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## Belvidere Township Electric Aggregation Program

Following the passage of a 2012 voter referendum, the Township of Belvidere contracted to procure lower-cost electric supply for residents and small businesses in unincorporated portions of the Township. The program was suspended in January 2018, but the Township was able to renew the program and accepted a competitive bid with lowest price offered by Dynegy Energy Services at a fixed rate of 7.254¢ per kWh for a twenty-four month term starting this **August and ending August 2020.**

There is no enrollment fee to join, and no early termination fee to leave the program.

ComEd annualized rate, June 2018 to May 2019:	7.700¢ per kWh
<b>Belvidere Township program rate August 2018 to August 2020:</b>	7.254¢ per kWh

A notice will be mailed to all residents and small business owners in late May. Two different notices will be sent. **Please note:**

1. Ratepayers receiving an “**opt out notice**” will be automatically enrolled at the rate of 7.254¢ unless they take action to opt out.
2. Ratepayers receiving the informative, “**opt in**” notice must call Dynegy and provide their ComEd account information if they wish to enroll in the aggregation savings program. They 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)

A recent Illinois Commerce Commission study indicated that average ratepayers enrolled with a Supplier in a private contract (*not* a municipal aggregation program) were paying 24% *above* the ComEd base rate.

**Please note:** No one will ever come to your home or call to enroll you in the Township’s program. Should you receive such a call from a solicitor purporting to represent Belvidere Township, Dynegy, or ComEd, take the solicitor’s information and contact the Illinois Commerce Commission at their Consumer Services Division complaint line: 800-524-0795.

### 1. How can I enroll?

During the initial three-week opt out period, you need to do nothing if you received an “opt out notice”; you will automatically be enrolled unless you opt out. After the initial opt out period, a ratepayer may enroll at any time by calling Dynegy at 844-351-7691 and asking for the Belvidere Township rate.

### 2. What is an eligible resident or small commercial account?

Any resident who is currently with ComEd and has not already switched to an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier (ARES) or who is not enrolled in a special Residential Real-Time Pricing (RRTP) program is eligible, and small commercial accounts are eligible. You must also have a residence or business located within the Township limits.

**3. What is a “small commercial account?”**

A small commercial account is a commercial account that consumes less than 15,000 kWh per year.

**4. How can Belvidere Township get lower rates than ComEd?**

The State of Illinois deregulated energy markets over 15 years ago. What is commonly referred to as the “ComEd rate” is actually a default rate, which is no longer established by ComEd, but by the Illinois Power Agency, which procures energy in the open markets.

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

The effective ComEd rate June 2018 through May 2019 is 7.7¢ per kWh and includes a variable charge or credit, the Purchase Electricity Adjustment (PEA). For more information, visit <http://www.pluginillinois.org>.

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

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

**7. Whom do I call if I have service problems?**

Always call ComEd with reports of outages or downed power lines at 800-334-7661. For questions about your supply, you can call the customer service number for Dynegy. This will be listed under “Electric Supply Services” on your ComEd bill.

**8. If I am automatically enrolled in the program, can I leave the program later?**

Yes, you can vacate the program at any time move your account back to the default ComEd rate service, or to another Supplier. There is no early termination fee to leave.

**9. What is ComEd’s 6-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 Belvidere Township program until a full six months has passed.

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

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

**11. I’m on ComEd’s budget billing plan. Will that change?**

No. If you are currently on the budget billing plan, you will remain on that plan.

**12. Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my bank account?**

Yes. The way you pay your ComEd bill will not change.

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

No. You need do nothing to automatically be enrolled in the program. If someone calls or visits your home claiming to be the Township’s power supplier, please file a complaint with the ICC at <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint>.

**14. Is my electric supply at greater risk now that deregulation has opened markets to many new suppliers?**

No. By law, ComEd remains the Provider of Last Resort (POLR), so if there is an issue with securing electric supply, ComEd is required to deliver, regardless.

**15. Is any of the energy generated from renewable “green” sources?**

Yes. 14.5% of your energy consumption is sourced from renewable generation such as solar and wind that may be represented through the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). The program offers an option to purchase 100% renewable energy at a slightly higher price which is described in the notice you receive.

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

For questions about your electric account, do not call the Township; call the Township’s aggregation program supplier: **Dynegy Energy Services at 844-351-7691**.

If you require additional assistance, call **NIMEC at 800-856-3404** to leave your question and callback number. You will be contacted within 24 hours regarding the issue.

Reporting electrical outages, or for questions pertaining to your ComEd bill, call **ComEd at 800-334-7661**.