

Municipal Aggregation Takes Off

After favorable results in 2011, over 200 municipalities in northern Illinois placed the municipal aggregation question on the March 2012 ballot. Soon, residents of those villages will be enjoying over 40% savings on their individual ComEd power costs.

NIMEC has been instrumental role in the process. Over half of the communities in the Chicago area have used NIMEC to assist them with their aggregations. NIMEC's results have surpassed most other aggregations.

NIMEC communities have received an average 12-month bid of 4.47¢ /kWh, much lower than ComEd's rate of 8.4¢.

All other communities' 12-month pricing has averaged 4.64¢. This 4% difference seems modest, but is a significant difference for a commodity product.

Chicago recently decided to place the referendum for

aggregation on the November ballot. There are concerns that if Chicago leaves ComEd, those communities still buying from ComEd could pay as much as double what others who have left ComEd are paying.

On average, a homeowner in a NIMEC community will enjoy a \$300 reduction on their ComEd bill during the first year of the program.

Even though another company is supplying residents' power, ComEd continues to send your residents their bill each month. ComEd continues to deliver the power and respond to outages. Residents will hardly notice the difference.

In the event a resident is not convinced of these benefits, they have the option to opt out. Their service and pricing will remain unchanged at ComEd.

The next opportunity for a municipality to approach its residents with the referendum

question is the November Presidential election. The municipality *must decide by August 20* if it wants the County Clerk's office to place the referendum question on their ballot.

Suppliers contract for a fixed rate for a 1, 2 or 3 year term. In the unforeseen event that the ComEd rate would drop below the contracted rate, NIMEC suppliers will match that rate, insuring the residents will never pay more than the ComEd rate.

NIMEC's unmatched experience qualifies it as the industry leader and best choice to lead municipalities through the process. Whether its NIMEC's ability to help educate your board and your residents, its standardized documents, leading public hearings, or proven bid process, we can effectively lead you through the process to bring exceptional results and satisfaction to your community.