

POWER TO THE PEOPLE VOL 2

RESIDENTS' ENERGY COSTS TO DROP 20-25%

Eight NIMEC municipalities have lowered the cost of electric energy for all of their residents and small businesses by 20 – 25%. This was made possible through the municipal aggregation initiative.

Residents will see their ComEd bills drop \$175 to \$200 per year. And they will not have to do anything to realize these savings.

Commonwealth Edison will continue to deliver the power, bill monthly and repair any power interruptions. The only difference will be lower power costs.

Total savings for these communities will be \$8,000,000 per year.

These eight communities passed referendums in April of this year. The referendums were necessary to allow the municipalities to seek

competitive bids.

Recent changes in the Illinois legislature have made municipal aggregation possible. Municipalities can now seek bids from power suppliers to see if they can beat the ComEd rate.

The eight communities are Crest Hill, Fox River Grove, Glenwood, Harvard, New Lenox, Sugar Grove, Elburn and North Aurora.

NIMEC has partnered with Rock River Energy Services (RRES) to help communities take advantage of the lower rates. Of the 19 towns in northern Illinois that have passed their referendums, NIMEC and RRES are working with 15.

To date, 10 villages have locked in lower rates with competitive suppliers. NIMEC and RRES have consulted with all 10. The

remaining 5 NIMEC villages will be going to bid this summer.

Currently residents in Illinois are being solicited by power companies to move their individual accounts. Direct mail, radio and billboard advertising are being used by power companies to solicit individual accounts.

To date 83,000 residential accounts have individually moved their accounts to these new suppliers.

The 8 NIMEC members consist of 45,000 residential accounts. Therefore, our first 8 villages have increased the number of residents leaving ComEd by 50%.

Additionally, the savings through our municipal aggregation process are *double* those that residents can obtain individually.