

## Village of Bensenville Electric Aggregation Renewal

Following the passage of a 2012 Referendum, the Village of Bensenville contracted to procure electric supply in bulk for residents and small business owners. Bensenville ratepayers who have participated in the program since inception have saved an average \$420 on electric supply for a cumulative savings to the Village of \$2 million.

The Village received competitive bids to renew the program and contracted with MC Squared. The new fixed rate is 7.19¢ per kWh for the 18-month term March 2018 to September 2019. This contract includes a price guarantee versus the default ComEd BES rate.

The ComEd rate (set by the Illinois Power Agency) is 7.195¢ for the three months March to May, and will readjust June 1. The new rate is unknown. Industry analysts estimate a range of 7.5¢ - 7.7¢ per kWh.

All Bensenville residents and small business owners will receive a renewal notice the second week of January. Note:

- Ratepayers receiving the **opt out notice** will be automatically enrolled at the rate of 7.19¢ unless they choose to opt out.
- Ratepayers receiving the **informative, opt in** notice will **not** be automatically enrolled because they:
  - have previously switched to another Supplier in a private contract; or
  - participate in ComEd's hourly-rate program (RRTP)

**NOTE: No one from MC Squared or the Village will ever visit your home or call you to enroll.** If a solicitor claims to be the Village supplier, report their information and the incident to the ICC at [www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint](http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint).

There is never an enrollment fee, an early termination fee, nor any added monthly fees.

### Program Benefits:

- Price guarantee versus the ComEd BES rate beginning June 1, 2018. If the ComEd BES rate is announced *below* the Village's fixed price of 7.19¢, MC Squared will reduce the rate for all participants to 0.1¢ *below* the ComEd BES rate. The guarantee does not include the floating PEA component, which the ICC states "would be expected to average near zero."
- A cap above which no ratepayer will be required to pay for the 18-month term
- A fixed benchmark to compare with other offers vs. ComEd base rate which is expected to increase June 2018 when higher capacity charges take effect
- Flexibility to join or leave the program, and with no fees to switch

Electric deregulation has met with great success in Illinois, saving ratepayers billions of dollars: In 2010, most Bensenville (and northern Illinois) residents paid the ComEd rate of over 9¢ per kWh.

## Electric Aggregation Program FAQs

### 1. How can I enroll?

During the initial three-week opt out period, you need do nothing if you received an opt out notice; you will automatically be enrolled unless you opt out. After the initial opt out period, any ratepayer may enroll by calling MC Squared at 855-724-6294 and requesting the Bensenville rate.

**2. I am located within Bensenville Village limits, have already switched to another Supplier, but would like to join. Can I do this?**

Yes. You will receive an informative notice with program details. Call MC Squared at 855-724-6294 and provide them with your ComEd account number. If you are enrolled with another alternative supplier that is not the Village's program, you are advised to review your contract, or call your supplier to understand any early termination fees to which you may be subject. You may wait for your current contract to expire and enroll with MC Squared at any time during the 18-month term.

**3. What is the current ComEd default rate?**

The ComEd base rate starting October has been announced at 7.195¢ plus or minus a monthly Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA) and will be reset June 2018. For more information, visit [pluginillinois.org](http://pluginillinois.org).

**4. Will I get two bills, one from ComEd and another from the new supplier?**

No. ComEd continues to bill for electric supply, delivery and taxes. ComEd *delivers* electricity, and will continue to bill you, but they no longer *supply* it. They will pass along the fees you pay for electric supply to the new supplier.

**5. If I am automatically enrolled, can I leave the program at any time?**

Yes, you may vacate the program. MC Squared will never charge a termination penalty.

**6. What is ComEd's six-month "hold" requirement?**

Please note State Regulations: If you move from the program back to ComEd for longer than two months, your account is placed in a "bundled hold" status, and you may not return to the Bensenville program until a full six months has passed.

**7. I am enrolled in a low-income assistance program. Will that be affected?**

No. If you currently receive assistance via PIPP or LIHEAP, your status will not change and you can continue to get these benefits for your ComEd bill.

**8. Does the program impact my ComEd budget billing or auto-payment plan?**

No. The way you pay your ComEd bill will not change.

**9. Will someone come to my home or call to sign me up?**

No one from MC Squared or the Village will ever visit your home or call you to enroll. ComEd will never ask for your account number. If someone contacts you claiming to be the Village's supplier, please report the activity to Village Hall or file a complaint with the ICC at <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint>. You should never reveal your ComEd account number to a solicitor unless you are certain you wish to enroll with that supplier and have read all terms and conditions.

**10. What happens if I move?**

If you remain within the Village limits, you must call MC Squared to re-enroll at your new address. Residents moving into the community after the program begins will not be automatically enrolled in the program, but may join at any time.

**11. Is the energy generated from any renewable "green" energy sources?**

Yes. Your energy supply meets the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard, which is 13% for the Energy Year June 2017 to May 2018. Thus a portion of your electric supply is sourced from renewable resources such as solar, hydro or wind, via Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

The Illinois Commerce Commission provides additional information about energy deregulation in Illinois and energy supply choices at [www.pluginillinois.org](http://www.pluginillinois.org).

For specific questions about your own electric account, do not call Village Hall; call the Village of Bensenville's aggregation program supplier: MC Squared at 855-724-6294.

If you require additional assistance, call NIMEC at 800-727-3820 to leave your question and callback number. You will be contacted within 24 hours regarding the issue.

To report an electrical outage, or for questions pertaining to your ComEd bill, always call ComEd at 800-334-7661.

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