

PUBLIC NOTICE:
PUBLIC HEARING ON UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO NATURAL GAS
AGGREGATION PROGRAM PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

The Board of Trustees of Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio will hold two public hearings on the Township's Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance. The hearings will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 28, 2016, and at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Both hearings will take place at the Union Township Civic Center located at 4350 Aicholtz Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

On November 3, 2015, Union Township voters passed Natural Gas Aggregation which authorizes the Township to form a governmental natural gas aggregation program for the purchase of natural gas on behalf of the Township residents. The Township shall submit its Plan of Operation and Governance to the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to PUCO Regulation and Ohio law. The Township shall develop an opt-out aggregation program following the procedures set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4929.26.

Subject to the final approval of the Board of Trustees of Union Township, the Township will enter into a Natural Gas Supply Agreement with the selected supplier. The Natural Gas Supply Agreement may provide a fixed rate, a capped rate and/or a variable rate for eligible customers that provide more price certainty and stability than the rates currently offered by Duke Energy-Ohio. The offer is scheduled to begin on or before June 2016 and is anticipated to be for a 1 or 2 year term.

All eligible customers (Duke Energy-Ohio customers) to be included in the Township's aggregate will be included unless they opt out. All customers eligible to be included in the Township's aggregate will receive a mailing notifying them of their right to opt out. The Notice will fully explain the rates, terms and conditions, and general information regarding the Program. If a customer does not wish to be included in the program, the customer will have 21 days to opt out of the program free of charge by returning an enclosed post card, visiting the supplier's website for the Township or calling a toll free telephone number.

New customers moving into the Township will be included in the aggregate unless they exercise their right to opt out of the aggregate. Customers moving within the Township will retain their status at the original rate. Aggregate customers will continue to receive one bill from Duke Energy-Ohio.