

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04
TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC AND/OR NATURAL GAS
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/or natural gas market; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service and/or natural gas 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 and/or natural gas to residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates and/or natural gas rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

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

WHEREAS, the realization of energy cost savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and non-residents of the Township of Green; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Green hereby finds that is in the best interests of residential and non-residential ratepayers for the Township of Green to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric and/or natural gas rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township of Green in the County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

1. The Township of Green 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 Green will utilize approved vendors, Concord Engineering's dba Concord Energy Services and Commercial Utility Consultants, 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 Clerk 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.

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- 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 the law.

ATTEST:

Mark Zschack, Clerk/Administrator

Margaret "Peg" Phillips

Record of Vote - Introduction:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	√		√			
Mr. Conkling		√	√			
Mr. Qarmout			√			
Mrs. Raffay			√			
Mrs. Phillips			√			

Record of Vote - Adoption:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip						
Mr. Conkling						
Mr. Qarmout						
Mrs. Raffay						
Mrs. Phillips						

INTRODUCED: March 20, 2017
ADVERTISED INTRODUCTION:
PUBLIC HEARING: April 3, 2017

ADOPTED:
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