

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE #2016-07

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY

AGGREGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market and natural gas market; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq and N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq. will increase competition for the provision of electric power to residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, under the aggregation process the residential ratepayers may likely receive a direct reduction in their electric bills; and

WHEREAS, the realization of energy costs savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential ratepayers for the Township of Wantage to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1- The Township of Wantage publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations .
- 2- The Township of Wantage will utilize approved vendor Concord Engineering 's dba Concord Energy Services Reverse Energy Auction Platform pursuant to the NJ E-PROCUREMENT Pilot program (P.L. 2001, c.30) under the NJ Department of Community Affairs. The Reverse Energy auction will seek bids from licensed and appropriate third party suppliers. If such winning bid is selected and agreement executed, individual residential consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire.

- 3- The Mayor and Township Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance.
- 4- All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- 5- If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.
- 6- This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

Ronald Bassani, Mayor

Christine VonOesen
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee of Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey held on the 11th day of August, 2016. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee to be held in the Municipal Building, 888 Route 23 South, in the Township of Wantage, on September 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm, and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

Christine VonOesen
Deputy Clerk