

PRESS RELEASE

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Electric Aggregation for Clinton County

The Clinton County Residential Electric Aggregation Program will expire in December, 2023.

As we approach this date, the Board of County Commissioners, together with Palmer Energy, are working to obtain the best rate possible for Clinton County residents enrolled in the program.

You may be receiving mailings, emails or phone calls asking you to enroll with another company and that decision is entirely up to you. However, rates for 2024 have not been negotiated at this time for the aggregation program. Most individuals will want to compare the rates in those mailings with the amount negotiated in the county program. In most cases, the rate through aggregation will be less than what you will receive through other companies.

I'm not enrolled in aggregation and that rate is more favorable than what I have, can I enroll now?

With rising utility costs, many community members have been wondering if they can still enroll in the Clinton County electric aggregation program. If not already enrolled, you may sign up at any time by contacting the current supplier (Energy Harbor) at 1-866-636-3749 or online at <https://energyharbor.com/en/community-programs/find-your-program/clinton-county-dpl>.

Once enrolled, your enrollment will continue under the new contract effective in December. You will have an option to opt out at the time of the new contract and may otherwise cancel at any time with no fee.

What is an aggregation program?

The Clinton County Commissioners brought aggregation to the voters in 2012 to provide an option for access to bulk pricing to individuals at a reduced rate if they wish to participate. It is estimated that the program has collectively saved Clinton County community members over \$2.1million in electricity charges during the most recent 12-month period.

Aggregation is an approved government program authorizing local officials to purchase from an electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). For this contract period, Energy Harbor was selected to be the electric service provider for Clinton County.

Ohio law allows for communities to form buying groups to purchase electric generation on behalf of their citizens. By bringing citizens together, the larger group buying power typically can negotiate a better price with the supplier than each member individually could have received in the marketplace.

I'm being contacted by other companies, what do I do with those forms or phone calls? I want to remain in the aggregation program but I'm not entirely sure if I need to do something with all of these other mailings from other companies.

Whatever you decide to do is completely your decision. Most individuals will want to compare rates to make the best selection for their home. Rates outside of the aggregation program are very likely higher and sometimes much higher. Please be sure to compare rates.

If you are already enrolled in the aggregation program, you do not need to do anything to remain in the program.

Current Rates and Contract Expiration:

The current contract expires in December, 2023, at which time a new contract will be executed. The new contract may or may not be with Energy Harbor. Announcements will be made in December as to the new provider and rates. Rates will change and will likely increase, but the pricing is expected to be less than would be paid if not in the aggregation program. Current rates are listed below.

	Your Electric Utility	Fixed	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	AES (DP&L)	4.43 cents per kWh	December 2023	None
Small Business	AES (DP&L)	4.43 cents per kWh	December 2023	None

If you opted out of the program, you receive your electric from another provider. You can opt in at any time or can stay with your current provider or shop for alternatives. A list of 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 of the program at a later date?

Once enrolled, you may opt out at any time with no fee.

If I join the community'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 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.

Questions?

Specific questions regarding rates, enrollment, opt outs, please contact Energy Harbor 1-866-636-3749 or online at <https://energyharbor.com/en/community-programs/find-your-program/clinton-county-dpl>.

Questions regarding aggregation or if you need assistance with an item that Energy Harbor was not able to assist you with, please contact Bob Snavely, Energy Consultant, Palmer Energy, 419-491-1004 bsnavely@palmerenergy.com.

The Commissioners' Office at 937.382.2103 will also be happy to assist you.

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