

Verde Energy USA Ohio, LLC - Terms and Conditions of Service

Verde Energy USA Ohio, LLC, OH License 13-334G(2), with a business address of 12140 Wickchester Ln., Suite 100, Houston TX 77079 (“Verde”), will supply you (“Customer”) with natural gas in the service territory of your local natural gas company (“Utility”), subject to these Terms and Conditions of Service, which includes an agreement to ARBITRATION for any and all disputes between Customer and Verde:

Definitions:

- Small Commercial Customer – A nonresidential customer that has annual usage of less than 20,000 therms during the most recent consecutive 12-month period.
- Local Distribution Utility (LDU) – A gas or electric corporation owning, operating or managing electric or gas facilities for the purpose of distributing gas or electricity to end users.
- Commodity Charge – Charge for the supply of natural gas.
- Transmission Charge – Charge for moving natural gas from a supply point to the distribution system of a natural gas distribution company.

1. **Price:** During the first 3 Months Verde will supply natural gas to Customer at the 100% renewable fixed Supply Rate of 92.50 per CCF plus \$0.00 monthly service fee. After the first 3 Months, Verde will supply natural gas to Customer at a 100% renewable variable rate that may change monthly with market conditions. The rate is based upon the costs incurred by Verde to supply natural gas to Customer (including, but not limited to, the costs of procuring natural gas, capacity charges and transportation costs), which costs can fluctuate with market factors such as supply and demand, weather and changes to laws and regulations, plus Verde’s other expenses and margins. Customer shall also pay and be responsible for all other amounts related to the purchase and delivery of natural gas, including applicable taxes and service and delivery charges from the Utility. Verde will serve only the supply portion of Customer’s natural gas bill. All other services currently supplied by the Utility will continue to be supplied by the Utility. No deposit is required by Verde for service. Verde will offset 100% of the estimated amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions caused by Customer’s annual natural gas usage through the use of any approved carbon offset technology, which may include purchase and retirement of renewable energy certificates (“RECs”) or attributes generated by renewable sources and/or carbon credits. Purchase and retirement of carbon offset products does not actually reduce the CO₂ emissions associated with Customer’s energy consumption, but helps offset the release of the applicable number of metric tons of CO₂ emissions elsewhere.
2. **Term:** Verde is authorized to switch Customer’s utility supplier for the supply portion of Customer’s natural gas bill. This Agreement will start when the Utility completes Customer’s enrollment with Verde. The Utility may charge switching fees to Customer under the Utility’s tariff. Customer will be responsible for the termination of any existing supplier agreement. This Agreement will continue until terminated by either Customer or Verde in accordance with this Agreement. If Customer voluntarily returns to the Utility after choosing Verde, Customer may be charged a price other than the Utility’s applicable tariff rate.
3. **Right of Rescission & Termination:** The Utility will be sending Customer a confirmation notice of the transfer of service. Residential and small commercial customers shall have the right to rescind this Agreement within 7 business days following the postmark date on the Utility’s confirmation notice by calling the Utility at the designated local or toll-free number or by written notice to the Utility. Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time, for any reason and will be subject to an early termination fee of \$0.00, if applicable. Should Customer fail to pay the bill or fail to meet any agreed-upon payment arrangements, Customer's service may be terminated in accordance with the Utility's tariffs and this Agreement may be automatically terminated. This Agreement automatically terminates

if any of the following occurs: (1) The requested service location is not served by the Utility. (2) Customer moves outside the Utility's service area or to an area not served by Verde. (3) Verde returns Customer to the Utility's tariff service, provided that Verde is permitted to terminate this Agreement under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The termination will become effective when the Utility switches Customer's account from Verde to the new supplier selected by Customer, to the Utility or to such other default provider established for Customer's account. Termination will not relieve Customer of any payment obligations for natural gas provided to Customer by Verde prior to termination.

