

VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2015

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES THROUGH OPT-OUT AGGREGATION TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Holland is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to provide Governmental Aggregation Services for its eligible residential and small businesses consuming natural gas through certification # 02-042G (7); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Holland aggregation services are governed by Chapter 4901:1-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code and section 4929.20 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Holland has worked cooperatively with other communities in Lucas and Northern Wood Counties as part of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC) since 2000; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the NOAC communities participating residential and small business consumers have saved over \$75 million on their natural gas and electricity purchases since 2001; and

WHEREAS, NOAC's energy consulting company, Palmer Energy, issued a Request for Proposals for natural gas opt out aggregation services to various certified natural gas suppliers; and

WHEREAS, the NOAC communities determined that the best proposal offered was for 17 months from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the average savings for participants is expected to vary between about \$9 and \$23 over the term depending on weather and future discounts from Volunteer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HOLLAND, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. The proposal of Volunteer Energy Service, Inc. 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 to provide natural gas opt-out aggregation services to participants in the Village of Holland for the billing period of December 2015 through April 2017 is hereby accepted.

SECTION 2. Mayor Yunker is hereby authorized to sign the Governmental Aggregation Program Agreement Between the Village of Holland and Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

SECTION 3. No funds from the Village of Holland are required to operate this program for the citizens.

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SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare. The reason for the emergency lies in the immediate provision of the services offered by Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. to provide consumers the opportunity to save money on their natural gas costs for the upcoming winter.

Vote on emergency measure: \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes    \_\_\_\_\_ Nays    \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

Vote on passage:                    \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes    \_\_\_\_\_ Nays    \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Lee Irons, President of Council

Attest:

Approved:

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Jacquelyn Krasula, Clerk-Treasurer

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Michael Yunker, Mayor