

Municipal Electrical Aggregation

On April 9, 2013 a referendum was approved by residents to allow the Village of Niles to create an opt-out municipal electric aggregation program for eligible residential and small business customers (less than 15,000 kWh/year). The purpose of this program is to combine (aggregate) electricity service for the residents and small businesses in Niles in an attempt to save money on utility bills.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is municipal electrical aggregation?

The aggregation of electricity is when the electric supply of residential and (eligible) small businesses is combined to jointly purchase electricity. The Village may solicit bids for the supply of electricity in an effort to obtain a lower rate. This is made possible by the Illinois Power Agency Act, which was amended in 2009.

How will it impact me?

All residential and qualifying commercial customers will be automatically switched over to the new electricity supplier unless they have previously selected to opt-out of the program. Customers will be given the option to opt-out by mail.

What happens after June 2015 to the price per kilowatt hour?

On June 1, 2015, the Village will start a new year of the electrical aggregation program with IDT Energy. Residents will be automatically be switched from Homefield to IDT Energy. The new lower rate of \$0.0689 per kilowatt hour will go into effect June 1, 2015.

What is the Village's rate versus ComEd's rate?

The Village's aggregation program with IDT Energy, starting June 1, 2015 is \$0.0689 per kWh. ComEd's rate to compare for May 2014 is \$0.08072 per kWh. For June 2015 – October 2015, ComEd's price-to-compare for residential and small commercial customers is \$0.0704 cents/kWh. For November 2015 – May 2016, it is \$0.0718 cents/kWh. Please remember that ComEd still has the ability by State statute to include a Purchased Energy Adjustment (PEA) to the above rates. The PEA is set on a monthly basis and can fluctuate between + 0.500 cents/kWh. *Therefore, each month, the ComEd rate could change up or down \$0.500 cents/kWh.*

What if ComEd's base rate is less than IDT Energy's?

If ComEd's rate drops below IDT Energy's \$0.0689 per kWh rate, the Village has the option to renegotiate with IDT Energy to match ComEd's rate.

In the IDT Energy program, are there any automatic price increases?

No, the contract the Village of Niles entered into does not allow for any price increases. The electricity supply rate of \$0.0689/kWh is set for the term of the contract (24 months).

Will there be a public information process?

Yes. Information is available on the Village's website at www.vniles.com or at IDT Energy's website at www.IDTEnergy.com/VillageofNiles. Questions may be directed to IDT Energy at 1-877-887-6866 (M-F, 7:00am to 5:00pm CDT) or the Village of Niles at 847-588-8014.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

All residential customers are eligible to participate in the program. Small commercial customers are also eligible if they use less than 15,000 kWh per year.

What if I have already switched to another electrical supply provider?

Alternative electricity suppliers have already been soliciting residents in the Village to switch on an individual basis. You should contact that supplier to determine your options. The Village advises residents to make sure there is no cancellation fee with their current energy supplier before making a switch.

Can residents and businesses choose not to participate?

Yes, residents and small businesses may opt-out of the program. All residents and small businesses will receive a notice in the mail from the Village of Niles allowing the customer to opt-out of the program by a certain date.

Will there be any change in the electrical service provided to my home or small business?

No, there will be no change or disruption in service. ComEd will continue to deliver the electricity to residential and small business customers. Residents and small businesses will continue to receive a bill from ComEd and may continue to utilize the existing ComEd payment options available.

Will there be a “green” option available for customers to select?

Yes, if you are interested in a “green” energy option, you may contact Synergy Power Solutions at 847-749-0080.

What if my power goes out, who should I call?

ComEd is still responsible for the distribution and flow of electricity to all homes and businesses in Niles. Outages should be reported to 1-800-EDISON-1, via the ComEd mobile app, or via text message by texting “OUT” to 26633.

I still would like to opt-out of the program, what should I do?

Call IDT Energy at 1-877-887-6866 (M-F, 7:00am to 5:00pm CDT) and they will assist you in opting out of the municipal aggregation program over the phone.

For more information, please contact the Village of Niles at 847-588-8014.

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<http://www.vniles.com/391/Municipal-Electric-Aggregation>
<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/>
<http://www.pluginillinois.org/MunicipalAggregationList.aspx>
<http://citizensutilityboard.org/>