4. **Billing:** Customer will continue to receive one monthly natural gas bill from the Utility. Payment is due to the Utility in accordance with its standard billing practices. Failure to pay natural gas utility charges may result in Customer being disconnected in accordance with the natural gas utility tariff. Customer has the right to request from Verde up to twenty-four months of Customer's payment history for services rendered by Verde without charge. Verde does not support budget billing for the supply portion of the Customer's bill.
5. **Emergency:** For any service question or in the event of an emergency, such as a power failure or a downed power line, Customer should contact:

Duke Energy Corporation:	800-544-6900
Dominion East Ohio:	800-362-7557
Columbia Gas of Ohio:	800-344-4077
6. **Customer Relocation:** Customer has a right to terminate this Agreement without penalty in the event Customer relocates outside the service territory of the Utility or within the service territory of a Utility that does not permit portability of this Agreement.
7. **Changes to Agreement:** Verde may change, modify or amend this Agreement at any time (each a "Change"). Each Change will be made by Verde in the manner required by applicable law. Each Change will be posted on Verde's website (www.verdeenergy.com), and Customer will receive individual notice of the Change if required by applicable law. Customer should review the website periodically for applicable Changes. Customer's continued use of Verde's products and services following a Change constitutes Customer's acceptance of this Agreement as so Changed.
8. **Assignment:** Customer may not assign this Agreement without Verde's written consent. Verde may assign this Agreement or the revenues or proceeds due it hereunder: (a) in connection with any financing; (b) to any of its affiliates; (c) to anyone succeeding to all or substantially all of Verde's assets or business in the State of Ohio; or (d) to another supplier licensed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. This Agreement is binding upon Customer and Verde, and each party's heirs, successors and permitted assigns. Verde is prohibited from disclosing Customer's social security number, account number(s), or any customer information without Customer's express written consent except in accordance with rules 4901:1-28-04 and 4901:1-29-09 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
9. **Notice:** Subject to Paragraph 7 above, any notice will be considered to have been made if mailed or emailed to the address for Customer in Verde's records.
10. **Disputes:** Customer may contact Verde regarding this Agreement or any dispute related to this Agreement at 1-800-388-3862 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. Verde will attempt to resolve the dispute in an efficient, fair and timely manner. Verde will report the results of its investigation to Customer. If your complaint is not resolved after you have called Verde, or for general utility

information, residential and business customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”) for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or for TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at www.PUCO.ohio.gov. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service). The Ohio consumers' counsel (OCC) represents residential utility customers in matters before the PUCO. The OCC can be contacted at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from eight a.m. to five p.m. weekdays, or at www.pickocc.org.

11. **Warranty Disclaimer:** VERDE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
12. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL (INCLUDING LOST PROFITS OR REVENUE), INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES FOR CLAIMS ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.
13. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be liable to the other for any delay or failure to perform caused by an event of Force Majeure. “Force Majeure” means events beyond a party’s reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, terrorism, wars, lightning, hurricanes, blizzards, floods, civil disturbances, shortages, unavailability of transmission facilities, and actions of any governmental authority or the Utility that materially impair a party’s ability to perform.
14. **Rewards, Bonuses and/or Incentives Program Terms.** Rewards, Bonuses and/or Incentives are subject to the following terms and conditions.

For purposes of receiving any rewards, bonuses and/or incentives, active accounts are defined as those (i) that are billing more than \$0 and (ii) for which we have not received a request to discontinue (drop) service or change programs and (iii) are in good standing (no past-due balance owed) during the minimum required number of days stated in the offer.

Rewards, bonuses, and/or incentives are also subject to the rewards, bonuses, and/or incentives’ terms and conditions stated in the offer and as may be located on our website(s) and those terms and conditions in the Terms of Service between Verde Energy and you, including, but not limited to, all terms related to dispute resolution, **in addition to the terms and conditions set forth herein**. More information on the terms and conditions of any reward, bonus, and/or incentive programs are available by calling 1-800-388-3862. Verde Energy reserves the right to disqualify any account holder from participation in rewards, bonuses and/or incentives’ programs.
15. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between Customer and Verde and supersedes any oral or written statements made in connection with this Agreement. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Ohio.
16. **Governing Law:** Except as provided in Paragraph 17 below, this Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to its choice of law principles.
17. **Agreement For Mandatory Arbitration & Class Action Waiver (the “Arbitration Agreement”):**

Scope of the Arbitration Agreement. Any legal dispute between the parties concerning or arising out of Customer’s enrollment, purchase, this Agreement, or the relationship between the parties (“Dispute”) shall be resolved by one arbitrator through binding arbitration using the process explained below. The parties understand and agree that they are waiving their rights to sue or go to court to assert or defend their rights. However, either party may bring an individual claim in small claims court consistent with the jurisdictional and dollar amount limitations that may apply, so long as maintained as an individual claim. The term “Dispute” refers to any dispute, action, claim, or other controversy

between the parties, whether in contract, warranty, tort, statute, regulation, ordinance, or any other legal or equitable basis.

