

Village of Hanover Park: New Green Electric Aggregation Program

Following the passage of a November 2012 voter Referendum, the Village of Hanover Park contracted to procure electric supply in a municipal electric aggregation program for residents and small businesses. The average participating homeowner or small business owner saved \$286 on their ComEd bills, for a Village-wide savings over \$2 million through summer 2014.

The Village periodically tests the market for savings, but had not received supplier bids below the ComEd rate in recent years. The Village recently contracted with Chicago-based MC Squared Energy Services in a new program offering Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at exactly the ComEd rate (including ComEd's monthly variable portion). To learn RECs work, view this [video](#) clip prepared by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

On May 18, a notice will be mailed from the Village to all residents and small business owners at their ComEd billing address informing them of the program which begins at July meter read dates and continues through July 2022. The Village has the option to extend the program for two additional years.

Effective June 1, the new ComEd rate is 7¢ per kWh, which is below the rate 11 years ago when the supply rate was over 9¢ per kWh! To learn more about ComEd's rates, visit PlugInIllinois.org.

In addition to Green Energy (offset by Renewable Energy Credits, or "RECs"), the Village is eligible to receive a Civic Contribution that may be placed toward a Village project. To learn about how RECs work, visit <http://tinyurl.com/GreenEPA>. Through this program, the Village will be designated an EPA Green Power Partner, all at zero added cost to ratepayers and the Village.

Not all residents receive the same notice, as there are variances in account status:

- Ratepayers receiving a **Green Electric Aggregation Notice** will automatically be enrolled at the unless they take action to opt out. They may opt out by returning the post card included with the letter, calling MC2 at 833-856-0103, or emailing HanoverPark@mc2energyservices.com
- Ratepayers receiving a **Green Electric Aggregation Opt In Notice** may call MC2 at 833-856-0103 if they wish to participate. There is no fee to join. They are **not** automatically enrolled as they:
 - previously switched to their own supplier in a private contract; or
 - participate in ComEd's hourly-rate program (RRTP); or
 - have their own solar panels installed with a net metering program
- Ratepayers receiving the **Informational Content – No Action Required** notice will remain at ComEd default supply service. They are considered a part of the Green program, and a portion of their supply use will also be offset by RECs!

Per regulation, no ratepayer may be charged an early termination fee to leave their current supplier contract to join the Village program.

Program Benefits:

- Guaranteed at the ComEd rate, with no rate risk of paying more than ComEd
- No hidden fees, no additional monthly fee
- Maximum flexibility to join or leave the program, and never an enrollment or switch fee

- The Village retains its designation as a US EPA Green Power Partner at zero cost
- Residents' power consumption is offset by Green Energy generated from renewable generation sources, for zero added cost

No one from MC Squared, ComEd, or the Village will ever visit your home or call you to enroll. If a solicitor claims to be the Village supplier, MC Squared, or ComEd, take their information and report the incident to the ICC at www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints. Never reveal your ComEd account number or allow a solicitor to view your ComEd bill unless you are certain you wish to enroll with that supplier and have read all terms and conditions.

Electric Aggregation Program FAQs

1. How can I enroll?

During the initial three-week opt out period you need do nothing if you received an opt out notice; you will automatically be enrolled unless you opt out. If you received the notice titled, "Informational Content – No Action Required," you are considered a participant, but will continue to be served by ComEd.

2. I have switched to another Supplier, but would like to join. Can I do this?

Yes. Call MC Squared at 833-856-0103 and provide your ComEd account number. Effective Jan 1, 2020, no supplier may charge a termination fee to switch.

3. What is the current ComEd rate?

The annualized base ComEd rate beginning June 2, 2021 is 7.0¢ per kWh. The monthly variable Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA), can be up to half cent credit or debit to that base rate. For more information about the ComEd rate, visit pluginillinois.org.

4. Will I get two bills, one from ComEd and another from the new supplier?

No. ComEd continues to bill for electric supply, delivery and taxes. ComEd *delivers* Electricity, and will continue to bill you, but they no longer *supply* it.

5. If I am automatically enrolled, can I leave the program?

Yes. You will never be charged a termination fee.

6. I am enrolled in a low-income assistance program. Will I still receive those benefits?

If you currently receive assistance via PIPP or LIHEAP, your status will not be affected.

7. Does the program impact my ComEd budget billing or auto-payment plan?

No. The way you pay your ComEd bill does not change.

8. What happens if I move?

If you remain within the Village limits, call MC Squared to re-enroll at your new address. Residents moving into the community may participate by calling 833-856-0103. If you move out of the Village, you will simply close your ComEd account and there is no termination fee to do so.

For specific questions about your own electric account, do not call Village Hall; call the Village of Hanover Park's aggregation program supplier MC Squared Energy at 833-856-0103. If you require additional assistance, call the Village's energy consultant, NIMEC at 800-727-3820 to leave your

question and callback number. You will be contacted by NIMEC within 24 hours regarding the issue. You may also email sdurling@NIMEC.net with your specific question.

The Illinois Commerce Commission provides additional information about energy deregulation in Illinois and energy supply choices at www.pluginillinois.org. To report an electrical outage, or for questions pertaining to your ComEd bill, always call ComEd at 800-334-7661.

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