

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: December 5, 2022

Topic:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with iChoosr, LLC to participate in the Texas Power Switch Program, and authorize the City Manager to execute.

Background:

iChoosr brokers a residential electrical aggregate with deregulated cities in Texas. Each city has its own individual campaign, but power is aggregated from registrants from all the cities together to form “group buying power” which is referred to as the Texas Power Switch program. The program provides residential customers in our area, the ability to get an affordable and fair rate. A low rate is negotiated by holding a reverse auction with providers that have been thoroughly vetted with the PUC (Public Utilities Commission). The registrant (customer) is then presented with a personalized offer that they can either accept or reject, and there is no obligation for the registrant or the City.

Tomball joined the Texas Power Switch in February 2019 and our current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is expiring. The City has worked with representatives from iChoosr to develop an updated MOU for the residential program. The terms and conditions for the programs will be the one-year term with three one-year renewal options. The City can terminate the agreement with a 60-day notice.

Origination: Project Management

Recommendation:

Staff approving the Memorandum of Understanding for a partnerships between the City of Tomball and iChoosr, LLC to aggregate residential electrical power, and authorize the City Manager to execute.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Meagan Mageo, Project Manager

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____ To account # _____

Signed	<u>Meagan Mageo</u>	Approved by	_____
	Staff Member		City Manager
	Date		Date