

# Special Notice Regarding Changes to Your Electric Bill Effective June 2016

Village of Arlington Heights residents and small business owners who are participants in the Village's electric aggregation program will be receiving a letter in early April from Constellation advising customers of their new electric supply rate effective with their June 2016 meter read.

During the 2014-2015 polar vortex, the power grid was at capacity and very close to requiring brown outs during a dangerous weather condition. As a result, regulatory changes made to the generation of electricity called "Capacity Performance" will be implemented in June of 2016. The reforms are designed to increase the reliability of the power grid, particularly during times of extreme weather or system emergencies. Additionally, the reforms result in an increase to electricity costs for all suppliers, both residential and commercial, including Commonwealth Edison.

The Village's current aggregation contract with Constellation ends in May of 2017. However, as a result of the regulatory change, the Village's aggregation rate will change from **\$6.621 cents per kWh** to **\$7.152 cents per kWh** effective with the June 2016 meter read (to be first seen on your July ComEd bill). ComEd releases their new annual rate at the end of May. It is very possible that the Village's aggregation rate will be above the ComEd rate beginning in June. Based on an average home in the aggregation program, the Village estimates the price increase amounts to approximately **\$3 monthly** per the average home.

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**The Village urges aggregation participants to stay informed about electric supply options whether through ComEd or other suppliers through Plug In Illinois ([pluginillinois.org](http://pluginillinois.org)). Customers who wish to leave the Village's aggregation program can do so by contacting Constellation directly at 1-877-585-3430. There are NO early termination fees.**

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Should you have any questions about the information provided, please call the Village's aggregation consultants (NIMEC) at **1-800-727-3820**.



## Aggregation History

In 2012, Village of Arlington Heights voters approved a referendum authorizing the Village to engage in an electric aggregation program to provide reduced rates for eligible residents and small business customers.

The Village partnered with the Villages of Palatine, Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, Lincolnshire, Vernon Hills, and Long Grove to form the Northwest Consortium in order to combine our purchasing efforts and obtain better pricing.

Since the inception of the Consortium's electric aggregation program, the Consortium has saved participating residents and small business customers a cumulative total of **\$27.3 million**. The Village of Arlington Heights has alone saved our residents and small customers **\$8.01 million**. This has resulted in savings of **\$320** to the average sized residential account.

Additionally, the Village opted to purchase renewable energy credits as part of the total pricing option, which has equated to a reduction of CO2 emissions by **405,600 tons**.

For more information on the Village's electrical aggregation program, please visit **[www.vah.com](http://www.vah.com)**.