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## **City Announces Electricity Aggregation Agreement with Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council**

*Aggregation opt-out deadline is May 11, 2018*

**CLEVELAND** – The City of Cleveland has entered into an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) to provide residential and small commercial customers of Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) an opportunity for cost savings and rate stability. The City negotiated a competitive price of \$0.05425 / kWh after researching several electricity pricing options. Pricing will be effective on or around the June 2018 meter reads and continue until the June 2020 meter reads.

"Giving Clevelanders options for creating more sustainable households is important to our city's future," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "We selected this electric aggregation service to help provide neighborhood residents an opportunity to save and help better the environment."

CEI customers are automatically enrolled in the program unless they opt out by May 11, 2018. Customers should return the postcard they will receive in the mail to the address provided on the postcard if they choose to opt out.

Through the City of Cleveland's Municipal Aggregation Program, CEI customers gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity. There is no cost for enrollment, and residents and businesses are not charged a switching fee by NOPEC. There are no changes to the electricity service aside from the price and the supplier. CEI will continue to send monthly bills, respond to outages, and deliver electricity. City of Cleveland Aggregation Program representatives will **not** contact residents and ask to switch suppliers.

"Aggregation provides an opportunity for cost savings and price stability for homeowners and small businesses, while also providing access to other valuable NOPEC products," said Chief of Sustainability Matt Gray. "We're also excited to announce that aggregation customers will receive 100 percent clean energy, which is better for the environment and people."

The new program provides 100 percent clean energy, meaning the customer's electricity usage will be backed with renewable energy credits (RECs). RECs reflect the environmental attributes from renewable energy resources, such as wind and solar energy.

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CEI customers who do not wish to participate in the fixed price program may “opt in” to a variable rate that is always 6 percent below the utility’s Price to Compare (PTC) for residents and 4 percent below the PTC for commercial customers. This variable rate includes RECs for 50 percent of the customer’s electricity usage. Enrollment in this option is subject to availability.

Ohio law permits aggregation only in areas served by investor-owned electric utilities, not municipal-owned utilities such as Cleveland Public Power.

For more information about the NOPEC program, including frequently asked questions, visit [www.nopec.org/cleveland](http://www.nopec.org/cleveland) or call (855) 667-3201.

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