles K. Wise, Mayor

DATE: 01-05-17



RESOLUTION 10-2015



OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCURE NATURAL GAS THROUGH ASPEN ENERGY AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A GAS SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE:

Whereas, the Village of Ashville is responsible for economically obtaining utility services for the equipment and facilities owned by the Village of Ashville; and

Whereas, Aspen Energy is in the business of procuring agreements for gas and electric services; and

Whereas, the Village of Ashville is interested in obtaining natural gas at a reduced cost; now therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Council of the Village of Ashville, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor or Village Administrator be and is hereby authorized to work with Aspen Energy to obtain natural gas for the Village of Ashville, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That this agreement will become part of the Gas Aggregation Process or will terminate as part of the conclusion of the Aggregation Process with no negative economic impact upon the Village of Ashville.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Offered by: Nelson R. Embrey

Seconded by: Brian M. Garvine

PASSED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2015

ATTEST:

April D. Grube, Clerk-Fiscal Officer

DATE: 7/20/15

APPROVED:

Charles R. Weir, Mayor

DATE: 22 July 15

Prepared: 06/10/2015
Revised Date:
Review Date:

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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Village of Ashville Council held on 20th day of July 2015, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

(Original signature of April D. Grube) Clerk-Fiscal Officer (TNU)

John A. Ellis (REP)	18,811	100.00
Over Votes	0	
Under Votes	6,446	
State Board of Education (9th District)		
Vote for not more than 1		
(WITH 26 OF 26 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Stephanie Dodd	8,590	100.00
Over Votes	0	
Under Votes	6,230	
State Board of Education (10th District)		
Vote for not more than 1		
(WITH 17 OF 17 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Breydon L. Bevers	2,591	43.69
Mick Owens	3,339	56.31
Over Votes	4	
Under Votes	3,546	
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court		
Vote for not more than 1		
(WITH 42 OF 42 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Maureen O'Connor	16,532	100.00
Over Votes	0	
Under Votes	8,725	
Justice of the Supreme Court (1/1/2017)		
Vote for not more than 1		
(WITH 42 OF 42 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Pat Fischer	10,800	57.22
John P. O'Donnell	8,082	42.78
Over Votes	2	
Under Votes	6,164	
Justice of the Supreme Court (1/2/2017)		
Vote for not more than 1		
(WITH 42 OF 42 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Pat DeMine	13,779	68.09
Cynthia Rice	6,456	31.91
Over Votes	2	
Under Votes	5,828	
Judge of Court of Appeals (4th District) (2/9/17)		
Vote for not more than 1		
(WITH 42 OF 42 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Valerie K. Garloch	6,157	34.24
Matthew W. McFarland	11,025	65.76
Over Votes	1	
Under Votes	7,274	
Asheville Gas Aggregation		
(WITH 3 OF 3 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Yes	922	53.82
No	791	46.18
Over Votes	0	
Under Votes	120	
New Holland - Current Expenses, 1 mill		
(WITH 1 OF 1 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
For the Tax Levy	116	44.27
Against the Tax Levy	140	55.73
Over Votes	0	
Under Votes	3	

New Holland - Cemetery, 1 mill

Exhibit B-2: Operation and Governance Plan

**Governmental Aggregation Program Agreement
Between
Village of Ashville
And
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.**

This Governmental Aggregation Program Agreement with its exhibits and attachments hereto (collectively, the "Agreement") is entered into as of the last date written below ("Effective Date") between Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. ("VESI") and the Village of Ashville ("Municipality"), who may individually be referred to as "Party" or collectively as "Parties". Capitalized terms not defined in the Sections of this Agreement shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in Article Fifteen hereof "Definitions."

WHEREAS, VESI is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") as a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service ("CRNGS") Provider to sell competitive retail natural gas and related services to customers and Governmental Aggregation programs in the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into certain transactions associated with VESI's provision of CRNGS and related services (collectively, "Retail Natural Gas Services") necessary to serve the natural gas accounts of Aggregation Members within the service territory of Columbia Gas of Ohio ("LDC" or "COH") enrolled in the Municipality's Governmental Aggregation program.

WHEREAS, VESI desires to provide Retail Natural Gas Services to inhabitants of municipal corporations, inhabitants of boards of township trustees, and inhabitants of boards of county commissioners acting as Governmental Aggregators for the provision of CRNGS-under authority conferred by, *inter alia*, Section 4929.26 and 4929.27, Revised Code.

WHEREAS, the Municipality has been or will be certified by the Commission as a Governmental Aggregator pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-27-01, *et. seq.* OAC.

WHEREAS, the Municipality has established or desires to establish a Governmental Aggregation program whereby the Municipality, as Governmental Aggregator, will arrange for the provision of CRNGS to certain eligible inhabitants that do not opt-out of or that otherwise elect to participate in the Governmental Aggregation program.

WHEREAS, by this Agreement, VESI desires to enter into a relationship with the Municipality whereby VESI shall provide the Retail Natural Gas Services necessary to serve the Aggregation Members of the Municipality's Governmental Aggregation.

WHEREAS, the Municipality is or will be duly authorized to act for the Aggregation Group to purchase the Retail Natural Gas Services hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have established herein the terms and conditions governing VESI's provision of the Retail Natural Gas Services for the Governmental Aggregation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties, intending to be bound hereby and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, agree as follows:

Article One. Provision of Service

1.1 Obligations and Duties

- (a) **Authority to Purchase:** The Municipality, as Governmental Aggregator, is or will be authorized to arrange from VESI the Retail Natural Gas Services for and on behalf of the Aggregation Members of the Aggregation Group. VESI shall be the sole and exclusive provider of Retail Natural Gas Services for those Aggregation Members of the Aggregation Group.
- (b) **Governmental Aggregator.** Municipality shall obtain and maintain a certificate from the Commission to perform the functions of the Governmental Aggregator. VESI will provide the Municipality with all necessary data that is reasonably available to VESI to assist the Municipality with filings or any other information required by the Commission.
- (c) **VESI.** VESI shall have obtained and shall maintain all necessary certifications from the Council to provide the Retail Natural Gas Services.
- (d) **Opt-Out Administration.** VESI, with the reasonable cooperation of the Municipality, will be responsible for administering the initial and ongoing "opt-out" and "opt-in" procedures, as applicable, to eligible customers. VESI shall pay the costs associated with securing the pertinent customer list from the local utility and will scrub the list with geocoding software to ensure that only eligible customers within the Municipality's borders are included. Additionally, VESI shall pay the costs associated with printing and mailing the "opt-out" notices as required pursuant to this Agreement. The Municipality and VESI shall cooperate in the developing, review, approval, printing, posting, and issuance of all opt-out correspondence to assure that the opt-out notices with the agreed upon pricing, terms, and procedures can be sent out by VESI to the eligible customers as set forth in (e) below. The Parties shall cooperate in the development and implementation of efforts, as mutually agreed upon, to promote the Aggregation Program to encourage customers to participate in the same by "opt-out" and "opt-in".
- (e) **Opt-Out Activities.** Over the initial term of this Agreement, VESI shall send to eligible customers a notice by regular mail. The notice shall be an "opt-out" mailer to afford such customers the opportunity to participate in the Aggregation Program. This opt-out mailer shall include all information necessary to satisfy the disclosure of all items listed in OAC 4901:1-28-03(B) and an exemplar is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein as if set forth in full. This mailer may include a one-page summary of the Municipality's Governmental Aggregation program signed by a duly authorized representative of the Municipality. VESI shall have the right to review and approve

such summary information prior to mailing. VESI approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event that a fixed price is established, an additional notice will be mailed to all the customers. All communications with customers shall comply with applicable rules and regulations.

