

NIMEC Communities Save \$150 Million

63 NIMEC municipalities that participated in the March 2012 election cycle have now implemented their electric aggregation programs – and to great success. When combined with the other ten NIMEC villages that implemented their programs in 2011, 1.2 million residents served by NIMEC are now enjoying a cumulative annualized savings of \$150 million -- a nice economic stimulus program of sorts for these communities.

NIMEC's bids its members' volumes out with those suppliers with Illinois aggregation experience and this process has achieved superior results. NIMEC members received an average one year bid price of 4.47¢. Communities not using NIMEC received bid prices of 4.64¢. This is a

significant difference in a commodity product.

NIMEC's educational efforts yielded favorable results. 95% of NIMEC communities passed their referendums in March, compared to 75% of the towns and counties that used other consultants.

NIMEC is working with an additional 22 communities and counties who have placed the aggregation referendum on the upcoming November ballot.

Contrary to most prognostications, the ComEd power supply rate (set by the IPA) for the year beginning June 1, 2012 did not decline, but increased. Meanwhile, downward pressure on spot market electric prices served to increase the savings opportunities for Illinois

residents. The average annualized savings for a single family household increased to \$250 - \$350 this year. NIMEC's savings of 40%–45% achieved on power supply costs surpassed expectations.

NIMEC congratulates the village mayors, boards, and staff who worked to accomplish these savings while the opportunity exists.

The ComEd rate is expected to drop in June of 2013, reducing future savings.

NIMEC has developed a new website to help residents "see" their individual savings. Residents can visit www.MyComEdBill.com. The site will calculate savings for each individual resident, based upon their municipal aggregation rate.