

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WAKEMAN, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO.: 2022-O-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT OF THE NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY – GAS DIVISION, LLC DATED DECEMBER 1, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division, LLC (“Constellation”) and the Village of Wakeman (“Village”) are parties to a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement (“Agreement”) dated December 1, 2018 authorized by Ordinance 2018-O-11 passed August 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Agreement provides that no amendment to the Agreement will be valid or given any effect unless signed by both Parties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 4929.26(a)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation may adopt by ordinance, under which, the legislative authority may aggregate automatically, subject to the opt-out requirements, the competitive retail natural gas service for the retail natural gas loads that are located respectively, within the municipal corporation, and for which there is a choice of supplier of that service; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of aggregation, the legislative authority may enter into service agreements to facilitate the sale and purchase of service for the retail natural gas loads pursuant to section 4929.26(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, in the Village of Wakeman, the issue of gas aggregation was placed on the ballot and passed by election on May 5, 2015 providing residents a Natural Gas Aggregation Plan under which the Village would act as the purchasing agent to make available natural gas at reduced rates to its residents on an opt-out basis; and

WHEREAS, Wakeman Village Council adopted a Plan of Operation and Governance for Municipal Opt-Out Natural Gas Aggregation by Resolution No.: 2015-R-3 passed on July 13, 2015 pursuant to Sections 4929.26(C) of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4901:1-28-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wakeman submitted a Certification Application, Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregators to the Ohio Public Utilities Commission dated August 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 2016-O 20, passed July 11, 2016, Village Council authorized a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with Constellation Energy Services-Natural Gas, LLC to implement the Natural Gas Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC represents that it is certified with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a broker and aggregator. They further represent that they

have the necessary expertise to investigate, evaluate, and if warranted, accomplish the required task to implement any alternative natural gas supply for the benefit of residential and business customers of the Village of Wakeman; and

WHEREAS, Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC is seeking to amend its Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with the Village of Wakeman to be effective March 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WAKEMAN, STATE OF OHIO: (RC 731.18)

SECTION 1. That the VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Amendment (**attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference**) to Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement dated December 1, 2018 to be effective March 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. DISPENSE WITH THREE READINGS. [R.C. 731.17(A)(2)] That the legislative authority, upon a vote of at least three-fourths of its members, hereby dispenses with the rule requiring each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY. That by two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the legislative authority, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure pursuant to RC 731.30, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the municipal corporation and shall go into immediate effect for the following reason(s): *The immediate effectiveness of this ordinance is necessary to ensure the amendment is effective on March 1, 2022.*

SECTION 4. PUBLIC MEETING. It is found and determined that all formal action of this public body concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution/Ordinance were adopted in a public meeting open to the public at all times, and that all deliberations of the public body and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in public meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances and any applicable provisions of section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREFORE, this legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10 day of January, 2022.

AUTHENTICATION and ATTESTATION

(RC 731.20)

We hereby attest and affirm that the foregoing Ordinance/Resolution received the necessary affirmative roll call votes required for passage by R.C. 731.17.


MAYOR


FISCAL OFFICER

Vote on the passage was taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal as follows R.C. 731.17(A)(3):


YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

First Reading: January 10, 2022

Second Reading: dispensed (may be dispensed by a vote of at least three-fourths of members. R.C. 731.17(A)(2))

Third Reading: dispensed (may be dispensed by a vote of at least three-fourths of members. R.C. 731.17(A)(2))

PREPARED BY AND APPROVED AS TO FORM [See also RC 731.21(B)]:


VILLAGE SOLICITOR, Steve Palmer

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING
(RC 731.25)

I hereby certify that pursuant to R.C. 731.25, a succinct summary of the above legislation was posted in not less than five of the most public places in the municipal corporation as determined by the legislative authority [see Wakeman Code 123.01] for a period of not less than fifteen days prior to the effective date at the following locations:

- 1) Wakeman Public Library, 18 East Abbott Street; and
- 2) Electronically online at official Village website; and
- 3) Wakeman Post Office, 17 West Main Street; and
- 4) Village of Wakeman Municipal Building, 59 Hyde Street; and
- 5) Mickey Mart, 2 West Main Street.


FISCAL OFFICER/COUNCIL CLERK

ATTACHMENT

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1. Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas. If you do not "opt-out" by _____ 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 March 2022 (April 2022 billing cycle). We will supply your Account(s) through the month of February 2025 (March 2025 billing cycle). If the Village of Wakeman Natural Gas Pricing Program continues beyond February 2025 with Constellation as the supplier, Constellation will send you a notice of renewal including, but not limited to, notice of the new Village of Wakeman Natural Gas Pricing Program, notice of your right to opt-out of the Village of Wakeman 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 Wakeman Natural Gas Pricing Program at least every two years from the Start Date of the Village of Wakeman 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.

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8. Customer Service. For questions or complaints about our services, contact us at our Customer Care department by calling toll-free (844) 732-3035, 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.

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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 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

Amendment to Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement

THIS AMENDMENT is effective on March 1, 2022, by and between Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division, LLC ("Constellation") and Village of Wakeman, Ohio ("Village"). Each of Constellation and the Customer may be referred to individually herein as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Constellation and Village are parties to a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement dated December 1, 2018 (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Constellation and Village desire to amend the Contract as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual premises and promises of the parties, the adequacy and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. The first sentence of Section 3 (Term), shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

This Agreement shall commence on the Effective date and, unless terminated earlier as otherwise provided in this Agreement, will continue for a period of thirty-six (36) months (the "Term").


2. The second sentence of Section 5 (Constellation Natural Gas Supply Offer(s)), shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

During the Term, Customer will pay a fixed rate of ~~\$.565~~ per Ccf ^{\$.565 per Ccf} EW DM

3. Except as expressly set forth herein, all other terms and provisions of the Contract remain unchanged and continue to be in full force and effect. The Contract (as amended hereby) constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Third Amendment to be executed as of the date first written above.

CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY – GAS DIVISION, LLC

By: 

Name: Daniel Marks

Title: Executive Director, Retail Gas Ops

VILLAGE OF WAKEMAN, OHIO

By: 

Name: TRISHA L. SUMMERS

Title: Administrator

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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