

# Village of Bensenville

## Green Electric Aggregation

The Village is renewing its electric aggregation program with Chicago-based supplier Eligo Energy, following a competitive bid process. Residents and small business owners will continue to pay exactly the ComEd rate and will enjoy the benefit of 100% Green Energy via Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at zero added cost to ratepayers and the Village. The program term is for 12 months ending August 2022.

To learn how Renewable / Green Energy and RECs work, view this [video](#) clip prepared by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**Background:** The cost of serving each electric account varies greatly, based on usage patterns. Some ratepayer accounts will remain with ComEd supply service because the cost of generation for their account exceeds the ComEd rate. Others will be switched to Eligo, but to be clear, all residents have choice over their electric supplier. They may choose to opt out of the program.

All will pay exactly the same ComEd rate, including ComEd's monthly variable PEA component. Eligo will continue to purchase 100% green energy via RECs for the Village, on behalf of all ratepayers in the Bensenville Aggregation Community, whether moved to ComEd supply or to Eligo.

**Notices were mailed** from the Village to residents and small businesses on June 8, 2021. Please note, that different ratepayers receive different notices, depending on account status, but the net effect and benefits of the program are the same for all!

1. **Green Aggregation Notice:** The account will be included in the program and switched to Eligo if the ratepayer does not opt out. They will pay exactly the ComEd rate. A Confirmation of Switch Notice will be mailed from ComEd at the end of May confirming the change to Eligo in August.
2. **Informative-Only Notice:** Ratepayers will remain with ComEd but will still be considered a part of the Green Aggregation Community.
3. **Return to ComEd Service:** (this is a very small group) Ratepayers currently enrolled with previous supplier MC Squared will be moved back to ComEd. They need do nothing; are still considered a part of the program. In July, they will receive a second letter from ComEd confirming the drop.
4. **Opt In Notice:** will remain with the individual contract they have undertaken, unless they choose to leave that supplier and take action to enroll with Eligo Energy.

Residents, whether remaining with ComEd or enrolling with Eligo are all considered members of the Bensenville Renewable Aggregation program, and their energy usage will be offset by 100% Renewable /Green Energy from renewable generation sources.

### Program Benefits:

- Guaranteed at the ComEd rate, with no rate risk of paying more than ComEd
- No hidden fees, no additional monthly fee
- Maximum flexibility to join or leave the program, and never an enrollment or switch fee
- The Village retains its designation as a US EPA Green Power Partner at zero cost
- Residents' power consumption is offset by Green Energy generated from renewable generation sources, for zero cost

- The Village's Carbon footprint will be reduced

**No one from Eligo, ComEd, or the Village will ever visit your home or call you to enroll.** If a solicitor claims to be the Village supplier, Eligo, or ComEd, please take their information and report the incident to the ICC at [www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints](http://www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints). Never reveal your ComEd account number or allow a solicitor to view your ComEd bill unless you are certain you wish to enroll with that supplier and have read all terms and conditions.

## Electric Aggregation Program FAQs

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### 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 take action to opt out. If you received a different notice, informing of "Return to ComEd" or "Informative Only," you still need do nothing. Read the detail in the notice mailed directly to your ComEd billing address.

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

Yes. Call Eligo at 630-574-5741 or email [BensenvilleOptOut@eligoenergy.com](mailto:BensenvilleOptOut@eligoenergy.com) and provide your ComEd account number. Effective Jan 1, 2020, no supplier may charge a termination fee to switch.

### 3. What is the current ComEd rate?

The annualized base ComEd rate is 7.127¢ per kWh plus a monthly variable Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA), which can be up to +/- 0.5¢. For more information about the ComEd rate, 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.

### 5. If I am automatically enrolled, can I leave the program?

Yes. You will never be charged a termination fee.

### 6. I am enrolled in a low-income assistance program. Will I still receive those benefits?

If you currently receive assistance via PIPP or LIHEAP, your status will not be affected.

### 7. Does the program impact my ComEd budget billing or auto-payment plan?

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

### 8. What happens if I move?

If you remain within the Village limits, call Eligo to re-enroll at your new address. Residents moving into the community may participate by calling 630-574-5741.

### 9. Is the energy generated from any renewable "green" energy sources?

Yes. RECs, which are the sole currency of the green energy market, will represent 100% of power consumed. They will be sourced from wind generators located in the Midwest.

The US EPA states that because power supply is provided to ratepayers from a massive grid shared across many communities, “There is no way to distinguish the exact source that your Electricity came from. RECs, the currency of the renewable energy market, allow you to claim that the Electricity you use came from a renewable resource with low or zero emissions.” To learn how RECs work, visit [tinyurl.com/GreenEPA](http://tinyurl.com/GreenEPA).

**10. Why support renewable wind generation resources?**

For the ten years ending 2017, coal-based generation in the US has been reduced 40% whereas wind-based generation has increased by 638%. Wind energy helps to reduce carbon footprint. This program achieves a strategic objective of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact.

For specific questions about your own electric account, do not call Village Hall; call the Village of Bensenville’s aggregation program supplier Eligo Energy at 630-574-5741. If you require additional assistance, call the Village’s energy consultant, NIMEC at 800-727-3820 to leave your question and callback number. You will be contacted by NIMEC within 24 hours regarding the issue. You may also email [sdurling@NIMEC.net](mailto:sdurling@NIMEC.net) with your specific question.

The Illinois Commerce Commission provides additional information about energy deregulation in Illinois and energy supply choices at [www.pluginillinois.org](http://www.pluginillinois.org). To report an electrical outage, or for questions pertaining to your ComEd bill, always call ComEd at 800-334-7661.

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