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MUNICIPALITY OF BELLBROOK, OHIO

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AN ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE TO PROMOTE ELECTRICAL SAVINGS, LOWER COST ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS, AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND ARTICLE XVIII SECTION 4 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION; DIRECTING THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AGENT FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution grants the City of Bellbrook (the "Municipality") certain authority related to utility service; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Ohio Revised Code, to facilitate competitive retail electric service to promote electricity savings, lower cost electric supplies, and other benefits, certain governmental entities may aggregate certain electricity consumers within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 4928.20, Revised Code, the Municipality is authorized to act as an aggregator by establishing an automatic opt-out governmental aggregation program for the provision of competitive retail electric service ("Electric Aggregation") for the benefit of certain electricity consumers within the Municipality so that the consumers may realize lower cost electricity supplies and other benefits from the aggregation and combined purchasing of electric supplies; and

WHEREAS, Electric Aggregation provides an opportunity for electricity consumers collectively to realize electric savings, lower cost electricity supplies, and other benefits that the consumers may not otherwise be able to realize individually; and

WHEREAS, In the public interest, the Municipality desires to submit to the electors of the Municipality the question of whether the Municipality should create an Electric Aggregation program to facilitate competitive retail electric service to promote electricity savings, lower cost electric supplies, and other benefits in accordance with Section 4928,20, Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, The Municipality has adopted this Ordinance pursuant to the authority conferred by Article XVIII Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 4928.20, Revised Code.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPALITY OF BELLBROOK HEREBY ORDAINS (AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCURRING):

SECTION 1. This Council finds and determines that to facilitate competitive retail electric service to promote electric savings, lower cost electricity supplies, and other benefits, it is in the best interest of the

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SECTION 4. Upon approval by a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in this Ordinance, the Municipality shall develop and adopt a Plan of operations and governance for the Electric Aggregation program. Before adopting such Plan, at least two public hearings on the Plan shall be held. Before the first hearing, notice of the first hearing shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality. The notice shall summarize the Plan and state the date, time, and location of each hearing. Consumers enrolled in the Electric Aggregation program shall be supplied their electrical requirements and other services in accordance with supply agreement(s) determined and arranged by the Municipality, as opportunities become available to provide benefits to consumers. The Municipality shall be authorized by the electors to be the only entity authorized to act for and on behalf of the consumers that have enrolled in the Electric Aggregation program to determine and select the supplier(s) to provide the electricity and all other services for the Electric Aggregation program.

SECTION 5. The adopted Plan shall not aggregate any retail electrical load within the Municipality, unless the person whose electrical load is to be so aggregated is notified in advance that the person will be enrolled automatically in the Electric Aggregation program and shall remain so enrolled, unless the person affirmatively elects not to be so enrolled by a stated procedure. The disclosure shall state the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of the enrollment. Once enrolled the consumer may only opt-out of the Electric Aggregation program every two years without paying a switching fee. Any such person that opts-out of the Electric Aggregation program shall default to the standard offer service of the person's electric distribution utility, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

SECTION 6. That the Greene County Board of Elections shall cause an appropriate notice to be duly given of the election to be held on May 6, 2003 on the foregoing proposal and otherwise to provide for such election in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 7. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in compliance with the law.

SECTION 8. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, or safety, in that opportunities to coordinate aggregation activities with certain suppliers may become limited.

SECTION 9. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.