

## Frequently Asked Questions about Your Community's

### ELECTRIC & GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

#### Sandy Township – Tuscarawas County

Your Community's Electric Aggregation Program started May 2nd, 2025, and ends May 31st, 2026. Participants in the Electric Aggregation Program are enjoying a fixed rate of \$0.09199 per kWh. Your community's Gas Aggregation Program started in May 2025 and ends April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Residents in the Gas Aggregation Program are receiving a guaranteed savings of 2% off the Columbia Gas retail price adjustment.

Residents who participated in the previous Electric Aggregation Program saved a combined total of more than \$365,114. Community Choice Aggregation is a good thing!

#### COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

##### Q. What is aggregation?

A. Governmental aggregation is an easy and effective way for a large group of consumers to save money on their energy bills. Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity or natural gas from a retail generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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

A. Residents must vote to allow the community to contract for a certified generation supplier on their behalf. A passed vote on aggregation is how aggregation came about in your community. Listed below is an example of what voters saw when aggregation was on the ballot.

Example Ballot Question: "Shall Sandy Township Tuscarawas County have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?"

**Q. How do residents join a governmental aggregation program?**

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

**Q. What does opt-out mean?**

A. “Opt out” means that you can decide not to participate in your community’s aggregation program. By returning the opt-out form, sent to you approximately 90-120-days AFTER approval, by the opt-out deadline, you will not be enrolled as an electric generation customer with your community’s competitive generation supplier, and you will not receive the discount.

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

A. Governmental aggregation is designed so it is easy for residents to participate. So, if you do not return the opt-out form postmarked by the due date, you will be included in the community’s aggregation program and will begin receiving competitively priced electricity from the community’s competitive generation supplier.

**Q. Can I opt-out of the program at a later date?**

A. Yes, once enrolled. PUCO rules require you receive a notice every three years (electric) asking if you wish to remain in the program. If your local aggregation term ends prior to the PUCO requirement, you will be given an opportunity to opt out at that time. However, you can leave the program at any other time for any reason with no cancellation fee from the supplier.

**Q. What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?**

A. You can stay with your current utility who will place you with a supplier of their choice and will continue to supply your electricity as it always has, or you can shop for an alternative generation supplier.

**Q. What if I've already selected an alternative generation supplier?**

A. Voting for aggregation does not mean you have to participate. If you have already chosen an alternate supplier and aggregation is approved by the voters, you will stay with your chosen supplier and you will not be sent an opt-out letter. Again, since you are currently with another supplier, we simply remove you from the program at the beginning. You will have the option to join the aggregation program when you decide it's best; the choice is yours.

**Q. If I join the community's electricity aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter, and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?**

A. Your local electric utility will be responsible for the delivery of power to your home or business. Since your local electric utility still owns the wires and poles that deliver power to you, it will continue to read your meter and restore power after an outage. The aggregation program will have no impact upon the reliability of service you receive.

**Q. How will billing be handled?**

A. You will receive one bill from the utility that contains your charges for distribution and maintenance service from the utility, as well as the new supplier charges for generation and/or transmission. You will remain on budget billing with the Supplier chosen for your program if you are budgeting at the time of the switch, otherwise you will have to call in and request this change just as you would today.

**For more information about the Sandy Township - Tuscarawas County Electric or Gas Aggregation program contact Archer Energy at 833-241-4599 or call Trebel Energy at 877-861-2772.**