

The Next Chapter in Aggregation: Renewable Energy

Municipal Aggregation (MA) has led to northern Illinois residents saving tens of millions of dollars on their home electric bills.

While some communities continue to receive bid pricing below the ComEd rate, half of the communities that implemented a MA program are no longer able to receive pricing below the ComEd rate. Those communities have suspended their programs and residents and small businesses have returned to ComEd supply.

A new option is now available for those communities. Thirteen NIMEC communities have established a MA program featuring Renewable Energy whereby ***every resident is charged the ComEd rate***, guaranteed, including the variable monthly Purchased Electricity Adjustment.

The community receives the benefit of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) representing green energy generated by wind farms located in the Midwest. This program enables the community to be designated an EPA Green Power Partner Community, with street signage to post within the

municipality and the ability to promote the logo and certification on its website and marketing collateral.

It also achieves an objective of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact (GRC2) which more than 110 communities in northern Illinois have adopted.

The following communities have established this program or a variation thereof: Clarendon Hills, Deer Park, Elmhurst, Gurnee, La Grange Park, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, Oswego, Palos Park, Round Lake Beach, South Barrington, South Elgin, Sycamore, Tinley Park, and Wood Dale.

The EPA rates communities across the US by percentage of renewable power consumed. Due to this program, ***the top six-rated municipalities in the United States are NIMEC members in northern Illinois.***

Just as in the initial MA programs, any resident and small business owner may choose to opt out at any time. There are never any fees to the residents or the community.

In some instances, communities have chosen to receive 50% RECs along with a civic contribution which is typically earmarked for an environmental enhancement project.

The stability of a community-managed program enables residents to avoid solicitors with less favorable pricing and fees. Residents have widely embraced this new program, enjoying the option of Renewable Energy at the ComEd rate with zero added cost and no rate risk.

We are available to meet with you to present the Renewable Energy program as well as analyze your community's power usage to determine the value of a civic contribution for the 50% green program.

For a visual story and guide of how wind energy generation, via RECs, enables your community to purchase renewable power, view this four-minute [video](#) presented by the US EPA.