

Frequently Asked Questions

about the Worthington Electric Aggregation Ballot Issue 39

What is the purpose of electric aggregation in Worthington?

To use community buying power to achieve two goals: 1) save households money on their electric bills, and 2) purchase renewable (green) energy. The exact savings and amount of green energy will be determined after voter approval in the negotiated purchase agreement. There will always be a no-cost opt-out option for any resident.

Will electric aggregation cost me anything?

No. This is not a levy or a tax on any resident, business, or the City itself. The City of Worthington is simply asking residents if they would like to empower our City to pursue an electric aggregation program.

What does a YES vote on Issue 39 mean?

A YES vote will enable the City of Worthington to combine our purchasing power through an electric aggregation program (certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio). These programs are currently helping other communities to reduce residential electric rates while purchasing renewable-generated electricity.

Following voter approval, the City will seek competitive bids from electric suppliers on behalf of residents and small businesses. City Council will assess the bids, and choose the most advantageous (based on cost savings and green energy supply) before the program is implemented.

What does a NO vote on Issue 39 mean?

A majority NO vote would mean that community electric aggregation would not proceed, and that residents will remain with their current electric supplier.

Will this save me money on my utility bill?

The City has made household savings a top priority for this program. Other communities in Ohio that aggregate consistently achieve lower electric bills for residents, and we fully anticipate achieving the same. Aggregation, in addition to savings, provides stability and security against volatile energy pricing.

Will you buy renewable or green energy?

The City has made purchasing renewable energy a primary goal of this program and will seek to maximize “green” content in accepting any bid. The renewable energy will be purchased by way of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). Based on other communities’ experiences, we expect that bulk pricing will make green energy feasible and allow us to take a leadership role in reducing our city’s carbon footprint.

If Issue 39 passes, can I choose to not participate in the program?

Yes. You can leave (opt-out) or rejoin the program at any time without any cost.

What is AEP’s role with an aggregation program?

AEP would still be the local electric utility. Your monthly bill would still come from AEP and look the same as it currently does. They own the electric lines and will continue to provide service as they do now. Only the electric supplier or “generator” of your electricity would change.

If you have additional questions, please contact the City of Worthington Finance Department at 614-786-7353.