(f) **Review and Approval of Promotional Communications and Press Releases.** The Parties share a common desire to generate favorable publicity regarding the Aggregation Program and the arrangements contemplated by this Agreement. The Parties will have the right to review and approve in advance (i) any press releases issued by either Party regarding arrangements contemplated by this Agreement and (ii) any promotional information intended for general distribution or communication issued by either Party, including bill inserts and mailers intended to be sent or delivered to potential and/or current customers. Each Party will timely review such promotional information and press releases submitted for approval, and will not unreasonably withhold or delay its approval. If there is no objection by either Party, as applicable, by the end of five (5) business days after submittal to such Party, then approval by such Party shall be deemed granted. If there is an objection, the Parties shall reasonably cooperate with each other to resolve the problem with the information as expeditiously as possible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party, without any other Party's prior approval, shall have the right (i) to issue press releases regarding its business affairs and otherwise, including a general description of this Agreement and contemplated arrangement, and (ii) to describe in any of its promotional, sales or other public messages, the number of, but not any other information relating to, customers participating in the Aggregation Program and this Agreement generally.

(g) **Administration and Assignment.** VESI shall be responsible for the administration of the accounts of the Aggregation Members, except for billing under Article 5 below. VESI will build and maintain a database of all Aggregation Members. The database will include the name, address and Local Utility account number (unless prohibited by pertinent Commission rules or regulations and other applicable laws) and may include other pertinent information as mutually agreed upon by the Municipality and VESI. Data will be shared on an as-needed basis as agreed upon by the Parties. Consent to disclose such data will not be unreasonably withheld, but shall be in compliance with pertinent Commission rules or regulations and other applicable laws. This data will be provided to the Municipality on a quarterly basis, or upon Municipality's reasonable request. The Municipality will have the right to access the information in the database in a manner acceptable to VESI, in its commercially reasonable judgment, for the limited purpose of auditing.

1.2 **Firm Natural Gas Supply.** VESI will provide sufficient firm natural gas supply to the Delivery Point of the Local Utility, as defined in Section 1.3 hereof, to serve the requirements of the Aggregation Group. If VESI has arranged for firm transportation service for the delivery to the Delivery Point of the Local Utility, the Parties acknowledge that any failure or interruption after the Local Utility's Delivery Point, including any failure or interruption in distribution service to the Aggregation Group, is solely the responsibility of the Local Utility and VESI shall not be responsible for any such failure or interruption,

including any losses or costs to the Municipality or the Aggregation Group as the result of such interruption by the Local Utility.

- 1.3 **Delivery Point.** The "Delivery Point" for applicable Retail Natural Gas Services supplied by VESI to the Aggregation Group shall be the Local Utility's City gate(s) or any interface with the Local Utility in the local market area of the Aggregation Group for direct redelivery to the Aggregation Group by the Local Utility.
- 1.4 **Responsibility for Delivery Costs.** VESI will be responsible for obtaining or providing firm interstate pipeline transportation service up to the Delivery Point, and shall be responsible for all costs, liabilities, taxes, losses and charges of any kind to the Delivery Point. The Local Utility shall provide the natural gas distribution service from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Aggregation Members. Responsibility for all costs, liabilities, taxes, losses and charges of any kind after the Delivery Point is governed by the Local Utility's distribution tariff. Governmental Aggregation fall under Columbia Gas of Ohio Customer Choice programs rules and regulations.
- 1.5 **Municipality as a Governmental Aggregator.** The Municipality as a Governmental Aggregator shall have no financial responsibility whatsoever with respect to its obligations under this Agreement, except with respect to its actions associated with obtaining and maintaining its status as a Governmental Aggregator. Customers are under the Sub Set of Columbia Gas of Ohio's Customer Choice Program.
- 1.6 **Other Assistance.** VESI will endeavor to assist Municipality with respect to its actions as Governmental Aggregator hereunder, and with such other matters as parties may mutually agree to.

Article Two. Customer & Usage Information

- 2.1 **Customer Data and Load Forecast Information.** Municipality hereby authorizes VESI to obtain from the Local Utility all applicable Customer Data and Historical Load information regarding the consumption characteristics of the Aggregation Group (collectively, the "Load Forecast Information") when available and necessary. Municipality will assist VESI in obtaining any Load Forecast Information including, but not limited to, planned or unplanned reductions or increases in the natural gas consumption of the Aggregation Group. Upon request by VESI, Municipality shall provide to the Local Utility the authorizations and/or approvals necessary for VESI to obtain the Load Forecast Information.
- 2.2 **Release of Customer Information.** The Municipality will cooperate with VESI and provide appropriate authorization and documentation to enable the Local Utility to release to VESI the applicable and necessary Load Forecast Information and Customer data from the Local Utility, including for customers moving into or within the Municipality's corporate limits as they are as of the date of this agreement or as they may change from time to time during the term hereof. VESI shall use all such information solely in connection with its service to the Governmental Aggregation.

2.3 Addition of "Opt-in" customers. Within the Municipal geographic boundaries, customers served by CRNGS suppliers and other customers not receiving an "Opt-out Notice" may join or "opt-in" to the Aggregation Group only in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.4 below.

2.4 Addition of Aggregation Members. Customers that become part of the Aggregation Group after completion of the "Opt-out Period" will be accepted by VESI at the Aggregation Contract Price at the sole and absolute discretion of VESI. Customers that leave the Aggregation Group at any time and desire to re-join the Aggregation Group may, during the term of this Agreement, be accepted by VESI and served at the aggregation price at VESI sole and absolute discretion. VESI may develop an alternative rate for eligible consumers that have exited and desire to reenter the Aggregation Group. Excluding any and all existing VESI customers and any and all General Transportation customer within the Municipality.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, prior to the termination of this agreement VESI shall not intentionally target by direct mail or direct telemarketing any eligible customer within the Municipality's geographic boundaries without the prior consent of the Municipality.

Aggregation Members that move from one location to another within the Municipality's boundary, and who notify VESI of such move and provide to VESI all information required to effectuate continuing service, will retain their participant status at their then-existing price. If the customer moves out of the Municipality's corporate limits, all obligations, except for the customer's obligation to pay all amounts owed, shall cease as between that customer, VESI, and the Municipality, effective with the customer's termination of service with the Local Utility relative to its participation in the Governmental Aggregation.

Consumers that opt-out of or otherwise leave the Aggregation Group will default to the appropriate Local Utility's Standard Service Offer or other appropriate service.

Article Three. Operations

3.1 Scheduling. VESI, either directly or through its designee shall perform any and all scheduling necessary to provide service to the Aggregation Group. VESI shall be responsible for all scheduling for delivery to the Aggregation Members.

