

Village of Oak Park Electric Aggregation RFP MC Squared Energy Services, LLC Response

# MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) Response to the Oak Park Electricity Aggregation RFP

**Confidential** 

Proposal Submittal: Date: August 8, 2025



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Dear Community Leader,

Thank you for extending the opportunity for MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) to submit this proposal in response to your Proposal for Municipal Aggregated Electricity Supply for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers.

mc² currently manages 135 opt-out electric aggregation programs, serving over 300,000 accounts. The communities mc² serves are listed below. We are currently serving sixty-eight (68) communities under a customized program whereby we provide an energy supply price matching the utility's monthly published tariff rates or price to compare (PTC) and sixty-seven (67) communities under a traditional fixed priced full requirements approach.

We are proud to consistently hold the highest customer satisfaction rating on the Illinois Commerce Commission's Plug-In Illinois website. When it comes to selecting a strategic partner for municipal aggregation, we understand how essential it is to choose a supplier with proven knowledge, deep expertise, and a track record of innovation.

As part of its commitment to innovation and sustainability, mc<sup>2</sup> is ready to introduce a new time-of-use (TOU) program backed by 100% Green-e RECs for the Oak Park community—giving EV owners a smart way to save on electricity supply costs. By opting in, residents can take advantage of lower rates during off-peak hours, turning everyday vehicle charging into an opportunity for meaningful savings and eco-conscious living.

We appreciate your consideration and hope to continue to work with you in the future. Feel free to contact Sharon Alegado at 312-637-9426 or via email at <a href="mailto:salegado@mc2energyservices.com">salegado@mc2energyservices.com</a> should you have any questions regarding our responses.

Best regards,

Charles C. Sutton

President

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC 500 W. Madison St, Suite 1470

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# mc² Electric Aggregation Communities

<u>Community</u>	Product	Community	<u>Product</u>	Community	Product
Aurora Township	PTC	Mount Morris Township	Fixed	Village of Lake Zurich	Fixed
Carroll County	Fixed	Naperville Township	Fixed	Village of Leaf River	Fixed
City of Aurora	PTC	Ogle County	Fixed	Village of Libertyville	PTC
City of Belvidere	PTC	Palmyra Township	Fixed	Village of Lindenhurst	PTC
City of Byron	Fixed	Palos Township	Fixed	Village of Lisle	PTC
City of Calumet City	PTC	Pecatonica Township	Fixed	Village of Lyndon	Fixed
City of Countryside	PTC	Pine Creek Township	Fixed	Village of Manteno	PTC
City of Crest Hill	PTC	Poplar Grove Township	Fixed	Village of Milledgeville	Fixed
City of Darien	PTC	Rock Grove Township	Fixed	Village of Mount Morris	Fixed
City of Dixon	PTC	Rockvale Township	Fixed	Village of Nora	Fixed
City of Earlville	Fixed	Seward Township	Fixed	Village of Norridge	PTC
City of Elmhurst	PTC	Sycamore Township	Fixed	Village of North Barrington	Fixed
City of Evanston	PTC	Village of Apple River	Fixed	Village of Northbrook	PTC
City of Harvard	PTC	Village of Aroma Park	PTC	Village of Oak Park	PTC
City of Highland Park	PTC	Village of Ashton	Fixed	Village of Oswego	PTC
City of Lake Forest	PTC	Village of Bedford Park	PTC	Village of Park Forest	PTC
City of Lanark	Fixed	Village of Berkeley	PTC	Village of Paw Paw	Fixed
City of Loves Park	Fixed	Village of Buffalo Grove	PTC	Village of Pecatonica	Fixed
City of Mendota	PTC	Village of Campton Hills	PTC	Village of Poplar Grove	Fixed
City of Momence	PTC	Village of Cary	PTC	Village of Reddick	PTC
City of Morris	PTC	Village of Cedarville	Fixed	Village of River Forest	PTC
City of Morrison	Fixed	Village of Clarendon Hills	PTC	Village of Riverside	Fixed
City of Oregon	Fixed	Village of Davis	Fixed	Village of Rock City	Fixed
City of Polo	Fixed	Village of Davis Junction	Fixed	Village of Roscoe	Fixed
City of Pontiac	PTC	Village of Deer Park	PTC	Village of Round Lake Beach	PTC
City of Rockford	Fixed	Village of Deerfield	PTC	Village of Scales Mound	Fixed
City of Rolling Meadows	PTC	Village of Erie	Fixed	Village of Schiller Park	PTC
City of Yorkville	PTC	Village of Forreston	Fixed	Village of Schram City	Fixed
City of Zion	PTC	Village of Franklin Grove	Fixed	Village of Shannon	Fixed
Cortland Township	Fixed	Village of Franklin Park	PTC	Village of Skokie	PTC
Dundee Township	PTC	Village of German Valley	Fixed	Village of South Barrington	PTC
Erin Township	Fixed	Village of Glendale Heights	PTC	Village of St. Anne	PTC
Flora Township	Fixed	Village of Glenwood	PTC	Village of Stillman Valley	Fixed
Florence Township	Fixed	Village of Hawthorn Woods	PTC	Village of Sublette	Fixed
Forreston Township	Fixed	Village of Hazel Crest	PTC	Village of Sugar Grove	PTC
Harrison Township	Fixed	Village of Herscher	PTC	Village of Sun River Terrace	PTC
Kane County	PTC	Village of Indian Head Park	PTC	Village of Tampico	Fixed
Kankakee City	PTC	Village of Island Lake	PTC	Village of Villa Park	Fixed
Kankakee County	PTC	Village of Justice	PTC	Village of Walnut	Fixed
Kendall County	PTC	Village of Kildeer	PTC	Village of West Dundee	PTC
Lancaster Township	Fixed	Village of Kingston	Fixed	Village of Wilmette	PTC
Laona Township	Fixed	Village of La Grange	PTC	Waddams Township	Fixed
Leaf River Township	Fixed	Village of La Grange Park	PTC	Washington Township	Fixed
Loran Township	Fixed	Village of Lake Barrington	PTC	Whiteside County	Fixed
Maryland Township	Fixed	Village of Lake Bluff	PTC	Winslow Township	Fixed



