

Municipal Aggregation Update

When your electric aggregation program was suspended in May 2017, your residents were left with two options: remain at the ComEd default supply rate or purchase power on their own.

A recent study by the Illinois Commerce Commission revealed that more residents are purchasing power on their own. Over the last year, the number of ratepayers selecting their own supplier increased by 17%.

The ICC study concluded those residents paid an average 1.5¢—a whopping 24%—*more than* the ComEd rate.

As of this writing, individual supplier offers are as high as 10.6¢ per kWh. The lowest is 5.59¢ for one month, but then increases with no upward cap. Some add monthly fees for an effective rate over ten cents. \$50 early termination fees are common.

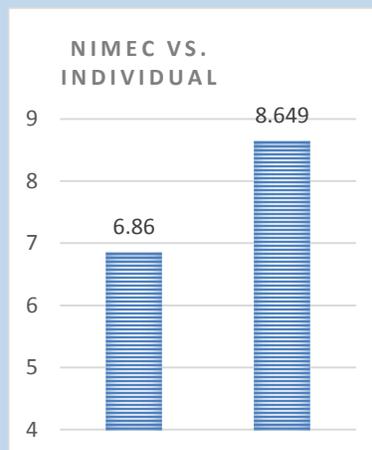
More than half of the villages

NIMEC serves have renewed their programs at net savings vs. the ComEd supply rate to compare.

The ComEd base rate is currently 7.149¢ per kWh.

The average NIMEC community aggregation program rate is 6.86¢.

If residents in your community who purchase power on their own are typical of those in the ICC study, they are paying 1.8¢ **above** the average NIMEC program rate. That amounts to an average overpayment of \$153 per year.



Some residents sign up for introductory offers such as airline miles, gift cards, or smart thermostats. Such incentives often come with high power rates. Residents may not be aware just how much above the ComEd rate they are paying.

As more residents select their own supplier, complaints filed with the ICC have risen 19% year over year.

ComEd was once a monopoly; residents had no need to educate themselves. Aggressive marketers may use some confusion to their advantage, enrolling residents in more costly rate plans.

Some residents are grateful for their aggregation programs and have expressed appreciation that their informed community leaders will evaluate purchases and take advantage of lower rates available through bulk purchasing.