

RESOLUTION 2024-10

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT.

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2023, voters in the City of Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio approved a referendum that authorized the City of Wooster (the City) to pursue Automatic Governmental Aggregation:

WHEREAS, as a Governmental Aggregator, the city will be authorized to combine multiple retail natural gas customer loads within its geographic boundaries (the Aggregation) for the purpose of facilitating the purchase of natural gas in Ohio's competitive retail natural gas market.

WHEREAS the City of Wooster anticipates that utilizing its aggregation authority will provide individual residential and small commercial consumers benefits such as price reductions that these consumers are typically unable to obtain since they lack the bargaining power, expertise and the economies of scale enjoyed by larger consumers; and

WHEREAS the City believes it is in the best interest of the City of Wooster, Ohio and the City citizens to approve the Natural Gas Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance included in "Exhibit A."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the council of Wooster, Ohio:

SECTION 1: The City of Wooster approves the Natural Gas Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance Plan.

SECTION 2: The Director of Administration is authorized to sign all documents related to the approval the Natural Gas Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance Plan.

SECTION 3: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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 4: This this Resolution is hereby declared to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Wooster, Ohio for the reasons listed in the preamble and it expeditiously begins attempting to retain lower natural gas rates for the City of Wooster and its citizens.

1st reading 1-16-24 2nd reading → 3rd reading 1-16-24

Passed: January 16, 2024

Vote: 70

Attest: Amy Hamilton
Clerk of Council

[Signature]
President of Council

Approved: 1/17, 2024

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Mayor

Introduced by: Michael Abernathy, Jr.