



ELECTRIC CHOICE

Local Government Aggregation

What is Electric Choice?

ComEd and Ameren Illinois **deliver** electricity to you. You cannot choose another **delivery** company. The actual electricity you use is the **supply**. You can choose which company **supplies** your electricity.

Your municipality, township, or county government can also choose a supplier on your behalf through a process called **aggregation**. If you or your local government choose a new **supplier**, ComEd or Ameren Illinois will continue to **deliver** electricity to you. Whether you choose a retail supplier or not, you still call the utility for outages and safety issues involving the electric service.

My Local Government can Choose an Electric Supplier for Me?

Yes. Municipality, township, or county governments may choose a supplier for their citizens to try to save them money through aggregation. **Aggregation** works by combining the buying power of all the customers in a municipality, township, or county so that a potentially better price can be obtained from a supplier.

To find out if your local government is currently purchasing your electric supply through aggregation or is pursuing an aggregation program, please call the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795 or visit www.pluginillinois.org/MunicipalAggregationList.aspx

What if I'm on an Electric Space Heating Rate with the Utility?

Customers on such rates may or may not save money, so it is important to compare your annual usage and the rate being offered to you through a supplier or local government choice before you decide to accept the offer.

OPT-OUT PROGRAM

Voters must pass aggregation referendum

Local government enters into contract with Retail Electric Supplier

Retail Electric Supplier sends information to all eligible customers

Customer takes no action and becomes a participant of the program or customer completes opt-out notice to be excluded from aggregation

OPT-IN PROGRAM

Does not require passage of an aggregation referendum

Local government enters into contract with Retail Electric Supplier

Information and steps to enroll sent to eligible customers

Customer takes no action and remains with previous supplier, or must follow the directions provided to enroll in the aggregation program

How does a Local Government do This?

There are two types of aggregation programs. **Opt-Out** and **Opt-In**.

Opt-Out: By **referendum**, voters may allow a local government to choose a supplier so that citizens are **enrolled automatically**. If the opt-out aggregation referendum is approved, you do not need to take any action to be enrolled with your community's chosen supplier. Citizens may **opt-out** and stay with ComEd or Ameren Illinois "bundled" service or **choose a different supplier** if they do not want the local government's choice. It is important to review the instructions provided for opting-out before doing so because you may be charged a **one time fee to exit the aggregation program after the opt-out period has expired**.

Opt-in: if a city or county chooses aggregation **without a voter referendum**, then citizens are only enrolled if they follow special **opt-in** instructions.

For more information, please visit www.pluginillinois.org/MunicipalAggregation.aspx

Do I have Other Options?

Yes. You can stay with the "bundled" service that ComEd or Ameren Illinois provides all customers automatically, or you may pick another supplier of your own choosing. For help on how to choose, please visit www.pluginillinois.org or call the Illinois Commerce Commission at **800-524-0795**.

What if I have Questions or Problems?

Customers who need help with aggregation should contact their city or county directly. You may also contact Illinois Commerce Commission at:

800-524-0795 or

www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint