

City of Girard Governmental Electric Aggregation Program — Frequently Asked Questions

What is aggregation?

Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

How is the City able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?

In May 2009, Girard's residents voted to allow the City to contract for an electric generation supplier on their behalf.

How will I know if I can save money under the City's electric governmental aggregation program?

Under the City's governmental aggregation program, the price you pay for electric generation supply is guaranteed to be lower. In other words, each month, you'll pay 10 percent off your Price to Compare in 2009, 6 percent off in 2010, 5 percent off in 2011 and 4 percent off January through March 2012 for the competitive portion of your electric supply than if you had not joined the City's governmental aggregation program.

What does "opt out" mean?

"Opt out" means that you can decide not to participate in the City's electric governmental aggregation program. By returning the opt-out form, which is included in this mailing, you will not be enrolled as an electric generation customer with FirstEnergy Solutions, the City's competitive electric generation supplier, and you will not receive the discount.

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

If you do not return the opt-out form postmarked by the required date, you will be included in the City's governmental aggregation program and will begin receiving competitively priced electricity from FirstEnergy Solutions.

Can I opt out of the program at a later date?

Yes, but you will be subject to a \$25 cancellation fee from FirstEnergy Solutions if you cancel for any other reason but moving. However, you will be sent a notice at least every three years asking if you wish to remain in the program. At that point, you may opt out at no cost.

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

You can stay with your current electric utility, which will continue to supply your electricity as it always has. Or, you can shop for a new competitive electric supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and their current prices is available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (1-800-686-7826).

Can I opt out over the phone?

No, you must mail in your completed form and it must be postmarked by the deadline.

Who is FirstEnergy Solutions?

FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., offers a wide range of energy and related products and services, including the generation and sale of electricity and energy planning and procurement. FirstEnergy Solutions is a leading competitive supplier of energy to residential and commercial and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan.

What is the toll-free number for questions?

For answers to your questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Can I stay on budget billing/equal payment plan or have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account as I do now?

Yes, Ohio Edison will continue to offer those programs. However, budget billing applies only to charges from Ohio Edison.

The budget billing program **does not apply** to your charges from FirstEnergy Solutions. FirstEnergy Solutions is a different company from Ohio Edison. On your monthly Ohio Edison statement, you'll notice a charge from FirstEnergy Solutions for generation and transmission.

If I join the City's electric aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?

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.

Is your price for residential power fixed, or does it vary?

In this program, the discount you will receive is fixed, so each month you will the specified percent off the competitive portion of your bill. Since the actual price per kilowatt-hour charged by the utility may change each month based on the season and your usage, the price per kilowatt-hour from FirstEnergy Solutions will also change each month. **Regardless, you are guaranteed to save on the competitive portion of your electric bill.**