

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

Electrical Aggregation – Program Renewal Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Following the passage of a voter referendum on November 6, 2012, the Village of La Grange contracted with FirstEnergy Solutions to procure electric supply for a one-year, renewable term which will end in June, 2014. Approximately 89% of eligible residents and 80% of eligible businesses participated in the program, saving residents and businesses over \$500,000 as compared to what they would have paid ComEd.

After a thorough review of market pricing for the second year of the program, the Village has opted to switch residents back to the ComEd default rate starting with the July, 2014 bill. The Village's Plan of Operation and Governance anticipated this possibility, by including an option that the Village could choose ComEd if it was in the best interest of residents. However, if a new supplier offering an advantageous price to residents can be found over the next few months, the Village may elect to enter into a new supply agreement and residents will have the option of participating in the program with the new supplier.

In summary, the Village's municipal aggregation electrical program remains intact, and we are electing ComEd to be our electricity supplier for the second year of our program.

- 1. What is electrical aggregation?** Under municipal aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from an alternative retail electric supplier certified by the Illinois Commerce Commission.
- 2. Why didn't the Village select a new supplier?** The Village started soliciting price offers from suppliers in January 2014 for a contract that was to start in June 2014. Price offers from all suppliers were significantly higher than the rates secured by the Village for last year's pricing cycle. Additionally, the release of the new rates for the ComEd default rate has been delayed until mid-May. Based on this information, the Village determined that the best option for residents was to return residents to the ComEd default rate once the current contract with FirstEnergy Solutions has expired while continuing to seek offers from alternative suppliers.
- 3. Will anyone call me or visit me in my home to sign me up for the program?** No one will visit or call you from the Village or from any provider on behalf of the Village. You do not have to take any action in order to be automatically enrolled in the program. If someone calls or visits your home claiming to be the Village's supplier, please report such activity to the La Grange Police Department at (708) 579-2333 or file a complaint with the ICC at www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint.
- 4. What is ComEd's 12 month "stay" requirement?** ComEd has rules that prohibit customers from switching accounts frequently. If your account was with an ARES and you moved back to ComEd more than two months ago, you are under a 12 month "stay" (or "bundled hold") and may not switch to a new supplier for that time.

5. Does the ComEd energy supply include any renewable “green” energy sources?

Yes. All supply options, including the ComEd default rate, must meet the requirements of the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard, which is eight percent for the “Energy Year” 2013-2014 (June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014). A portion of your electricity supply is sourced from renewable resources such as hydro, methane gas, solar and wind and may be represented through the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (REC’s). REC’s are certified credits for the actual production of renewable energy.

6. What is the current ComEd rate? The effective ComEd rate through May 2014 is 6.023 cents per kWh. This includes a fixed charge of 4.604 cents (Supply Services Charge) plus 0.919 cents (Transmission Services Charge) plus a third variable charge, the Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA) which, as of March 2014, is an additional 0.5 cent charge. The PEA charge has been a charge to ratepayers for 28 of the last 34 months. It has remained at 0.5 cent charge since August 2013 and, according to the ICC website, is likely to continue to remain a charge for most months.

The new ComEd rate effective with the June, 2014 meter read (July bill) is expected to be announced in May, 2014.

7. Will residents receive a separate bill for the supply of electricity? No. Your monthly billing statement will not change.

8. I am enrolled in a low income assistance program. Will that be affected? No, if you currently receive assistance via PIPP or LIHEAP, that status will not change and you can continue to get these benefits for your ComEd bill.

9. I am on ComEd’s budget billing plan. Will that change? No, you can remain on the budget plan.

10. Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account as I do now? Yes, the way you pay your ComEd bill will not change.

11. Will selecting an alternative provider affect my ComEd electric service? No. ComEd remains responsible for the delivery of electricity no matter the supplier.

12. Who will I call if my power goes out? Residents will continue to call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1 (334-7661). ComEd is responsible for ensuring that electricity flows through its distribution network to all homes and businesses in La Grange. Aggregation will not change how ComEd responds to outages.

13. ComEd has indicated that they will be continuing to implement system improvements to help improve reliability. Does this change ComEd’s plans? No. Aggregation does not impact ComEd plans to improve its system and to address reliability issues. ComEd is mandated by law to deliver electricity and to make necessary

improvements to the transmission system, regardless of where the source of energy is purchased or generated.

For more information, please visit the Village's website at [www.villageoflagrange.com/electric aggregation](http://www.villageoflagrange.com/electric_aggregation), or contact Andrianna Peterson, Assistant Village Manager, at (708) 579-2315, or apeterson@villageoflagrange.com.