



Electric Aggregation Program FAQs

What is Municipal Electric Aggregation?

It is a program in which a municipality negotiates for the purchase of electric supply on behalf of its residents and eligible small businesses. When negotiating on behalf of a large group, the municipality may expect to receive more competitive rates, benefits, protective terms, and exceptional customer service from the aggregation consultant team. No resident is ever required to participate. Customer choice is the law in Illinois.

Why Aggregation?

In 2009, Governor Quinn signed into law a section of the Public Utilities Act enabling municipal entities in Illinois to present a Referendum for vote to allow electric aggregation. Customer choice for electric supply was initiated in 1997 and has driven power pricing down significantly in Illinois at the same time power rates increased in surrounding Great Lake States. Voters in over 800 municipalities passed the Referendum by majority vote, including voters in the Village of La Grange Park in 2012.

How does enrollment occur?

Ratepayers need take no action at each renewal. If ratepayers receive an opt out notice they will automatically be enrolled unless they take action as directed to opt out. With the ComEd price match program, some ratepayers are enrolled with the alternative supplier, others remain with ComEd, but the effect to all ratepayers is identical—same rate, same power supply.

I am enrolled with a different supplier but wish to switch to the La Grange Park aggregation. How do I enroll?

Contact the current supplier, MC Squared Energy Services at 855-564-8129 or LaGrangePark@mc2energyservices.com and provide your ComEd account number and service address. Current regulations require that no supplier may charge a termination fee to switch.

I received a notice stating my account will return to ComEd from MC Squared. Why is this happening if the program is continuing?

Due to a recent change in the ComEd costs for the regulated capacity charge which is unique to each account, the best option for the Aggregation program was for some accounts to be returned to ComEd's tariff-based supply service. You will pay the same electricity supply rates whether your account is on ComEd's supply or MC Squared's supply service.

What is the current ComEd rate?

The base rate changes June 1 of every year, and is adjusted slightly in October and January. Further, there is a monthly variable, the Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA), which can be a credit or a debit of up to ½ cent. To find the current ComEd Price to Compare, and the current month's effective rate that you pay, visit <https://www.ilagg.com/the-comed-rate>. The aggregation program is at exactly the same as the ComEd rate, including the monthly variable portion.

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 no longer *supplies* it.

Why do some accounts remain at ComEd and some move to MC Squared Energy Services?

First, there is no difference to you: the price is exactly the same. Suppliers analyze every meter: depending on complex usage patterns, certain accounts are selected to remain at ComEd and others switch to MC Squared. All pay the same rate and a portion of consumption is offset by purchase of RECs and retired in the Village's name, whether supplied by MC Squared or ComEd.

Why is this an "opt out" program; why not an "opt In" program?

In 2009, Governor Quinn signed into law the ability for municipalities to enter into an *opt out* aggregation program. Participation rates are high, and have provided tens of millions of dollars in savings for residents own home power bills all across the state.

If I'm automatically enrolled, can I leave the program?

Yes, you may leave the program at any time and will never be charged a termination fee.

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 and you are free to participate in the program.

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

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

What happens if I move?

If you remain within Village of La Grange Park limits, you may contact MC Squared to re-enroll at your new address. New residents moving into the community may participate by calling 855-564-8129 or emailing LaGrangePark@mc2energyservices.com. If you are moving out of the community, recall there is never an early termination fee to leave the program at any time.

Is the energy generated from any renewable “green” energy sources?

Yes. RECs, which are the sole currency of the green energy market, will represent a portion of power consumed.

The US EPA states that because power supply is provided to ratepayers from a massive grid shared across many communities, “There is no way to distinguish the exact source that your electricity came from. RECs, the currency of the renewable energy market, allow you to claim that the electricity you use came from a renewable resource with low or zero emissions.” To learn how RECs work, visit <https://www.ilagg.com/sustainability>.

For specific questions about your own electric account, do not call the Village of La Grange Park. Contact the Village of La Grange Park’s electric aggregation program supplier MC Squared Energy at 312-751-2202 or hello@ilagg.com.

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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