3.2 Metering. Metering shall continue to be done by the Local Utility or other entity approved by the Commission.

3.3 Start Date. The "Start Date" for service to each Aggregation Member shall be the first meter-read date on or after May 1, 2019.

3.4 End Date. Upon the conclusion or termination of this Agreement, the end date for service to each Aggregation Member shall be the next immediate metering date after the effective date of such conclusion or termination subject to the Local Utility's procedures. Opt-out by

individual Aggregation Members during the term of this Agreement will be permitted at least every two years from the establishment of the initial aggregation service, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4901:1-28-04(B), O.A.C.

Article Four. Prices and Fees

4.1 Price. VESI shall charge the rates for service provided to Aggregation Members based on the pricing terms and conditions as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

4.2 Switching Fee Reimbursement. VESI shall be responsible for the payment of any customer-switching fee or other fees imposed by the Local Utility as a result of the transfer of customers to VESI.

Article Five. Billing

5.1 Billing. The Local Utility will provide consolidated billing for the services provided hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if offered by the Local Utility in the future, VESI may at its sole option provide consolidated billing to Aggregation Members. Under no circumstances will a dual billing option be offered absent the Municipality's consent; but such option may be offered if the Local Utility no longer offers consolidated billing.

Article Six. Intentionally Omitted

Article Seven. Contingencies and Force Majeure

7.1 Contingencies.

(a) Regulatory Events. The following events constitute a "Regulatory Event" hereunder:

(i) Illegality. Due to the adoption of, or change in, any applicable law, or in the interpretation of any applicable law by any judicial or government authority with competent jurisdiction, it becomes unlawful for a Party to perform any obligation under this Agreement.

(ii) Adverse Government Action. (A) Any regulatory agency or court having jurisdiction over the Agreement requires a material change to the terms of this Agreement that materially and adversely affects a Party's ability to perform hereunder or otherwise provide the Retail Natural Gas Services, or (B) Regulations or court action adversely and materially impacts a Party's ability to perform hereunder or otherwise provide the Retail Natural Gas Services.

(iii) New Taxes. Any ad valorem, property, occupation, severance, generation, first use, conservation, Btu or energy, transportation, utility, gross receipts, privilege, sales, use, consumption, excise, lease, transaction or other governmental charge, license, fee or assessment (other than such charges based on net income or net worth), or increase in such charges, or application of such charges to a new or different class of

parties, enacted and effective after the Effective Date.

- (b) **Notice, Negotiation, and Early Termination.** Upon the occurrence of a Regulatory Event, the adversely affected Party shall within ten (10) days give notice to the other Party that such event has occurred. Within thirty (30) days, or such other period as the Parties may agree to in writing, each Party will enter into good faith negotiations with the other Party to amend or replace this Agreement. In the case of a Regulatory Event, the Parties shall attempt to amend this Agreement so that the adversely affected Party is restored as nearly as possible to the economic position it would have been in but for the occurrence of the Regulatory Event. In either case, if the Parties are unable, within thirty (30) days of initiating negotiations, or such other period as the Parties may agree to in writing, to agree upon an amendment to the Agreement, the adversely affected Party shall have the right, upon subsequent additional thirty (30) days prior written notice, to terminate and close out its obligations under the Agreement pursuant to the terms of Section 10.1 hereof.

7.2 Force Majeure.

- (a) Neither Party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, if its failure to perform results directly from a Force Majeure event. In the event that either Party is unable, wholly or in part, to meet its obligations under this Agreement due to conditions of a Force Majeure event, the obligations of each Party, so far as they are affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the period of Force Majeure.

In the event any Party hereto is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure to carry out its obligations hereunder, it is agreed that upon such Party's (the "Claiming Party") giving notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure within three (3) Business Days after becoming aware of the cause relied upon, such notice to be confirmed in writing to the other Party, then the obligations of the Claiming Party shall, other than the obligation to make payments due hereunder and to the extent they are affected by such Force Majeure, be suspended during the continuance of said inability but for no longer period. The Party receiving such notice of Force Majeure shall have until the end of the second (2nd) Business Day following such receipt to notify the Claiming Party that it objects to or disputes the existence of an event of Force Majeure.

- (b) The Claiming Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall use due diligence to fulfill its obligations hereunder and to remove any disability caused by such event at the earliest practicable time. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as requiring a party to settle any strike or labor dispute in which it may be involved, nor shall anything contained in this section be construed to take any measures that are cost prohibitive. In the event that measures required to remove any disability are cost prohibitive, the Claiming Party shall provide written notice to the non-claiming party and give non-claiming party the opportunity to reimburse the Claiming Party for any additional costs it would incur in order to remove said disability.

Article Eight. Term

8.1 Term of Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date hereof and terminate on April 30, 2021, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Article Nine. Representations and Warranties

9.1 Mutual Representations and Warranties. Each Party represents and warrants to the other Party, as of the Effective Date of this Agreement and of each delivery of natural gas hereunder, that:

- (a) It is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or incorporation and, if relevant under such laws, is in good standing;
- (b) It has the corporate, governmental and/or other legal capacity, authority and power to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other document relating hereto to which it is a Party, and to fully perform its obligations under this Agreement and any other document relating hereto to which it is a Party, and has taken all necessary action to authorize such execution, delivery and full performance;
- (c) Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets;
- (d) All governmental and other authorizations, approvals, consents, notices and filings that are required to have been obtained or submitted by it with respect to this Agreement or any other document relating hereto to which it is a party have been obtained or submitted and are in full force and effect and shall remain in full force and effect throughout the term of this agreement, and it has complied with all conditions and terms of any such authorizations, approvals, consents, notices and filings;
- (e) Its obligations under this Agreement and any other document relating hereto to which it is a Party are legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law);
- (f) No Bankruptcy Event has occurred and is continuing, and that a Bankruptcy Event would neither occur as a result of its entering into or performing its obligations under this Agreement or any other document relating hereto to which it is a Party nor is presently or otherwise threatened;
- (g) There is not pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it or any of its Affiliates

any action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity or before any court, tribunal, governmental body, agency or official or any arbitrator that is likely to affect the legality, validity or enforceability against it of this Agreement or any other document relating hereto to which it is a party or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement or such document;

- (h) It has entered into this Agreement with a full understanding of the material terms and risks of transaction contemplated hereunder, and it is capable and has the authority of assuming those risks;
- (i) Either Party is not acting as a fiduciary or in an advisory capacity to the other Party; and
- (j) All applicable information that is furnished in writing by or on behalf of it to the other Party is, as of the date of the information, true, accurate and complete in every material respect.

