



## **New Dayton electric aggregation plan runs on green energy**

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At its May 26 meeting, the Dayton City Commission approved a plan to establish a new, green energy based electric aggregation plan for Dayton residents and small businesses.

The City of Dayton has selected SOPEC, the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council, to procure energy for use in Dayton. The energy will originate from 100% renewable sources, making Dayton one of a handful of Ohio cities to use an entirely renewable energy supply for an electric aggregation program.

Ohio allows municipalities to work with an aggregator to provide electric energy to eligible customers at a competitive rate. Under the Dayton program, customers would continue to be billed by the existing distributor, AES Ohio.

All eligible customers will be automatically enrolled in the new aggregation program. If a customer does not wish to participate in aggregation, the customer may opt out at any time. More information about the new aggregation program will be sent to eligible customers in the near future.

Electric aggregation was approved by Dayton voters in 2013 and launched in 2016. That plan was ended in 2018 because of market fluctuations. Restarting an aggregation program is a priority of the City Commission and was a recommendation included in the "Strategy for a Sustainable Dayton," a comprehensive sustainability roadmap adopted in August 2020.

The City of Dayton's selected broker/aggregator, SOPEC, is a non-profit council of governments. Dayton will be represented on SOPEC's board of directors to oversee the procurement of energy for electricity customers.

The City of Dayton is proud to partner with an organization that is prioritizing sustainability and working to advance clean energy in Ohio. SOPEC also offers community grant programs for funding sustainability projects within member communities.

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