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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This is a follow-up letter on the topic of Electricity Consolidation which I sent you about a week ago. As I mentioned in my last letter, the Mettawa Village Board was reviewing optional electricity supplier programs from which you could receive an 18% discount against a part of your electric bill from ComEd. The Village Board approved the following plan to offer you as a way for you to save money on your electricity use.

If, after you have reviewed the attached materials, you choose to enroll in this program, simply go to <http://www.integrysenergy.com/Marketing/MEC/default.aspx> and follow the prompts.

Some of you may have already signed up with another service at a lower discount or a shorter program life. If you have done so, you should investigate the cancellation fee for exiting your present plan (most offer this cancellation privilege) and determine for yourself if the financial benefits of this program are good enough to off-set the cancellation fee. This is solely a break-even decision for you to make.

The Village has done the homework for you on this program and feel that this program will offer you the best discount now.

Now, the choice is yours. We welcome our residents, Village businesses and neighbors to enroll.

Kind regards,

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Pay Less for Energy through the Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program

What can save you up to \$250 over two years and reduce pollution? The Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program, of course. The Energy Savings Program (ESP) allows you to pay less for your energy guaranteed through 2013 by providing energy at a lower cost. The only differences are that your ComEd bill will state that the energy is supplied by **INTEGRYS** and the amount you pay will be significantly lower.



In addition to paying less for your electricity, all households will be eligible to receive 4 CFL light bulbs. These light bulbs use 25% of the energy that 60 watt bulbs do and can last up to 10 times longer. If installed the 4 CFLs will save you \$40 this year.

To get the maximum cost benefit from these bulbs, they should be used in fixtures that are left on for hours at a time – like outdoor lanterns or security floodlights, hallways, landings, or your most lived-in rooms. Benefits of energy-efficient lighting practices include:

- Reduced emissions of nitrogen oxide, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide for better air quality
- Improved electricity system reliability
- Reduced electrical and cooling loads in buildings
- Lower electricity costs (roughly 10-15%)
- Lower maintenance costs
- More appropriate lighting levels
- Natural lighting is aesthetically pleasing

Clean Air Counts is a six-county Chicago regional initiative of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V, City of Chicago and Illinois EPA. It seeks significant reductions in smog-forming pollutants and energy consumption. Clean Air Counts is made possible through the support of The Chicago Community Trust, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. You now have the right to choose your supplier of electricity. No matter who supplies your electricity, ComEd is still responsible for maintaining and repairing the distribution system to your home. Also, ComEd doesn't make money on the purchase and supply of electricity to its customers; therefore, they understand that your choosing a different supplier can save you a lot of money on your electric bill.

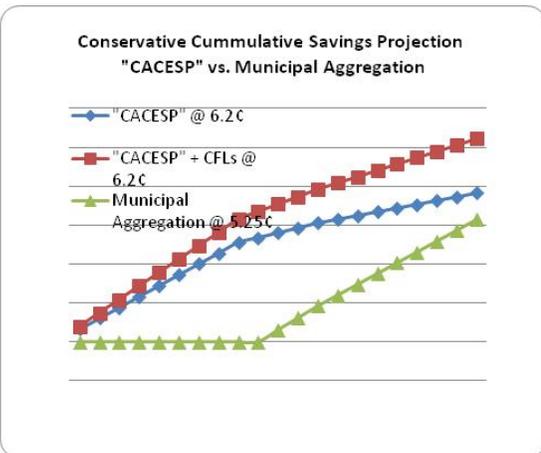
Background

On August 10, 2009, Public Act 96-0176 amended the Illinois Power Agency Act to provide for aggregation of municipal electrical load. In doing so the legislation enabled residential and small business customers to secure less costly electricity from IPA designated Retail Electricity Suppliers. To ensure their residents gain access to lower-priced electricity, some municipalities put referenda on the April 2011 ballot for municipal aggregation. Municipal aggregation allows communities to bring together all residential and small business customers of ComEd into a group for the purpose of securing lower electricity rates.

Those municipalities where referenda passed will be able to provide cheaper power supply starting in October 2011. The savings are expected to be in the 20-25% range for the first year. Many other communities, attracted by lower supplier pricing, are now contemplating putting referenda on the March 2012 ballot. If passed, contracts to provide cheaper electricity in those municipalities would not be in place until August 2012.

Because ComEd is required to hedge against volatility of electricity prices in the marketplace, it purchases energy over a period of years; as a result, the greatest savings for residential customers is now, meaning that those municipalities contemplating moving forward with referenda for the March 2012 primary ballot would not be able to take advantage of the greatest savings potential. The value of the lost opportunity is more than \$1 million per day for residents and businesses in the Chicago Metropolitan Region.

In response, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has created an energy savings program through its Clean Air Counts Campaign to enable residents and small businesses to avail themselves of savings in the immediate future. The program allows savings as soon as the next billing cycle and provides four energy-saving CFLs, resulting in not only a significant reduction in local air pollution, but also enhanced cumulative savings of \$70 per customer through June 2013. The graph to the left illustrates the economic benefits of this program:



Myths and Facts about Buying Residential Energy Purchase

Myth: All households in Northern Illinois must purchase electrical energy from ComEd.

Fact: Since 2010 residential customers have had the opportunity to purchase electricity from third party suppliers rather than ComEd. In most cases this has saved households money on their electric bill.

Myth: ComEd has the best priced energy that a household can buy.

Fact: Third party electricity, if purchased correctly, can cost 20% less than ComEd's current price resulting in significant savings. The Energy Saving Program (ESP) guarantees that you save every month over ComEd's rates through June 2013, when this round of contracting ends.

Myth: Purchasing energy through a third party provider, such as the ESP, will cause ComEd not to respond to power outages at my house.

Fact: It doesn't matter to ComEd who supplies your electrical energy. ComEd remains the meters, wires and billing company and will respond just as they have in the past to power outages. They have to treat all customers equally.

Myth: Purchasing power from a third party provider requires providing very personal information, such as one's social security number.

Fact: This may be true with some third party suppliers, but the ESP requires only the information contained on your ComEd bill, your email address and phone number, so our supplier can get in touch with you if necessary.

Myth: Choosing a reputable third party electricity provider is difficult and time consuming.

Fact: Joining the ESP is easy. You sign up on line (www.integrysenergy.com/ESP) and it only takes about 5 minutes. Please have your ComEd bill in hand as you will need your ComEd account number.

Myth: It takes four to eight months to switch electricity supply for my house and start saving on my bill.

Fact: If your community is investigating municipal aggregation, you won't experience any savings until August 2012 at the earliest. On the other hand, with the ESP you can start saving as soon as your next ComEd billing period. You'll save the most per month from now through June 2012. As a result, joining the ESP now maximizes your household savings.

Myth: As more people switch to third party supply, ComEd's rates will drop.

Fact: Actually, ComEd's rates may rise as more people switch to third party supply. ComEd has committed expensive power purchases well above today's market rates. If enough people switch to third party supply, rates for those customers still with ComEd will rise because the expensive electricity supply is spread over fewer customers.

Myth: Switching to third party supply results in receiving multiple bills each and every month, including one from the electricity supplier.

Fact: While this is true with some suppliers, the ESP's provider, Integrys Energy Services, incorporates their charges in the same, familiar monthly bill you receive from ComEd. The only difference is that you will be paying less each and every month than if ComEd was your electricity supplier. This not only makes keeping track of which bills to pay easier, but it also allows you to see how much you are saving each month.