9.2 Additional Representations of Municipality. Relative to this Agreement, Municipality further represents to VESI, as of the Effective Date, that:

- (a) The Municipality has or shall have a valid certificate as a Governmental Aggregator and will maintain such certificate at all times during the term hereof;
- (b) The Municipality shall act as a Governmental Aggregator, once it has obtained a valid certificate, throughout the term of this Agreement.
- (c) All acts necessary to the valid execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement including, without limitation, competitive bidding, public notice, election, referendum, prior appropriation or other required procedures has or will be taken and performed as required under the Act, Regulations and the Municipality's ordinances, bylaws, policies or other regulations.
- (d) Failure to comply with provisions 9.2(a) - (c) shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

9.3 Additional Representations of VESI. VESI further represents that it will transfer to end users good title, as applicable at the Delivery Point or otherwise of all Retail Natural Gas Services delivered hereunder, that it has the right to sell such Retail Natural Gas Services, that such Retail Natural Gas Services shall be free from all taxes, liens, encumbrances and claims, and that such Retail Natural Gas Services complies with the technical specifications and will be in a form and quality specified by the Local Utility's distribution system. With respect to its obligations as supplier of Retail Natural Gas Services to the Aggregation Program, VESI shall have and maintain valid certification from the Commission during the term hereof. Failure to comply with this Section 9.3 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

9.4 Limitation of Warranties. ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ARE

DISCLAIMED BY THE PARTIES.

Article Ten. Default and Early Termination

10.1 Prior to the expiration of any initial or subsequent term of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated in the event of the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) Immediately upon the occurrence of a Bankruptcy Event by any Party;
 - (i) Pursuant to the terms set forth herein, upon the occurrence of a Regulatory Event;
 - (ii) Pursuant to the terms set forth in Exhibit A as those terms relate to the annual renegotiation of a retail adder;
 - (iii) By mutual written agreement of the parties;
 - (iv) As otherwise provided below in Section 10.2.

10.2 If either Party fails to comply with any material term or condition of this Agreement and such failure is not excused as Force Majeure, such Party shall be in default under this Agreement. If a Party is in default under this Agreement, the Party claiming that the other Party is in default shall give notice to the defaulting Party in writing detailing the alleged default and requesting specific relief that is in accord with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Party receiving such notice of default shall respond in writing within five (5) business days affirming or denying the alleged default and detailing how any such default under this Agreement will be cured. If the Party claiming the default is not reasonably satisfied that such default has been cured within thirty (30) days following the date that the notice of default has been received by the defaulting Party, the claiming Party shall be free to seek legal redress and take such other actions, including termination of this Agreement, as it sees fit, but limited to the extent set forth in Section 11.1 herein.

10.3 Enforcement of Remedies. Except to the extent set forth in Section 11.1 herein, the Party claiming default under Section 10.2 above may enforce any of its remedies under this Agreement successively or concurrently at its option. All of the remedies and other provisions of this Article shall be without prejudice and in addition to any right of setoff, recoupment, combination of accounts, lien or other right to which any Party or any of its Affiliates is at any time otherwise entitled (whether by operation of law or in equity, under contract or otherwise).

Article Eleven. Liability

11.1 Limitation of Liability. To the fullest extent permissible by law, neither party, nor their respective representatives, successors or assigns, shall be liable to the other party or its representatives, successors or assigns, shall be liable to the other party or its representatives, successors or assigns, for claims, suits, actions or causes of action, under any theory of recovery, for incidental, indirect, special, punitive, multiple or consequential damages,

including without limitation loss of profits or revenue or the loss of use of either, costs of replacement retail natural gas services or of capital, or claims of customers of the other party relating to loss of retail natural gas services supply, except as expressly provided in this agreement. The provisions of this section 11.1 shall apply regardless of fault and shall survive termination, cancellation, suspension, completion or expiration of this agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall preclude either party from seeking legal redress and take other legal actions for a material breach of this agreement by the breaching party and pursuing a claim for actual damages resulting from said breach.

Article Twelve. Notices

12.1 Unless otherwise specified, all notices, requests, statements or payments under this Agreement shall be made to the following:

All Notices: Volanteer Energy Services, Inc.
Street: 790 Windmill Drive
City, State and Zip: Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Attn: John L. Einstein, IV
With a Copy to: Mark Skaggs

All Notices: Village of Ashville
Street: 200 East Station Street
City, State and Zip: Ashville, Ohio 43103
Attn: Franklin Christman, Village Administrator

12.2 Notices shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be in writing and may be delivered by hand delivery, United States certified mail – return receipt requested, overnight courier service. Notice by hand delivery shall be effective at the close of business on the day actually received, if received during business hours on a business day, and otherwise shall be effective at the close of business on the next business day after receipt. Notice by overnight United States mail or courier shall be effective (2) two business days after delivery. Notice by certified US mail, return receipt requested, shall be effective five (5) business days following delivery. A Party may change its address or the contact person by providing notice of the same in accordance herewith.

Article Thirteen. Confidentiality

13.1 **Obligation of Confidentiality.** The parties agree to the extent permitted by law, for themselves and their respective Representatives to keep confidential all Confidential Information provided hereunder and to use the Confidential Information solely for purposes related to this Agreement. Except as provided herein, Confidential Information shall not be disclosed by the receiving Party ("Receiving Party") to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party ("Disclosing Party"); and such third party shall be requested to treat the Confidential Information in accordance with this Agreement.

- 13.2 **Disclosure.** In the event either Party is required to disclose such Confidential Information by a law, court, agency or other governing body having, or purporting to have, jurisdiction over the Party, such Party shall notify the other Party prior to any disclosure, if such notice is, in the determination of the Receiving Party's counsel, permitted by law, so as to allow the other Party an opportunity to resist such disclosure and/or to seek appropriate protection from further disclosure. If the Disclosing Party, in the determination of counsel, is compelled to disclose Confidential Information, the Disclosing Party may disclose that portion of the Confidential Information, which the Disclosing Party's counsel advises that the Disclosing Party is compelled to disclose.
- 13.3 **Proprietary Rights, Survival.** Each Party acknowledges the proprietary rights of the other Party in and to the Confidential Information. The obligations under this Article Twelve shall survive the conclusion or termination of this Agreement for two (2) years.

Article Fourteen. General Terms

- 14.1 **Entire Agreement, Amendments and Counterparts.** The terms of this Agreement (including any exhibits, schedules and attachments hereto) constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the matters set forth in this Agreement and may be changed only by written agreement executed after the date hereof by the Parties. All exhibits, schedules and addendums attached hereto are incorporated herein by reference. This Agreement and any modification hereof may be executed and delivered in counterparts, including by a facsimile transmission thereof, each of which shall be deemed an original.
- 14.2 **No Waiver.** No failure on the part of any Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right under this Agreement shall not operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any partial exercise of any such right preclude the exercise of any other right. No waiver shall be valid unless set forth in a mutually signed writing, and any such waiver shall not operate as a waiver of the same or any other right on another occasion, unless otherwise agreed to mutually in writing.
- 14.3 **Headings.** The headings used for the articles and sections herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 14.4 **No Partnership.** Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as constituting or tending to create an agency, partnership, master-servant or employer-employee relationship between the Parties.
- 14.5 **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the law of the State of Ohio without regard to principles of conflict of laws.
- 14.6 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement confers no rights or remedies whatsoever upon any person or entity other than the Parties and shall not create, or be interpreted as creating, any standard of care, duty or liability to any person or entity not a party hereto.

Neither Party shall be liable to a third party not a party to this Agreement for any unauthorized act or omission on the part of the other Party, nor for any unauthorized obligation or debt incurred by the other Party

14.7 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

14.8 **Assignment.** This Agreement shall not be assigned by either Party without the written consent of the other Party; which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

14.9 **Authorization.** Each Party to this Agreement represents and warrants that it has full and complete authority to enter into and perform this Agreement. Each person who executes this Agreement on behalf of either Party represents and warrants that he or she has full and complete authority to do so and that such Party will be bound by the Agreement.

