RENEWABLE COMMUNITY ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION

March, 2023 Update

BACKGROUND

Community Choice Electrical Aggregation is a program that allows local governments to procure power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility. Aggregation can be used to secure favorable pricing, and/or to purchase power with specific attributes.

On November 6, 2001, Bexley voters authorized the City to excercise its aggregation authority to secure contracts for electrical or natural gas utilities.

In the early 2000s, Bexley aggregated natural gas through IGS for a period of several years.

The City of Bexley has been working to bring Ohio-based 100% wind and solar energy to every household in Bexley through a program called Community Choice Electrical Aggregation.

In 2020-2022, the City worked to identify a utility provider that could allow the City to use aggregation to secure access to Ohio-based renewable energy service. A survey of resident attitudes regaring a potential program was conducted (attached, with synopsis charts below). Due to market fluctuations, this project was put on hold.

NEXT STEPS

More recently, the City has been discussing favorable timing to purchase electricity with Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for a shorter, 2-3 year window of time.

In February, the City launched an RFP to select a broker to assist in seeking pricing for a REC-based aggregation. Assuming favorable pricing and products are identified, the administration will bring a proposal to Council in April for an opt-out aggregation program. If acceptable, an ordinance would be introduced to approve the program, and the program could go live over the summer.



