

Berlin Township Aggregation Bulletin

(This is NOT an opt out notice. No action required.)

Residents and Businesses of Berlin Township,

You have received this letter because our records indicate you are currently (at the outset) not an “eligible customer” to participate in the Township aggregation program. Most likely, you were/are receiving generation from another supplier. As a courtesy to those of you who are not initially eligible, we are providing this letter to notify you of the aggregation program terms and conditions and that you can join at any time. This letter provides you with the appropriate contacts should you have questions or want to join either of the Township aggregation programs.

Electric Aggregation Program

Berlin Township is providing you with the opportunity to join with other residents and businesses to receive preferred rates on the electric you use. The program is possible through a concept called governmental aggregation, where Township officials bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of electric from a retail supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Township voters approved this program in May of 2013.

Under this arrangement, **Energy Harbor** has been selected as your Township’s preferred electricity provider.

Through your Township Electric Aggregation Program, eligible residents can receive a fixed rate of **\$0.0480 per kWh** starting with your April 2021 meter read through May 2023 meter read. *There is no cost for enrollment, and you will not be charged a switching fee.*

Budget billing of the AEP portion of the bill is available to anyone who prefers budget certainty. In order to have this service in place please call AEP Ohio direct at 1-800-672-2231.

To join the aggregation program or to set up budget billing for the supplier portion of the bill, you can reach Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Natural Gas Aggregation Program

Berlin Township is providing you with the opportunity to join with other residents and businesses to receive preferred rates on the natural gas you use. The program is possible through a concept called government aggregation, where Township officials bring together citizens to gain group-buying power for the purchase of natural gas from a retail supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Township voters approved this program in November of 2015.

Columbia Gas of Ohio

The Standard Choice Offer (SCO) rate is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a retail price adjustment of \$1.07 per mcf. The SCO is a monthly variable rate and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for CGO customers.

To learn more visit:

<http://energychoice.ohio.gov/ApplesToApplesComparision.aspx?Category=NaturalGas&TerritoryId=8&RateCode=1>

Under the aggregation arrangement, **Volunteer Energy Services Inc. (VESI)** has been selected as the Township's preferred Natural Gas provider. Volunteer Energy Services Inc. (VESI) is an Ohio-based company.

Through your Township Natural Gas Aggregation Program eligible residents will begin receiving a rate of NYMEX plus **\$0.112 per Ccf**. This rate will be effective March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2022. *There is no cost for enrollment and you will not be charged a switching fee.*

Budget billing of the Columbia Gas portion of the bill is available to anyone who prefers budget certainty. In order to have this service in place, please call Columbia Gas at 1-800-344-4077.

To join the aggregation program or to set up budget billing for the supplier portion of the bill, you can reach Volunteer Energy Services Inc. (VESI) at 1-800-977-8374, weekdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

Questions regarding the aggregation program, how to join the program, or any questions regarding your specific existing energy services can be directed to the Township's consultant, Scott Belcastro of Trebel, LLC, at 877-861-2772.

If you already have a supplier, under contract or not, and would like to inquire about joining the aggregation, please follow the simple steps below:

1. Call your existing supplier first. Ask them whether there is an early termination fee to leave them as a supplier.
 - a. If there is no early termination fee then ask the supplier to place your account back with the utility.
 - b. If there is an early termination fee, you must decide if it's worth leaving the supplier early to join the aggregation. If you still want to proceed with joining the aggregation then direct the supplier to place your account back with the utility.

Call the aggregation supplier, listed on the front of this letter, and tell them you would like to join the community aggregation. Be specific about which community.

If you are interested in Energy Saving Products such as LED lights please visit electricsuppliers.org for great promotions!

Or

For more information on installing Solar Panels in your home or business, please visit electricsuppliers.org or call us at 877-861-2772

