

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 2005

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A
GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT
PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING
THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO
THE ELECTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted electric deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3") which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate the retail electrical loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity; and,

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business customers collectively to participate in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electric rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually; and,

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code (the "Aggregation Program"), for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the Township and in conjunction jointly with any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Chester Township Board of Trustees does hereby agree to:

SECTION 1. Find and determine that it is in the best interest of the Township, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the Township limits to establish the Aggregation Program in the Township. Provided that this Resolution and the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Township pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, the Township is hereby authorized to aggregate in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electrical loads located within the Township, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity. The Township may exercise such authority jointly with any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio using an energy broker, consultant and/or aggregator certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, to the full extent permitted by law, and for such purpose, the Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a brokerage agreement. The aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling, or using an electric load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Direct the Board of Elections of Butler County to submit the following question to the electors of the Township at the general election on November 8, 2005.

Shall West Chester Township have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the Township, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale

and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out, all in accordance with Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code?

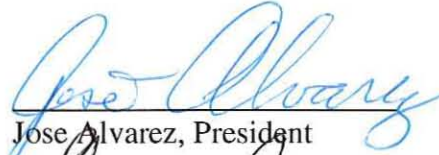
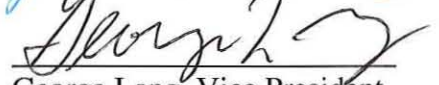
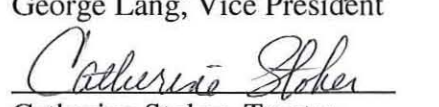
The Clerk of this Board of Trustees is instructed immediately to file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the County Board of Elections not less than seventy-five (75) days prior to November 8, 2005. The Aggregation Program shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this Resolution and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. Upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting at the general election provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Board of Trustees individually or jointly, shall develop a plan of operation and governance for the Electric Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Board of Trustees shall hold at least two public hearings on the plan. Before the first hearing, notice of the hearings shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and location of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Board of Trustees shall aggregate the electrical load of any electric load center within the Township unless it in advance clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, or using the load center that the person will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by a stated procedure not to be so enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment. The stated procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt out of the program every two years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under division (a) of Section 4928.14 or division (d) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

SECTION 4. Find and determine that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5. Authorize and direct the Administrator to enter into an agreement for consulting services and any other required services related to electric utility deregulation for West Chester Township, and ratifying any such services heretofore performed.

Adopted this 12th day of July, 2005.

 Jose Alvarez, President	<u>Yes</u> Yes / No
 George Lang, Vice President	<u>YES</u> Yes / No
 Catherine Stoker, Trustee	<u>YES</u> Yes / No

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
Patricia Williams, Township Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Crain
Donald L. Crain, Law Director

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