

Press Release

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Natural Gas Aggregation to Restart in November – New Electric Aggregation Rates to begin in December

<September 25, 2025> The Village of Russia has entered a new contract for the Natural Gas Community Aggregation program and renewed the contract with Dynegy for the Electric Community Aggregation program.

The natural gas aggregation contract restarts the program after a year pause due to not being able to find a competitive fixed rate from retail natural gas suppliers. The newly signed agreement is with AEP Energy at a fixed rate of \$0.6349/Ccf beginning on the November 2025 meter read date and ending on the November 2027 meter read date.

Opt-out letters for the natural gas aggregation program were placed in the mailed to eligible residents on 9/22/2025 and residents receiving the letters will be automatically enrolled in the program. Residents who wish to opt-out of the program and remain a natural gas supply customer through the Standard Choice Offer (SCO) can opt-out by contacting AEP Energy at 1-877-726-0214. The SCO rate is a variable, market-based rate which could lead residents to paying higher costs during the winter heating season.

The Village of Russia has also renewed the Electric Community Aggregation program's contract with Dynegy for a 29-month term at a new rate of \$0.0908/kWh. The current rate of \$0.0718/kWh will remain in place with Dynegy through the December 2025 meter reading date for participants' account.

The increased rate for the electric program comes after high increases to PJM's base residual capacity auctions over the last two auction periods. The increased capacity costs throughout most of the country are due to significant growth projections in demand for energy. The Electric Community Aggregation rate of \$0.0908/kWh is lower than AES Ohio's current price to compare of \$0.0945/kWh, and our Consultant, *AGE Powered by Priority Power*, expects the savings to grow over the 29-month term of the agreement.

Dynegy will mail opt-out letters for the Electric Community Aggregation program in early October to eligible residents. Those receiving the opt-out letters will be automatically enrolled in the new rate. If you wish to opt-out of the program and remain an electric supply customer with AES Ohio, you can contact Dynegy at 888-682-2170.

Both aggregation agreements were negotiated as part of a larger group of communities coordinated together by AGE Powered by Priority Power. If you have questions about the programs or need assistance with your services, you can contact AGE at 618-203-8328 to speak with Jordan Haarmann.