

TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY AND 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 natural gas market; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service and 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 natural gas to residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates and 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 bills and gas bills; and

WHEREAS, the realization of energy costs savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Lumberton (the "Township"); and

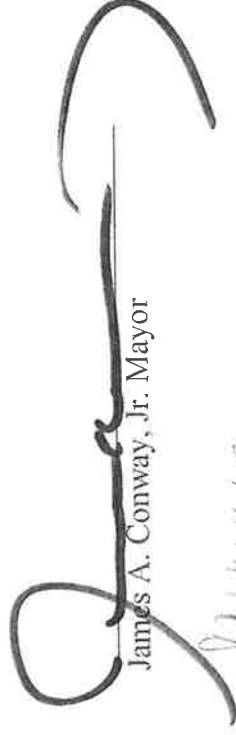
WHEREAS, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential electric and gas ratepayers for the Township to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric and gas rates; and

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

- 1- The Township publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power and natural gas on behalf of its residential and non-residential users of electricity and natural gas pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.
- 2- The Township will utilize Commercial Utility Consultants' Reverse Energy Auction Platform pursuant to the NJE-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, while non-residential ratepayers would also have the right to participate.
- 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.
- 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 law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Regular Business Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Lumberton in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey held in the Township's Municipal Building on July 16, 2013. The same will come up for final passage at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee scheduled for August 20, 2013, at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

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James A. Conway, Jr. Mayor

A smaller, more legible handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie N. Yurko', written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie N. Yurko, Township Clerk