

Highland Hills Village Press Release – Electric Aggregation

Highland Hills Village voters will decide November 3rd whether the Village will have the authority to aggregate the electricity used by residents and small businesses. The language you will see on the November 3rd ballot is:

“Shall the Village of Highland Hills have the authority to aggregate the retail electricity loads located within the incorporated areas of the Village and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?”

The theory behind aggregation is simple: By using bulk purchasing power, greater savings on electricity can be passed on to our residents and businesses. Through an aggregation program, Highland Hills Village can join together with other communities to negotiate better electricity prices and consumer protections against hidden surcharges and unreasonable rate increases.

If the aggregation vote is successful on November 3rd, Highland Hills Village Council will consider joining the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council or NOPEC. NOPEC is a nonprofit government aggregation that has become the largest energy aggregation in the nation. NOPEC provides low-cost electricity and natural gas to more than 750,000 customers in 13 Northeast Ohio counties. Unlike the many private, for-profit companies now marketing in Ohio, NOPEC is a public aggregation of local governments, with no goal other than delivering both savings and stability to the consumers it represents. As you are aware from solicitations that you receive, private for-profit energy suppliers sometimes use special offers and gimmicks to attract customers. Because NOPEC is made up of a council of local governments, their pricing is a safe reliable way to ensure competitive long term pricing for natural gas and electricity. Check www.nopecinfo.org for details.

An aggregation program would provide our residents and businesses a discounted supply of electricity. CEI would continue to deliver the electricity to your home or business, maintain your gas meter, and would continue to send you your utility bill. Nothing changes other than the discounted electric supply available through an aggregation. A YES vote does not obligate anyone to participate or to change their existing utility.