

Village of Chippewa Lake Residents,

On May 4, voters in Chippewa Lake will have the opportunity to adopt an opt-out electric aggregation program, where community officials bring citizens together to buy electricity as a group and negotiate the terms, conditions and price of the electric supply on the group's behalf. This type of group buying power provides an effective way to obtain a lower electricity rate for all the group members.

Ohio law allows for communities – such as townships, cities and counties – to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electric generation on behalf of their citizens. Most governmental aggregation programs are structured so that all eligible residents and small business customers in the community are automatically enrolled. Residents do not need to do anything to join the program. However, anyone who does not want to participate in the program can easily opt out by returning a form mailed to all eligible members.

By voting **FOR** electric aggregation, community members will:

- be allowing locally elected officials to act as a buying agent and purchase electric generation at a discounted rate for the community
- have the choice to either participate in the electric discount program or opt out of the program

Residents who vote no on the issue will be indicating that they do not want local officials to negotiate an electric generation discount on their behalf.

If voters approve the ballot issue, a letter will be sent to eligible residents and small businesses specifying the terms and conditions of the offer as well as the rate. The letter will also contain the opt-out form that can be completed and returned if the consumer does not want to participate in the aggregation program. Consumers have 21 days to opt out of the program at no charge – and another opportunity to opt-out every three years.

Ohio Edison will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to homes and businesses, and will continue to read your meter, maintain poles and wires and restore power after an outage.

Our Village website has additional information. www.chippewalake.net

Or for more information about this ballot issue, please contact .

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