Informal Dispute Resolution. Either party asserting a Dispute shall first try in good faith to resolve it by providing written notice as specified below to the other party describing the facts and circumstances (including any relevant documentation) and allowing the receiving party 30 days in which to respond. Notice shall be made by first class or registered mail (1) to Verde at 12140 Wickchester Ln., Suite 100, Houston TX 77079 or (2) to Customer at the postal address on file with Verde. Both Customer and Verde agree that this dispute resolution procedure is a condition precedent which must be satisfied before initiating any arbitration against the other party.

Right to Opt Out of this Arbitration Agreement. Customer may opt out of this Arbitration Agreement within the first 30 days after the earlier of the first time Customer (a) enrolls and begins purchasing services from Verde; or (b) signs up for any further program or service provided by Verde. Customer may also opt out of this Arbitration Agreement within 30 days after Verde notifies Customer regarding a material change to this Arbitration Agreement. Customer may opt out by sending an email to Verde at service@verdeenergy.com or by sending a letter to 12140 Wickchester Ln., Suite 100, Houston TX 77079. Customer should include Customer's printed name, mailing address, and the words "Reject Arbitration."

How Arbitration Works. Either party may initiate arbitration, which shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under the AAA Commercial or Consumer rules, as applicable, in effect at the time the claim is filed ("AAA Rules"). For information on how to file a claim, copies of the AAA Rules and forms can be located at www.adr.org, or by calling 1-800-778-7879. Arbitration shall take place in the county of Customer's residence, as determined by Customer's mailing address on file with Verde. Verde agrees to pay or reimburse all costs associated with any arbitration between the parties, including filing fees and arbitrator fees, and agrees to waive any right to recover an award of attorneys' fees and costs against Customer. The arbitrator's decision shall be final, binding, and non-appealable. Judgment upon the award may be entered and enforced in any court having jurisdiction.

Waiver of Right to Bring Class Action & Representative Claims. All Disputes, whether resolved informally, in small claims court, or through arbitration, shall be brought on an individual basis. Disputes must be brought in the party's individual capacity, and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class, collective, representative, multiple plaintiff, or similar proceeding ("Class Action"). The parties expressly waive any ability to maintain any Class Action in any forum, and the arbitrator shall not have authority to combine or aggregate similar claims or conduct any Class Action nor make an award to any entity or person not a party to the arbitration. Any claim that all or part of this Class Action waiver is unenforceable, unconscionable, void, or voidable may be determined only by a court of competent jurisdiction and not by an arbitrator. **THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD A RIGHT TO LITIGATE THROUGH A COURT, TO HAVE A JUDGE OR JURY DECIDE THEIR CASE AND TO BE PARTY TO A CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE ACTION, HOWEVER, THEY UNDERSTAND AND CHOOSE TO HAVE ANY CLAIMS DECIDED INDIVIDUALLY, THROUGH ARBITRATION.**

Governing Law. This Arbitration Agreement shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act and interpreting federal law. To the extent state law applies to any aspect of this provision or the claim, the laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to its choice of law principles, shall apply. Neither party shall sue the other party other than as provided herein or for enforcement of this Paragraph 17 or of the arbitrator's award; any such suit may be brought only in the federal court encompassing the county where the arbitration took place, or if any such court lacks jurisdiction, in any state court that has jurisdiction. The arbitrator, and not any federal, state or local court, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, unconscionability, arbitrability, enforceability or formation of this Arbitration Agreement including any claim that all or any part of the

Arbitration Agreement is void or voidable. However, the preceding sentence shall not apply to the clause above entitled “Waiver of Right to Bring Class Action & Representative Claims.”

