

RESOLUTION

To Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Home Energy Supplier Agreement with Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) operates an energy assistance program for low-income households; and

WHEREAS, the mayor must be given approval to execute an agreement, shown as Attachment “A”, in order to participate in the program for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Alexander City authorizes the mayor to execute a home energy supplier agreement with the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program for the 2024 fiscal year.

ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

AUTHENTICATED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

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By: Stephanie J. Southerland,
City Clerk

APPROVED:

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By: Curtis Woody Beard,
Mayor

Yeas: Tapley, E. Brown, Colvin, Hardy, C. Brown, Tapley

Nays: None

STATE OF ALABAMA HOME ENERGY
SUPPLIER AGREEMENT
LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

The undersigned (hereinafter referred to as the COMPANY) hereby agrees to the following terms and conditions of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the DEPARTMENT) in order to participate in the LOW- INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.

- (1) The Department, through its administering LIHEAP agencies, shall notify the Company of each eligible household and the amount of assistance to be paid on behalf of the household.
- (2) The Company shall charge the eligible household, in accordance with the Company's normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of home energy and the amount of the payment made by the Department through LIHEAP.
- (3) The Company shall not treat adversely any eligible household in regard to terms and conditions of sale, credit, delivery, or price either in the costs of goods supplied or the services provided because of such assistance on behalf of an eligible household.
- (4) The Company agrees that any payment amount made by the Department or its administering LIHEAP agencies, **and accepted by the Company**, shall result in a prompt and timely fuel delivery, or the continuation or restoration of the home energy supply for a period of not less than thirty (30) days from the date the Company receives official notification from the local administering LIHEAP agency of the payment. Notification shall include, but may not be limited to, the receipt by the Company of the Company's copy of the LIHEAP-101 application form and shall constitute a commitment on the part of the local administering LIHEAP agency for the payment of the home energy delivered or otherwise provided. The Company shall not be required to make more than one delivery to an eligible household within a thirty (30) day period.
- (5) The Company agrees that the entire LIHEAP payment will be credited to the eligible household's account immediately upon receipt of the payment, regardless of whether the LIHEAP payment results in a credit balance on the account. The balance shall remain on the eligible household's account until it is depleted or until the account is otherwise closed.
- (6) The Company agrees to refund to the local administering LIHEAP agency any remaining LIHEAP funds balance when the household's account is closed. Unless the Company has been otherwise notified by the Department, such refunds are to be made payable to the local administering LIHEAP agency and mailed within forty-five (45) days of the account's closing date. The Company shall include the household account name and account number for reference purposes.
- (7) The Company agrees to cooperate with the Department's monitoring of this Agreement, including the Department's monitoring of documentation of energy supplied to eligible households. The Company shall observe its usual and customary practices governing the release of household account information. If requested by the Department, the Company shall provide account data including, but not limited to, annual energy costs and annual energy consumption, as authorized by the household's LIHEAP.
- (8) The Company agrees to not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability in its implementation of this Agreement.
- (9) The Company agrees that the terms and commitments contained herein shall not be constituted as a debt of the State of Alabama in violation of Article 11, Section 213 of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as amended, by Amendment No. 26. The Company further agrees that if any provision of this Agreement shall contravene any statute or Constitutional provision or amendment, either now in effect or which may, during the course of this Agreement, be enacted, then that conflicting provision in the Agreement shall be deemed null and void.

The Company recognizes and acknowledges that the Department is an instrumentality of the State of Alabama, and as such, is immune from suit pursuant to Article 1, Section 14, Constitution of Alabama 1901. It is further acknowledged and agreed that none of the provisions and conditions of this Contract shall be deemed to be or construed to be a waiver by the Department of such Constitutional Immunity.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, senior officials of both parties shall meet and engage in a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute. Should that effort fail, and the dispute involves the payment of money, a party's sole remedy is the filing of a claim with the Board of Adjustment of the State of Alabama.

For any and all disputes arising under the terms of this Agreement which are not resolved by negotiation, the parties agree to utilize appropriate forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution including, but not limited to, mediation. Such dispute resolution shall occur in Montgomery, Alabama, utilizing where appropriate, mediators selected from the roster of mediators maintained by the Center for Dispute Resolution of the Alabama State Bar.

- (10) By signing this agreement, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

City of Alexander City
Company

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[Signature]
Signature of Authorizing Official

281 James P. Nabors Dr.
Main Office Address

September 18, 2023
Date

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Alexander City, AL 35010
City, State, Zip

256. 329. 8700
Telephone Number

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Email address

Please provide the address your company would like the LIHEAP payments to be mailed to if different from address shown above or provide an attachment with satellite office addresses, if necessary:

