

TO: ALL NEWS MEDIA

**FROM: DAVID WESLER, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF PREBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

**RE: PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS
EMAIL AS A NEWS RELEASE IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER
AS AN INFORMATIONAL PIECE OF NEWS FOR YOUR
CONSTITUENTS.**

On November 8, voters in Monroe Township, Jefferson Township, Dixon Township, Village of New Paris, Village of Gratis, Village of West Alexandria, and City of Eaton will have the opportunity to adopt an opt-out electric aggregation program, where community officials bring citizens together to buy electricity as a group and negotiate the terms, conditions and price of the electric supply on the group's behalf. This type of group buying power has shown to be an effective way to obtain a lower electricity rate for all the group members.

Ohio law allows for communities – such as townships, cities and counties – to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electric generation on behalf of their citizens. By voting FOR electric aggregation, community members will allow locally elected officials to purchase electric generation at a discounted rate for the community.

Most governmental aggregation programs are structured so that all eligible residents and small business customers in the community are automatically enrolled. Residents do not need to do anything to join the program. However, anyone who does not want to participate in the program can easily opt out by returning a form mailed to all eligible members.

If voters approve the ballot issue, a letter is sent to consumers specifying the terms and conditions of the offer as well as the rate.

The local electric utility will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to homes and businesses, and will continue to read your meter, maintain poles and wires and restore power after an outage.

An informational meeting has been scheduled at National Trail High School on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. At that time, Mr. Bill Bradish of Palmer Energy Company will be present to provide information on this electric aggregation program in order for you to make an informed decision when you vote on November 8th.