

Electric Aggregation and the City of Springfield, Ohio

- On, May 4, 2010, Springfield residents passed a ballot issue to allow the City of Springfield to be a governmental aggregator for the Springfield community for purposes of obtaining electric energy aggregation.
- In Springfield, electric energy is delivered to consumers through the wires of Ohio Edison Company, but individual customers have the option of purchasing the generation of electric energy (that is the electricity transported through the Ohio Edison wires to the consumer) from providers in the open market.
- Voters voted to have the City of Springfield become a governmental aggregator; the City of Springfield will then function like a buying agent for the Springfield community to arrange for an electric generation provider to sell electric energy to Springfield customers.
- Springfield customers will have the right to purchase electricity from the electric generation provider selected by the City of Springfield on what is known as an "opt-out" basis. Each electricity customer will be provided with a notice giving that customer the right to "opt-out" of purchasing their electricity from the electric generation provider selected by the City of Springfield. If the customer does not send back the notice indicating that they want to "opt-out" of the program or if the customer does nothing at all, then that customer will be automatically included in the aggregation program and will thereafter be purchasing and receiving electric energy from the provider selected by the City of Springfield. Those customers that "opt-out" will have the responsibility of finding their own supplier of electric generation services and can purchase those services from Ohio Edison Company or another provider which they may choose.
- Customers who choose to participate in the aggregation program provided by the City of Springfield will have the option to "opt-out" of the program every three years. If you do not "opt-out" of the program and later no longer want to purchase electric generation services for the provider selected by the City of Springfield, before the next "opt-out" opportunity come up, then you may be charged a switching fee. If you "opt-out" when notice of an "opt-out" choice is provided to you, then there is no charge.
- The City of Springfield selected FirstEnergy Solutions LLC as the electric generation services provider for the Springfield community. FirstEnergy Solutions LLC has a nine year arrangement giving standard residential customers a 6% discount off of the electric generation rate (identified as the cost to compare on you electric bill) offered by Ohio Edison Company and giving general secondary customers a discount of 4% off of the electric generation rate offered by Ohio Edison Company. FirstEnergy Solutions LLC will offer all former special heating rate customers a 4% discount until 2012, and thereafter those customers will become regular customers receiving the 6% discount off the Ohio Edison Company rate.
- Those customers who do not "opt-out" would be purchasing their electric generation services from the selected provider (FirstEnergy Solutions LLC) and not from the City of Springfield. The electric generation services will be included in your electric bill from Ohio Edison Company.