



PRESS RELEASE

Electric Aggregation Update

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Effective August 7, 2013: Change in ComEd Electricity Supplier to Verde Energy USA Illinois LLC

Effective August 7, 2013, the electricity *supplier* of choice for the Village of Villa Park will change from ComEd to Verde Energy USA Illinois LLC.

For detailed information on new rates with Verde Energy, or to opt out and continue delivery of services from ComEd, please call **Verde Energy** at **1-800-241-0295**. There is no contract or cancellation fee to residents for opting out.

While the electricity *supplier* is changing to Verde Energy, all Villa Park residents will still remain ComEd customers for electric *delivery* services. ComEd will continue to maintain the electrical system and restore service after storms or power outages. You will still receive your bill from ComEd directly as in the past.

For power outages, metering, moving to a new address or service requests, please continue to call **ComEd** at **1-800-334-7661**, or visit the website at www.ComEd.com.

This change is going into effect because of the referendum that was passed by Villa Park voters in the April election. Several communities have chosen to employ Electric Aggregation and have seen a decrease in energy rates for their residents as a result.

Electricity Aggregation is a program that allows for local governments to bundle – or aggregate – residential and small commercial retail electric accounts and seek bids for a cheaper source of power. Currently, ComEd customers receive electricity at a price set each year by the Illinois Power Agency, a governmental body that secures electricity on the wholesale market on behalf of ComEd. By bundling residential and small commercial accounts, municipalities can go out into the open market to seek a lower rate for electric power. There is no guarantee that a lower rate will be received.

For more information:

Here are several [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) that will help you better understand electrical aggregation and what it means for you.

Additional information on Electric Aggregation is available from the Citizens Utility Board at [Guide to Municipal Electricity Aggregation](#)

Information on electric choice from the Illinois Commerce Commission is available at <http://pluginillinois.org>

