

Village of La Grange Park 100% Green Aggregation

Following the passage of a March 20, 2012 voter Referendum, the Village of La Grange Park contracted to procure electric supply in bulk for residents and small businesses. The average participating ratepayer achieved \$319 in savings on their power costs for a cumulative Village-wide savings over \$1.26 million with the program that expired in 2014.

In 2018, the Village resumed its program with MC2 Energy Services (MC2). In this new contract, residents and small businesses always pay exactly the ComEd rate but enjoy the added benefit of 100% Green Power **at no added cost to ratepayers or the Village**. Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) are purchased and retired for the entire La Grange Park Green Aggregation Community. The program began in late 2018 and expires at meter read dates in November 2021. To learn how wind energy works, view this video produced by the EPA: www.tinyurl.com/GreenEPA.

Background: The cost of serving each electric account varies greatly, depending on usage patterns. Some ratepayer accounts remained with ComEd supply service because the cost of generation for that ratepayer's usage profile exceeds the ComEd rate. Others were switched to the new supplier, MC2, but **all pay exactly the same ComEd rate for zero rate risk**, including ComEd's monthly variable PEA adjustment. ComEd continues to deliver the power, and continues to send one monthly bill, whether you are enrolled with MC2 or with ComEd supply.

Those ratepayers who received notice of their service being switched to MC2 and did not opt out, later received a notice from ComEd: "**Electric Supplier Choice Confirmation**," indicating the switch to MC2 supply service. Customer Choice is the reigning theme for every ratepayer in Illinois; all may choose to participate or not; all may choose to select another supplier. Residents and small businesses may call MC2 with any questions about the program: 855-564-8129.

Once annually, notices are mailed to any new move-ins to the community. Those ratepayers, if they do not take action to opt out, will automatically be enrolled and will receive ComEd's "**Electric Supplier Choice Confirmation**" a few weeks later.

Every eligible resident (those not enrolled in their own private contract) will pay the same ComEd rate. There is never an enrollment fee, an early termination fee, nor any added monthly fees.

To date, the program has reduced carbon emissions equivalent, on an annual basis, to 34 million pounds of coal being burned. The EPA has ranked the [Village of La Grange Park the #2 municipality in the US](#) in terms of percentage Green Power consumed versus total power consumed.

This program enables the Village to receive the designation of an EPA Green Power Partner Community. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lists the following benefits of attaining designation as a Green Power Partner Community:

- Improved living and community environment
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants
- Demonstrated civic leadership
- Enhanced community image and increased citizen pride
- Achieves an objective of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact 2

PROGRAM FAQs

1. What is the ComEd rate?

The annualized ComEd base rate through May 2021 is 6.869¢ per kWh, (6.473¢ for four summer months and 7.067¢ for eight non-summer months.) There is an additional charge or credit that varies up to ½ cent month called the Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA). To learn more about electric rates, visit pluginillinois.org, the site created by the ICC to inform ratepayers.

2. If we buy 100% green energy, will our homes be powered by the actual electricity that is generated by windmills, solar, hydro, etc.?

The power grid maintained by ComEd that serves your home cannot route specific power directly you. View this EPA video for more explanation: www.tinyurl.com/GreenEPA

3. What is a Renewable Energy Certificate (RECs)?

RECs represent the benefits and attributes of renewable green energy. As energy is generated, the generators sell the RECs, which are numbered within an audited tracking system. RECs are used once and then retired. Anyone who claims they purchase renewable power either has on-site renewable generation such solar panels, or they must purchase RECs.

4. How can I enroll in the program?

During the initial opt out period, you need do nothing if you received a notice at your ComEd billing address; you will automatically be enrolled unless you opt out. The notice will detail whether your account will stay with ComEd or be switched to MC2. To enroll, call MC2 at 855-564-8129.

5. Why is the Village doing this?

A Municipal Electric Aggregation Program was approved by a simple majority in a 2012 voter Referendum allowing the Village to seek pricing from an alternative supplier. The Village is committed to environmental sustainability, and in this instance, there is zero additional cost to procure green energy for the Village's residents – a win-win.

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

No. ComEd will continue to bill you for electric supply, delivery and taxes.

7. Whom do I call if I have service problems?

Always call ComEd with reports of outages or downed power lines at 800-334-7661.

8. I am enrolled in 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'm on ComEd's budget billing plan. Will that change?

Your participation in the budget billing plan won't change. The way you pay your ComEd bill will not change.

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