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**For Immediate Release:**

**NORTH CANTON ANNOUNCES  
THE START OF ITS ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**North Canton, Ohio (May 13, 2016)** – North Canton City officials are pleased to announce that the Governmental Electric Aggregation Program that voters authorized in November 2015 is about to begin. FirstEnergy Solutions, a PUCO certified electricity supplier, was selected to serve as the supplier for the City’s program. The program will automatically include residential and small commercial customers who have not already chosen a supplier and are currently supplied by AEP. Those customers will be added to the program unless they opt-out as described in the letter. The 35-month program is expected to begin on the customers’ July 2016 meter read dates.

Mike Grimes, Director of Administration said “We are pleased to have obtained a low fixed rate of 5.38 cents per kilowatt-hour through June 2019. This rate is well below the alternative rate from AEP and lower than rates being offered to individual residents. We anticipate high participation rates in the Program.”

Grimes added, “Residents and small businesses should expect to receive an Opt-Out Notice from FirstEnergy Solutions on or around May 18. The notice will explain the rate, terms and conditions of the offer. The letter will also provide instructions for opting out of the City’s aggregation program should anyone not wish to participate. Please read it carefully before making your decision.”

Mayor Held reminds residents that, “This program makes no guarantee of savings and it is completely voluntary. The City Council and I are pleased to offer this program to our residents as another option in their attempts to manage energy costs. We are delighted by the low rate we were able to obtain and made sure that members who join may leave the program, at any time for any reason, free of charge.”

Residents who have already chosen a supplier will not receive a letter, and by law, are not eligible to be automatically included in the aggregation program. Anyone in this situation wishing to join the City’s program should contact FirstEnergy Solutions at 866-636-3749 to enroll. You may also enroll via their website at [www.fes.com/content/fes/offers/ohio/north-canton.html](http://www.fes.com/content/fes/offers/ohio/north-canton.html). Before doing so, you should read your current contract as many have early termination fees if you leave before the end of your agreement.

The City is pleased to have made this program possible but asks that you do not call the City offices. They are not equipped to handle a large volume of calls. Residents should watch for the Opt-Out Letter to arrive in mid-May and contact FirstEnergy Solutions toll free at 866-636-3749 if they have any questions.

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