14.10 **Prefatory Statements.** The Parties hereto agree and acknowledge that the prefatory statements in this Agreement are intended to be and shall be a part of the provisions of this Agreement.

14.11 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, void, or unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction, such determination shall not invalidate, void or make unenforceable any other provision, agreement or covenant of this Agreement.

14.12 **Agent.** The Municipality may designate an agent or Representative to act on its behalf, which agent or Representative Municipality may change from time-to-time upon notice to VESI.

Article Fifteen. Definitions

"Act" means Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 4929, as amended.

"Affiliate" means, in relation to any person, any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by such person, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, such person, or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with such person. For this purpose, "control" of any entity or person means ownership of a majority of the voting power of the entity or person. With respect to Municipality, the term Affiliate shall include but not be limited to any political subdivision of Municipality, or an instrumentality agency or department of Municipality.

"Aggregation Group" means the collection of Aggregation Members.

"Aggregation Member(s)" means those retail residential and commercial customers whose meters are read on a cycle basis by the Local Utility, are within the corporate limits of the Municipality, and who are eligible to and do become members of the Municipality's Governmental Aggregation program.

"Bankruptcy Event" means either Party:

- (a) Is dissolved (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger), becomes insolvent, is unable to pay its debts or admits in writing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due, or makes a general assignment, arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors;
- (b) Institutes or has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation;
- (c) Seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or substantially all its assets, or has a secured party take possession of all or substantially all its assets or has a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other legal process levied, enforced or sued on or against all or substantially all its assets;
- (d) In the case of the Municipality, there is appointed or designated any entity such as a board, commission, authority or agency to monitor, review, oversee, recommend or declare a financial emergency or similar state of financial distress;
- (e) Causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses (i) to (iv) inclusive; or
- (f) Takes any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the foregoing acts.

"Btu" means British thermal unit.

"Ccf" means one hundred (100) cubic feet of natural gas.

"Commission" means the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

"Confidential Information" means any and all data and information of whatever kind or nature (whether written, electronic or oral), which is disclosed by one Party (the "Disclosing Party") to the other Party (the "Receiving Party") regarding itself, its business, and/or the business of its Affiliates. Information that is disclosed by one Party to the other which the Disclosing Party believes is confidential and is clearly designated as confidential shall be deemed Protected Information, only if such claim of confidentiality is conspicuously disclosed in writing or other tangible form that is marked "confidential" at the time of transmittal or if disclosed verbally is described as confidential or proprietary at the time of the conversation and the Disclosing Party also supplements the verbal transmittal with a transmittal in writing or other tangible form that is conspicuously marked "confidential" or "proprietary" within five (5) days of the verbal disclosure. Each Party shall have the right to correct any inadvertent failure to designate information as Confidential Information by providing the other Party with timely written notification of the error, and the designated information shall be treated as Confidential

Information from the time a Party receives the written notification. Confidential Information does not include information:

- (a) In the public domain at the time of disclosure;
- (b) That after disclosure passes into the public domain, except by a wrongful act of the Receiving Party;
- (c) Disclosed to the Receiving Party by a third party not under an obligation of confidentiality;
- (d) Already in the Receiving Party's possession prior to disclosure by the Disclosing Party;
- (e) Subject to disclosure pursuant to Revised Code Section 149.43 or any other applicable law.

"Customer Data" includes, without limitation: the customer's name, billing address, meter address and usage information, account number, rate classification, and similar information that is applicable and necessary for VESI to provide its Retail Natural Gas Services hereunder.

"Eligible Customer" means a customer that is eligible to participate in a governmental aggregation in accordance with Sections 4929.26 and 4929.27, Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4901:1-28-01(C), O.A.C, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.

"Fixed Price Period" shall mean the flow date period of which a fixed price can be entered into for a specific period of time.

"Force Majeure" for purposes of this Agreement means an uncontrollable force that is not within the control of the Party relying thereon and could not have been prevented or avoided by such Party through the exercise of due diligence. Subject to the foregoing, Force Majeure shall include, but not be limited to, flood, earthquake, storm, drought, fire, pestilence, lightning, hurricanes, washouts, landslides and other natural catastrophes and acts of God; strikes, lockouts, labor or material shortage, or other industrial disturbances; acts of the public enemies, epidemics, riots, civil disturbance or disobedience, sabotage, terrorist acts, wars or blockades; governmental actions such as necessity to comply with any court order, law, statute, ordinance or regulation promulgated by a governmental authority; or any other unplanned or non-scheduled occurrence, condition, situation or threat not covered above, which renders either Party unable to perform its obligations hereunder, provided such event is beyond the reasonable control through the exercise of due diligence of the Party claiming such inability. Failures or interruptions, including government ordered interruptions, on the transmission or distribution systems relied upon for supplying Retail Natural Gas Services under this Agreement will constitute Force Majeure, provided that VESI has arranged for firm transportation service as noted in this Agreement.

"Governmental Aggregator" means an eligible governmental entity certified by the Commission to act as a governmental aggregator for the provision of competitive retail natural gas service under authority conferred by, *inter alia*, Section 4929.26 and 4929.27, Revised Code.

"Governmental Aggregation" means a program certified by the Commission for the provision of competitive retail natural gas service under authority conferred by, *inter alia*, Section 4929.26 and 4929.27, Revised Code.

"Historical Load" means the most recent history of natural gas consumption for the Aggregation Group and/or Aggregation Member(s).

"Local Utility" means, Columbia Gas of Ohio, the natural gas distribution utility providing services to the Aggregation Group of the Governmental Aggregation program.

"Mcf" means one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of natural gas.

"NYMEX Strike Price" means, a monthly NYMEX closing for the first of the following month for natural gas delivery. NYMEX closes two (2) business days before the end of the month. The price includes NYMEX basis, interstate transmission, shrinkage fuel loss, Mcf Btu conversion and supplier margin.

"Regulations" means Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rules, regulations and precedent, to the extent of their respective jurisdictions.

"Representative" means, as to a Party, any Affiliate, or any shareholder, officer, director, employee, agent, attorney, or advisor of the Party or its Affiliate.

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Execution of Agreement

The Parties acknowledge their agreement to the terms herein by their signatures below.

Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

Village of Ashville

By: _____

By: *Franklin Christman*

Name: **Richard A. Cornette Sr.**

Name: Franklin Christman

Title: **President**

Title: Village Administrator

EXHIBIT A

1. **Type of Service: Columbia Gas of Ohio Customer Choice**
2. **Term: May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021**
3. **Delivery Point: Customers Burner Tip**
4. **Price: VESI has offered to provide natural gas to Aggregation Members at a fixed rate of \$0.423 per Ccf at the burner tip. In addition, there are no early termination penalties for Aggregation Members who decide to leave this offer during the Term.**

VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.
("SELLER")

By: _____

Print: **Richard A. Cornatta Sr.**

Title: **President**

VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE
("BUYER")

By: *Franklin Christman*

Print: Franklin Christman

Title: Village Administrator

Approved as to Form: _____

Print: Mark Landes, Esquire

Title: Solicitor

**Exhibit B-3: Automatic
Aggregation Disclosure
Notification**

EXHIBIT B



DATE

Dear Natural Gas Consumer,

Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. (VESI) in cooperation with the Village of Ashville (the "Village") is providing you with the opportunity to join or remain with other residents and small commercial customers in the Village's natural gas Government Aggregation Program. If you have received this letter and are outside the boundaries of the Village of Ashville, please let us know by calling 800-977-8374. Government Aggregation programs allow Village officials to bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of natural gas from a retail supplier licensed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Village of Ashville voters approved this program in 2016.

During the past few months, we have researched options for competitive natural gas pricing for you. We have chosen VESI, an Ohio based corporation to provide you with natural gas for the term May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021.

You will be automatically enrolled in the Village's Natural Gas Government Aggregation Program unless you choose to "opt out" -- that is, affirmatively choose not to participate. If you wish to be excluded from the Village's natural gas aggregation program, you must return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form by _____. 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 two 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 enrollment and you will not be charged a switching fee.

For participating members of this program, VESI has offered to provide natural gas to Aggregation Members at a fixed rate of \$0.423 per Ccf at the burner tip. If you are ever unhappy with your rate, you may leave the program free of charge at any time. Please refer to the attached Terms and Conditions for full details of this offer.

After you become a participant in the Village's natural gas aggregation program, Columbia Gas of Ohio (COH) will send a postcard confirming your selection of VESI as your natural gas provider. As required by law, this postcard will inform you of your option to cancel your enrollment with VESI within seven (7) business days of its postmark date. To remain in the Village's government aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this postcard arrives. You will be automatically enrolled.

COH will always be responsible for ensuring the distribution of natural gas to your premises and will continue to maintain your meter, the monthly reads and the pipelines that deliver natural gas to your home. Your natural gas bill will also continue to come from COH. The only change you'll notice is the name of your new gas supplier, Volunteer Energy Services, Inc., included on your bill.

If you have any questions, please call VESI toll-free at 1-800-977-8374, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Village of Ashville
and
Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

Exhibit B-4: Opt-Out Notice

DO NOT DISCARD:
 Important Natural Gas Aggregation
 Information Enclosed.

**Welcome to the Village of
 Ashville Natural Gas
 Aggregation Program.**



John Sample
 123 Any Street
 Any Place, US 12345-6789

**This notification is in regards
 to your gas service at:**

123 Any Street
 Any Place, US 12345-6789

August 1, 2022

Dear John Sample,

In July 2015, the Village of Ashville authorized the creation of a natural gas aggregation program. Your community has now select Constellation New Energy - Gas Division, LLC (Constellation) as the program supplier. The Village has worked with Constellation to secure a competitive rate for the program. From September 2022 (October 2022 billing) through August 2025 (September 2025 billing), your price will be a fixed rate of \$0.781 per Ccf. You will not need to take any action to accept this offer.

You're Automatically Enrolled

There is no cost to enroll. Enrollment is automatic for those who are eligible, but participation is voluntary. You may opt-out of this program without penalty at any time for any reason by providing notice to Constellation. Please see the enclosed terms and conditions for full details of the program.

How To Opt-Out

If you do not want to be automatically enrolled in the aggregation program, please respond with one of the options below by August 22, 2022:

1. **Mail:** Return the form below in the pre-addressed stamped envelope
2. **Phone:** Call Constellation at 833-767-0875
3. **Web:** Visit www.constellation.com/oh-ashville

To learn more:



Visit us online at
constellation.com/oh-ashville



Call 833-767-0875
 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

We look forward to providing this program.

Sincerely,

Kevin Klages
 SVP Mass Markets
 Constellation

Village of Ashville

The rate offered does not include taxes, Columbia Gas of Ohio distribution or other Columbia's fees, charges or credits. If you are already enrolled with another natural gas supplier, a cancellation fee may apply to end your agreement with that supplier. The General Terms and Conditions govern your participation in the Program. Please do not contact the community if you have additional questions about this offer, contact Constellation, Ohio Supplier License #09-1530(6), 2045e022-6301-4911-9:56-62404066e03



John Sample
 123 Any Street
 Any Place, US 12345-6789



Constellation

0-000001

I do not want to participate in the Village of Ashville Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Phone Number

Cell Work Home

XXXXXX
 Opt-Out Code

Service Address:
 123 Any Street
 Any Place, US 12345-6789

Columbia Gas Account Number

Signature

Date



Natural Gas Aggregation Opt-Out Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is aggregation?

A: Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring the community together for group purchasing power. The community benefits by receiving competitively-priced natural gas from a retail natural gas supplier.

Q: How is my community able to choose a certified natural gas supplier on my behalf?

A: Residents voted to allow the community to negotiate a contract with a natural gas supplier on their behalf.

Q: How do I enroll?

A: Enrollment is free and eligible residential and small business customers will be automatically enrolled.

Q: Who is eligible for the aggregation program?

A: Most residential and small business customers residing within the community receiving natural gas from the local utility are eligible.

Q: Who is not eligible?

A: Residential and business customers who are not eligible for automatic enrollment in the program include:

- A customer that is not located within community boundaries.
- Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) customers.
- A customer who is under contract with another natural gas provider.
- A customer who has a special contract with the natural gas utility company.
- Customers who are behind on their payments to the utility.
- A mercantile customer that has not provided consent to join the program. "Mercantile customer" means a commercial or industrial customer if the natural gas consumed is for non-residential use and the customer consumes more than 500 Mcf per year or is part of a national account involving multiple facilities in one or more states.

Q: When will I see my new rate?

A: You can expect to see the new rate one to two billing cycles following your enrollment in the program. Please note: supply rates do not include taxes, delivery service charges or other utility fees.

Q: Who will bill me for natural gas?

A: You will continue to receive one monthly bill from your local utility.

Q: What if my business qualifies for tax exemption status?

A: Tax exempt customers should send their most recent tax exempt certificate to Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC, 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300, Houston, TX 77002 or via email to CNETaxForms@Constellation.com, or fax to 877-243-4968, to avoid sales tax charges.

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

A: Yes, how you pay your natural gas bill will not change.

Q: Who do I call if I have a problem with my natural gas service?

A: To report service problems, a gas leak and for billing questions, contact your local utility company.

Q: What if I have already selected another supplier?

A: Based on the records provided by the utility, we assumed you are not with another supplier. However, if you recently signed up with a new supplier, carefully review the terms and conditions of that agreement before proceeding as your ability to terminate early with that supplier may be restricted.

Q: Is there an early termination fee for leaving the program outside of the 21 day opt-out period?

A: No, there is no early termination fee.

Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions about this offer?

A: If you have additional questions about the program, please contact Constellation.

