

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #346-15**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL JOINING THE MORRIS AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 ET SEQ.

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 Borough of Wharton passed a resolution on June 9, 2014 establishing an Energy Aggregation Program and thus becoming the Lead Agency and aggregator of electricity and natural gas pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to 98 for all member municipalities to achieve maximum energy cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wharton shall only award a contract for service to consumers where the rate is the same or lower than the price of basic generation service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-57 at the time of award;

WHEREAS, the realization of energy cost savings is in the best interest of all residents of the Township of Long Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill's governing body has determined that aggregation could benefit their residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the aggregation consultant administers the bid process at no risk or cost to the Lead Agency, municipality or consumer; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill wishes to join the Morris Area Energy Cooperative Program¹ in order to realize maximum energy cost savings

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris and the State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

