

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2010

Offered by All of Council

A 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 SUMMIT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity (“Governmental Aggregation”); and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise such authority jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, Governmental Aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electricity rates which would not otherwise be available to those electricity customers individually; and

WHEREAS, this Council 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 Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council finds and determines that if authorized by the voters, it is the best interest of the Village, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village to establish this Aggregation Program in the Village. Provided that the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Village pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, the Village is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within the Village, and for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. The Village may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township or county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law. 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. The Board of Elections of Summit County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Village at the general election on May 4, 2010:

Shall the Village of Richfield have the authority to aggregate the retail electric load located in the Village, 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?

The Clerk of this Council is instructed to immediately 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 days prior to the general election. 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.

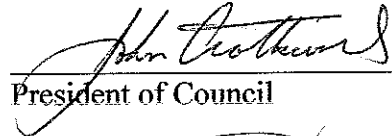
SECTION 3. Upon approval of a majority of the electors voting at the general election provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Council, individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, may develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Council 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 Village. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time and place of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Council shall aggregate the electric load of any electric load center within the Village unless it, in advance, clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, or using the load centre 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 at least every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the state procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under division (a) of Section 4928.35, Ohio Revised Code until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further

reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective in order to file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Summit County Board of Election not later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the May 4, 2010 election, as provided herein; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 2/16/10




President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 2/16/2010

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council