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Generally the words "you" and "your" refer to the Customer and the words "we" and "us" refer to Constellation, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1. Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas. If you do not "opt-out" by August 22, 2022 pursuant to these General Terms and Conditions (the "Agreement"), you will purchase from us on an exclusive basis, and we will take all reasonable action to supply or cause to be supplied, all of your natural gas requirements at the price and for your accounts ("Account(s)"). Pursuant to the Agreement, you authorize us to (i) enroll your Account(s) with your Utility so that we can supply the Account(s), (ii) aggregate your Account(s) with those of other customers of Constellation or its affiliates, (iii) request and receive usage and other information from your Utility with respect to the Account(s) and (iv) enter into agreements with your Utility as necessary under the Utility's tariff to facilitate supply of the Account(s). You agree to cooperate with Constellation to ensure enrollment of your Account(s) in a timely manner. You give us the authority to choose the source of your natural gas supply. Your Utility will continue to deliver your natural gas and provide billing and other services to you. You acknowledge that such transportation service is subject to regulations set forth in your Utility's tariff. **Supply of natural gas under this Agreement is conditioned upon (1) our verification of the accuracy of all information that you provide to us, including information regarding your natural gas usage and the Account(s) and (2) acceptance of enrollment of your Account(s) by the Utility.**

2. Term. This term of the Agreement is effective when enrollment occurs with the Utility with Constellation as your natural gas supplier, subject to your rescission right set forth under "Customer's Rescission Right" below. Subject to successful enrollment of your Account(s), we will supply the Account(s) with natural gas from the first regularly scheduled Utility meter read date after your Utility switches you to Constellation ("Start Date"), which we estimate will be in the month of September 2022 meter read (October 2022 billing cycle). We will supply your Account(s) through the month of August 2025 meter read (September 2025 billing cycle). If the Village of Ashville Natural Gas Pricing Program continues beyond August 2025 meter read (September 2025 billing cycle) with Constellation as the supplier, Constellation will send you a notice of renewal including, but not limited to, notice of the new Village of Ashville Natural Gas Pricing Program, notice of your right to opt-out of the Village of Ashville Natural Gas Pricing Program, and any other changes. The opt-out mailing shall include a provision for return of a post card or similar notice to Constellation, to be returned no later than twenty-one (21) days from the post-marked date, and receipt of the opt-out mailing post-marked before the opt-out deadline has elapsed shall count as timely sent. You are entitled to opt-out of Village of Ashville Natural Gas Pricing Program at least every two years from the Start Date of the Village of Ashville Natural Gas Pricing Program, without a penalty. If for any reason you do not wish to continue, you may cancel this Agreement as provided in Section 4 below. If you do not cancel, this Agreement will renew, and any changes to the General Terms and Conditions will become effective for the term provided in the renewal notice.

3. Price. Village of Ashville Natural Gas Pricing Program. Through August 2025 meter read (September 2025 billing cycle), your price will be a fixed rate of \$0.781 per Ccf. For the remainder of the term of this Agreement, your price will be either fixed or variable, as determined by the Village of Ashville. **IN THIS PROGRAM, YOU HEREBY APPOINT THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE AS YOUR AGENT FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY PRICING DECISIONS AND AGREE THAT VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO MAKE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY PRICING DECISIONS ON YOUR BEHALF WHILE THIS AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT.**

Note: The fixed or variable price includes (i) all related interstate pipeline charges required to deliver gas to the Delivery Point, plus (ii) administrative costs and fees. In addition to the fixed or variable price, you will also pay the Utility's service charges.

4. Termination. You may terminate this Agreement without penalty at any time for any reason by providing notice to Constellation. Please note that once enrolled, it may take one to two billing cycles beyond the current billing cycle for the cancellation to be effective, as the effective date of all cancellations are subject to your Utility's guidelines. Should you fail to pay any Utility invoice or fail to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangement, your service and this Agreement may be automatically terminated in accordance with the Utility's tariffs. In addition, this Agreement will terminate if (i) the requested service location is not served by the Utility, (ii) you move outside the Utility's service area or to an area not served by Constellation, (iii) we return you to the Utility's sales service pursuant to any termination of this agreement by us, or (iv) you cancel your enrollment with us pursuant to your rescission right provided below. You may terminate this Agreement without penalty if you relocate outside the service territory of the Utility.

5. Customer's Rescission Right. Upon processing your enrollment, the Utility will send you a confirmation letter, which is notice of the transfer of your supply to Constellation. You have a seven (7) business day period from the postmark date of the Utility's confirmation letter during which time you may cancel your enrollment, without penalty, by calling the Utility's toll-free number provided in the confirmation letter or by providing written notice to the Utility, which will be effective as of the postmark date.

6. Your Invoice. You will be invoiced by the Utility monthly for all charges applicable to your natural gas usage, including the rates set forth herein, applicable Taxes (which are passed through to you) and all applicable Utility customer charges and franchise fees. You authorize us to act as your payment agent if deemed necessary by us to facilitate consolidated billing. You have the right to request up to twenty-four (24) months of your payment history for services rendered by Constellation without charge.

7. Switching. The Utility may charge a switching fee in accordance with its tariff when you change your natural gas supplier to Constellation. If the Utility charges a switching fee when you change your natural gas supplier to Constellation in accordance with this Agreement, Constellation agrees to pay such switching fee. Constellation will not separately charge a switching fee. If you voluntarily return to the Utility after switching to a competitive supplier, you may be charged a price other than the Utility's regulated sales service rate.

8. Customer Service. For questions or complaints about our services, contact us at our Customer Care department by calling toll-free (833) 767-0875, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by e-mail at VST@constellation.com, online at www.constellation.com, or in writing at Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division, LLC, 1716 Lawrence Drive, De Pere WI, 54115. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called Constellation, or for general utility information, you may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”) for assistance at (800) 686-7826 (toll free) or for TTY at (800) 686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at www.puco.ohio.gov. Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel for assistance with complaints and utility issues at (877) 742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at www.pickocc.org.

9. Definitions. “**Delivery Point**” means any existing and future points of interconnection between your Utility transmission and/or distribution system and those of a third party pipeline supplying natural gas to the Utility. “**Taxes**” means all taxes, duties, fees, levies, premiums or any other charges of any kind, whether direct or indirect, relating to the sale, purchase or delivery of natural gas, together with all interest, penalties or other additional amounts imposed, including but not limited to gross receipts, sales, consumption, use, value added, per Mcf, commercial activity or other privilege tax, and any other tax (whether in effect as of the effective date of this agreement or thereafter) imposed by any governmental entity. “**Utility**” means your local natural gas distribution utility owning and/or controlling and maintaining the distribution system required for delivery of natural gas to the Account(s). “**Market Price**” means the current price at which natural gas can be bought or sold by suppliers. “**Market Trend**” means the tendency of natural gas market prices to move in a particular direction over time.

10. Notices. All notices will be in writing and delivered by hand, first class mail, or by express carrier to our respective business addresses. Either of us can change our address by notice to the other pursuant to this paragraph.

11. Changes in law, market structure, and/or your natural gas needs or classifications. If a change in or implementation of law, rule, regulation, ordinance, statute, judicial decision, administrative order, Utility tariffs, or the like causes our costs under this Agreement to increase, we will have the right to pass such increased costs on to you. The changes described in this Section may change any or all the charges described in this Agreement.

