

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS TO OFFER ELECTRICITY SAVINGS TO CINCINNATI-AREA RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

FirstEnergy Solutions, an Akron, Ohio company and a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE), will offer electric generation supply through government aggregation programs available to Cincinnati-area communities. FirstEnergy Solutions is the largest competitive retail supplier in Ohio.

“Government aggregation has proven successful in providing savings to hundreds of thousands of residential customers and small businesses in northern Ohio,” says FirstEnergy Solutions Vice President of Sales and Marketing Tony Banks. “Now we look forward to bringing those benefits to Cincinnati-area customers.”

Ohio's laws allow communities to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electricity, natural gas, or both on behalf of their citizens. The governmental aggregator chooses an outside supplier for all of the members in its group. FirstEnergy Solutions currently provides electric generation supply to more than 400,000 customers through government aggregation programs in 51 Ohio communities.

We are extremely pleased with how the government aggregation program has worked for the City of Barberton and the savings our residents have achieved," says Mayor Randy Hart. "Since we began working with FirstEnergy Solutions in 2001, our citizens have saved in excess of a million dollars."

As part of the electric generation supply contract and at no additional cost, FirstEnergy Solutions will help with the establishment and ongoing administration of government aggregation programs that comply with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio administrative and reporting requirements.

"Developments in the Cincinnati electricity market will bring changes for residential rates beginning in January 2006 and we see increased opportunities for communities to save with FirstEnergy Solutions," says Tony Banks. "In addition to our turnkey approach, we believe customers will appreciate the competitive pricing options we will offer."

FirstEnergy Solutions provides competitive electric generation supply and other energy-related products and services, and is a licensed supplier in parts of the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Midwest. To learn more about FirstEnergy Solutions' government aggregation programs, community officials can call the company's Government Aggregation Program Manager directly at (330) 315-6898.

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. The company's generating plants produce more than 13,000 megawatts of electricity annually.

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