

**VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2014-2  
INTRODUCED BY: KATHLEEN HALE**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF CUSTOMER  
CHOICE THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL OPT-OUT ELECTRIC  
AGGREGATION.**

**WHEREAS** under Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Village of Bentleyville has established a governmental opt-out electric aggregation program with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC) for the benefit of eligible electric consumers located within the Village of Bentleyville; and

**WHEREAS** governmental opt-out electric aggregation has provided an opportunity for electric consumers collectively to participate in the benefits of electric deregulation through lower electric rates which they would not have individually; and

**WHEREAS** governmental opt-out electric aggregation has been widely recognized, both in Ohio and nationally, as being successful in bringing substantial savings benefits to residential and small business customers; and

**WHEREAS** governmental opt-out aggregation has been recognized as the “jewel” of Ohio electric deregulation; and

**WHEREAS** electric aggregations like NOPEC has accounted for over 80 percent of customer switches in the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS** NOPEC has saved its customers over \$175 million since 2001; and

**WHEREAS** NOPEC has saved its residents a 7 percent price break and its small business customers a 5 percent price break on the electric prices to compare for electric generation; and

**WHEREAS** NOPEC has awarded over 300 energy efficiency grants totaling \$15,864,800, providing at least \$50,000 per member community, through the “Powering our Communities” Grant Program that has saved NOPEC member communities millions of dollars in annual electricity costs; and

**WHEREAS** the Village of Bentleyville strongly supports the preservation of customer choice for the benefit of the residents of the Village of Bentleyville through the continuation and improvement of governmental opt-out electric aggregation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Bentleyville that:

1. The Council of the Village of Bentleyville strongly supports NOPEC's efforts to preserve customer choice through governmental opt-out electric aggregation.
2. The Council of the Village of Bentleyville strongly urges the Ohio General Assembly, the Public Utility Council of Ohio and Ohio's Leaders to support, preserve and enhance governmental opt-out electric aggregation.

DATE ADOPTED: Jan 15, 2014

Village of Bentleyville

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

this 15 day of Jan, 2014

this 15 day of Jan, 2014

By: Ben Schuber

By: Ken Altmull  
Mayor

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Clerk of Council

I, the undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bentleyville, hereby certify that there is no newspaper published or having an office of publication in the same Village and that I published the foregoing Resolution by posting the same in five (5) of the most public places of said Village, as defined by Resolution of Council, for a period of fifteen (15) days, beginning the date following passage and signature by the Mayor.

Ben Schuber

Fiscal Officer

I, the undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bentleyville, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 2014-2 duly enacted by the Council of said Village on January 15, 2014.

Ben Schuber

Fiscal Officer