18. **Privacy:** Verde’s Privacy Policy governs the way Verde uses Customer’s personal information. To review or obtain the current version of the Privacy Policy, please visit Verde’s website at www.verdeenergy.com; email us at privacy@verdeenergyusa.com; or write to us at Privacy Policy Coordinator, Verde Energy USA, Inc., 12140 Wickchester Ln., Suite 100, Houston TX 77079. In general, Verde uses Customer’s personal information to allow Verde to provide the products and services that Customer has chosen and to manage and develop Verde’s business and operations, including informing Customer of products and services that carefully-selected third parties offer that may be of interest to Customer. Unless Customer contacts Verde and notifies Verde otherwise, by accepting natural gas service from Verde Customer consents to Verde collecting, retaining, using and disclosing Customer’s personal information in accordance with the Privacy Policy.
19. **Information Release and Authorization, Credit Review.** By accepting the Agreement, you authorize Verde Energy to obtain information from the LDU through the Term including, but not limited to, account name, account number, billing address, service address, telephone number, standard offer service type, historical and future natural gas usage, rate classification, meter readings, characteristics of natural gas service, and billing and payment information. You (and your signatory, if signatory is noted as your spouse/civil union partner) agree to Verde Energy obtaining a credit report and investigating your (and, if applicable, signatory’s) credit rating, credit history and Utility bill payment status and history. We are not obligated to accept, or continue performing, this Agreement if you do not meet our credit requirements. You further authorize Verde Energy to release that information to third parties who need to use or be aware of such information in connection with my natural gas service under the Agreement, as well as to Verde Energy’s affiliates and business partners for marketing purposes. You further authorize Verde Energy, its affiliates, and its third party vendors, including marketing vendors, to communicate with you at the contact information included in your enrollment or contact information received at any time during the relationship of the parties, for future communications, including but not limited to communications through telephone call, voicemail, text message, pre-recorded message and electronic mail. By signing (including by voice or electronic affirmation or adoption) or otherwise accepting the Agreement and providing your phone number, you authorize Verde Energy to cause the transmission of up to 15 text messages per month to the phone number you provide using an autodialer. Consent is not a condition of purchase. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to withdraw consent. Text HELP for help. These authorizations shall remain in effect as long as the Agreement (including any renewal) is in effect and for two years thereafter. You may rescind these authorizations at any time by either calling Verde Energy at 1-800-388-3862 or providing written notice to Verde Energy. Verde Energy reserves the right to reject your enrollment or terminate the Agreement if you fail to meet minimum or maximum threshold natural gas consumption levels as determined by Verde Energy.
20. **Written Notice.** Written notice includes, but is not limited to, notice by electronic mail to a valid e-mail address provided by you. By entering into this Agreement you authorize us to send written notices to you through electronic mail as permitted by rule and law. The decision to send written notices to you via electronic mail is at our sole discretion. If the e-mail address you provide to us at enrollment becomes invalid, you agree to timely provide us with an updated, valid e-mail address to which we will send written notices. You are solely responsible for providing us with a valid e-mail address.

The logo for Verde Energy USA features the company name in a sans-serif font. 'verde' is in green, 'energy' is in grey, and 'usa' is in a lighter green. A green swoosh underline is positioned beneath the text.

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VERDE ENERGY USA PROVIDES CARBON NEUTRAL GAS

- UNDER THIS OFFER, **VERDE ENERGY** OFFSETS 100% OF THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE (CO₂) EMISSIONS CAUSED BY ITS CUSTOMERS' ANNUAL NATURAL GAS USAGE THROUGH THE USE OF APPROVED CARBON OFFSET TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING BY PURCHASING RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (RECS) AND OTHER CARBON CREDITS
- 1 CARBON CREDIT EQUALS 1 TON OF CO₂ OFFSET
1 REC EQUALS 1000KWH OF RENEWABLE POWER
- **VERDE ENERGY** COMPLETES A PERIODIC AUDIT TO ENSURE THAT IT PURCHASES ENOUGH RECS TO PROVIDE 100% CARBON NEUTRAL GAS TO ITS CUSTOMERS UNDER THIS OFFER
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PURCHASE OF CARBON OFFSET PRODUCTS DOES NOT ACTUALLY REDUCE THE CO₂ EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY CUSTOMER'S ENERGY CONSUMPTION, BUT HELPS OFFSET THE RELEASE OF THE APPLICABLE NUMBER OF METRIC TONS OF CO₂ EMISSIONS ELSEWHERE

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