12. Events beyond either of our reasonable control. If something happens that is beyond either of our reasonable control that prevents either of us from performing our respective obligations under this Agreement, then whichever one of us cannot perform will be relieved from performance until the situation is resolved. Examples of such events include: acts of God, fire, flood, hurricane, war, terrorism; labor disputes; declaration of emergency by a governmental entity or the Utility; curtailment, disruption or interruption of natural gas transmission, distribution or supply; regulatory, administrative, or legislative action, or action or restraint by court order or other governmental entity; and actions taken by third parties not under your or our control, such as the Utility. However, such events shall not in any event excuse any failure to make payments due in a timely manner for natural gas supplied to you. The parties shall notify each other immediately of an operational flow or curtailment order from the applicable pipelines or Utility and shall take all required steps to comply with such orders.

13. Delivery Point and indemnification obligations. We will deliver natural gas to the Delivery Point. Title and risk of loss related to the natural gas transfer to you at the Delivery Point, and you are responsible for all transmission, distribution, and other costs (including Taxes and other fees) related to the final delivery to the facilities to which the Account(s) relate as well as your use of the natural gas. While we will arrange for the delivery of natural gas to you by your Utility, we will have no liability or responsibility for matters within the control of the Utility, which include maintenance of pipelines and systems, service interruptions, loss of service, quality of the natural gas, deterioration of services, or meter readings. EACH PARTY (THE “INDEMNIFYING PARTY”) WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE OTHER PARTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS (INCLUDING CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE), LOSSES, EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES), DAMAGES, SUITS, CAUSES OF ACTION AND JUDGMENTS OF ANY KIND ARISING HEREUNDER WHILE TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS ARE VESTED IN THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY.

14. Limitation on Liability. IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY OR ITS AFFILIATES, OWNERS, OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST OPPORTUNITIES OR LOST PROFITS. Each party’s total liability related to this Agreement, whether arising under breach of contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, will be limited to direct, actual damages. Each party agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the damages it may incur. NO WARRANTY, DUTY, OR REMEDY, WHETHER EXPRESSED, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, ON CONSTELLATION’S PART IS GIVEN OR INTENDED TO ARISE OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OR USE.

15. Governing Law/Venue. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS. WE ALSO BOTH AGREE IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY TO WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY OR TO INITIATE OR BECOME A PARTY TO ANY CLASS ACTION CLAIMS WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

16. Relationship of Parties. We are an independent contractor, and nothing in this Agreement establishes a joint venture, fiduciary relationship, partnership or other joint undertaking. You will not rely, and have not relied, on us in evaluating the advantages or disadvantages of any specific product or service, predictions about future energy prices, or any other matter under this Agreement. Your decision to enter into this Agreement and any other decisions or actions you may take are and will be based solely upon your own analysis (or that of your advisors) and not on information or statements from us. There is no guarantee that the program you chose will guarantee any price advantage or savings.

17. Confidentiality. Consistent with applicable regulatory requirements, we will hold in confidence all information obtained by us from you related to the provision of services under this Agreement and which concern your energy characteristics and use patterns, except that we may disclose such information to our affiliates (excluding Baltimore Gas & Electric, a regulated utility) and such affiliates' employees, agents, advisors, and independent contractors. Other than for operation, maintenance, assignment and transfer of your Account(s), pursuant to a court or PUCO order or pursuant to a PUCO rule, we will not release your account number or, other than for credit checking and credit reporting, if applicable, your social security number, without your prior written consent.

18. Miscellaneous Provisions. If in any circumstance we do not provide notice of, or object to, any default on your part, such situation will not constitute a waiver of such default or any future default of any kind. If any of this Agreement is held legally invalid, the remainder will not be affected and will be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law and equity, and there will be deemed substituted for the invalid provisions such provisions as will most nearly carry out our mutual intent as expressed in this agreement. You may not assign or otherwise transfer any of your rights or obligations under this Agreement without our prior written consent and any such attempted transfer will be void. We may assign our rights and obligations under this Agreement to a qualified natural gas supplier and will provide you with prior written notice of any such assignment. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between both of us, supersedes any other agreements, discussions or understandings (whether oral or written) regarding the subject matter of this agreement, and may not be contradicted by any prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreement. A facsimile copy with your signature will be considered an original for all purposes. No amendment to this Agreement will be valid or given any effect unless signed by both of us. Applicable provisions of this Agreement will continue in effect after termination or expiration of this Agreement to the extent necessary, including those for billing adjustments and payments, indemnification, limitations of liability, and dispute resolution. Constellation shall have the right to set-off and net any amounts owed to Customer against any amounts owed to it by Customer under this Agreement or any other agreement. This Agreement is a "forward contract" and Constellation is a "forward contract merchant" under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, as amended. Further, we are not providing advice regarding "commodity interests", including futures contracts and commodity options or any other matter, which would cause us to be a commodity trading advisor under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("CEA"). Customer's purpose in entering into this Agreement is not speculation, but rather price volatility control and/or budget management for procurement of natural gas for one or more of its facilities. Customer represents that it qualifies as an "eligible contract participant" as the same is defined under the CEA. The terms of any purchase order (PO) you send to us or any alterations, additions, or modifications you make to the preprinted terms of this Agreement shall be void and without any effect unless and only to the extent we agree in writing to such alterations, additions, or modifications.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR SERVICE INTERRUPTION, CONTACT YOUR UTILITY AT:

Utility Name	Utility Abbreviation	Contact Number
Columbia Gas of Ohio	COH	(800) 282-0157

**Exhibit B-5:
Experience**

EXPERIENCE

Due to the complexity of Governmental Aggregation, the Village of Ashville has hired Aspen Energy Corporation (hereinafter "Aspen Energy") to assist them in designing, implementing and maintaining an Aggregation Program.

Aspen Energy was founded by Mr. Jonathan Peele over fifteen (15) years ago and employs over thirty (30) people in Dublin, Ohio. Aspen Energy is a Certified Electric Aggregator and Broker (14-767E(2)) and a Certified Natural Gas Aggregator and Broker (14-335G(2)).

Aspen currently manages approximately twenty-five (25) natural gas and electric aggregations programs that impact approximately twenty (20) communities across Ohio. Contact information for Aspen Energy:

4789 Rings Road
Dublin, Ohio 43017
614-884-5300

Among other services, Aspen Energy will actively lead and participate in the following activities to ensure the Aggregation Program for the Village of Ashville is effective and compliant:

1. Assist in maintaining the Plan of Operation and Governance;
2. Lead the required public hearings and attend County Commissioners' and other meetings;
3. Assist the Village of Ashville in the day-to-day administration of the program (problem resolution, press release, PUCO compliance, supplier liaison, contract review, etc.);
4. Design and issue the Request for Proposal, analyze supplier responses and provide recommendations for the supply agreement; and
5. Furnish customer data provided by Columbia Gas that would serve as the basis for an opt-out notice.

Aspen Energy is dedicated to reliable service and committed to ensuring the satisfaction of all the residents in the Village of Ashville. Contact information at Aspen Energy with respect to issues involving the Village of Ashville is:

Robin Townsend or Sandra Jackson
4789 Rings Road, Suite 100, Dublin, Ohio 43017
PH: 614-884-5300
Email: rtownsend@aspenenergy.com or sjackson@apsenenergy.com

The Village of Ashville will not take title to the natural gas, issue bills, read meters or staff a call center for complaints. Those functions will be provided by Columbia Gas and the selected CRES supplier. The Village will comply with its responsibilities as a Governmental Aggregator and will respond to questions concerning the Aggregation program.