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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the Clean Energy Columbus Program?**

On November 3, 2020, City of Columbus voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot initiative authorizing the City to aggregate the retail electric for residents and small businesses to support local clean energy generation and a sustainable economy. AEP Energy was selected through a competitive bidding process to supply 100% local clean energy to eligible residents and small businesses through the Clean Energy Columbus Program.

### **Who is AEP Energy?**

AEP Energy is a certified Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) provider and a subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP). With an office located in Columbus, Ohio, AEP Energy provides electricity supply to customers at market-based prices rather than regulated rates offered by your local utility.

### **How do I enroll?**

All eligible customers will be automatically included in the Clean Energy Columbus Program unless you choose to opt out. If you opt out, you will continue to be served by your local electric utility's standard service offer or until you choose an alternative electric service provider. However, if you do not respond to your letter, the local utility will complete the enrollment process. As part of the enrollment, you will also receive a notice from your local utility, AEP Ohio, confirming your decision to enroll with AEP Energy. Simply review the letter - if you are pleased with the Clean Energy Columbus Program, simply ignore that letter. No deposits are required to enroll.

### **When did this program start?**

The Clean Energy Columbus Program started with the June 2021 meter-read date.

### **What is my price?**

You will receive a 100% clean energy supply price of \$0.07990 cents per kWh for the June 2023 - June 2024 meter-read dates of the Clean Energy Columbus Program. Future pricing will be determined every June for the remainder of the term. Please visit [www.cleanenergycolumbus.org](http://www.cleanenergycolumbus.org) or [www.AEPenergy.com/CBUS](http://www.AEPenergy.com/CBUS) to obtain annual pricing.

### **Where do I send payment?**

You will continue to receive one bill each month from your local utility. The amount that you owe to AEP Energy will be stated separately on your bill and you will continue to send payments to your local utility only.

### **Is net metering available?**

Net metering is available to participants. If you have onsite generation located on your premise and meet all the eligibility requirements, you can qualify for net metering in the Clean Energy Columbus Program. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for additional information about the net metering program and credit calculations.

### **Is budget billing available?**

A Budget Billing Plan is available for AEP Energy's charges (Generation charges) for residential customers only. The Budget Billing Plan levels your monthly payments to even out the seasonal highs and lows of your monthly bills so that you can have more certainty and can better manage your electricity expenses. The local utility may also offer a Budget Billing Plan for all charges on your bill. If you are currently on a Budget Billing Plan with the local utility, you will automatically be enrolled in AEP Energy's Budget Billing Plan (for Generation charges only) when you join the community electric aggregation program. You will continue to remain on the local utility's Budget Billing Plan for all other charges not related to AEP Energy's charges (Generation charges). You may cancel the Budget Billing Plan with AEP Energy at any time by contacting our Customer Care Team.

### **Can I cancel at any time?**

Yes, you may cancel without penalty and switch to another provider or revert back to the local utility. Should you cancel your service with AEP Energy and return to standard offer service with your local utility, you may not be served under the same rates, terms and conditions that apply to other utility customers. At least every three years, AEP Energy will provide you notice of your ongoing right to opt out, rejoin or remain in the Clean Energy Columbus Program.

### **What happens at the end of the program?**

As the program draws to a close, the City can choose to seek bids from electricity providers in order to negotiate a new contract on behalf of eligible residents and small businesses.

### **If I opt out initially, can I choose to join the program at a later date?**

Yes, if you opt out initially and change your mind later on, you may join by calling AEP Energy at 1-888-307-0264 or by visiting [AEPenergy.com/CBUS](http://AEPenergy.com/CBUS).

### **What happens if I move?**

If you move to another eligible location within the incorporated limits of the City of Columbus, you will be able to elect to continue participating in the program. If you leave the incorporated limits of the City of Columbus, you will no longer be eligible to participate in the Clean Energy Columbus Program. Additional details can be found in the Terms and Conditions that accompany this letter.

### **What is considered a small commercial business?**

Any eligible small business located in the community that uses less than 700,000 kWh annually can participate in the Electric Aggregation Program because they are considered to be a non-mercantile customer as defined by Ohio Administrative Code.

### **Where is my clean energy coming from?**

The Clean Energy Columbus Program supports local Ohio-based clean energy generation. Clean energy for this Program will initially be sourced through Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) while a portfolio of new Ohio-based utility scale clean energy projects are constructed to fulfill the goals of the Clean Energy Columbus Program. Clean energy refers to energy produced from renewable and carbon-free sources that emit little-to-no greenhouse gas emissions, including solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, waste heat and biomass fuel energy.