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# **Company Background**

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) is a licensed Alternative Retail Electricity Supplier (ARES) for the State of Illinois since March 2009. Incorporated in 2008 and headquartered at 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1470 in Chicago, mc² delivers competitive retail electricity solutions to residential, commercial, and industrial customers throughout the state. In addition to its core electricity supply services, mc² also serves as a community solar subscription manager, partnering with developers to support and expand access to renewable energy. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of IGS Energy, based in Dublin, Ohio.

Village support provided by:

# Charles C. Sutton

# President

- Established mc<sup>2</sup> in 2008
- 30+ years of energy experience in both the natural gas and electricity industries.
- Years of service with mc<sup>2</sup> 17

# Sharon Alegado

Vice President of Sales and Marketing

- 18+ years of energy experience in the electricity industry.
- Years of service with mc<sup>2</sup> 13

# Samantha Komzak

Marketing Program Manager

• Years of service with mc<sup>2</sup> – 7

# Hannah Calvert

Sales and Marketing Associate

• Years of service with mc<sup>2</sup> – 2

# Hansen Technologies Solutions

Customer Service Call Center

Years of relationship with mc<sup>2</sup> – 15



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# **VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS: Response to Section 2.5**

**VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS:** Vendors are provided the following list of qualification metrics deemed to establish the capacity and capability of a Vendor to service as the supplier for the Village Municipal Aggregation. Vendors shall provide responses to each item listed and shall also identify other qualifications the Vendor believes to be relevant to this RFP.

- **2.5.1 LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS.** The Vendor shall demonstrate that it is allowed to sell electricity at retail to residential and small commercial customers in Illinois. Documentation should include:
  - 2.5.1.1 Documentation of service authority from the ICC as a certified retail electric supplier and any and all other licenses or certifications required by the ICC.

See Attachment 1: Docket #18-1455 (Original Docket 09-0059 – Attachment 3)

2.5.1.2 Company's bond posting with the ICC.

See Attachment 2: mc<sup>2</sup> bond filing effective January 15, 2025

2.5.1.3 Registration and certification of authority as a retail electric supplier for ComEd residential and small commercial customers.

See Attachment 1: Docket #18-1455

2.5.1.4 Written commitment to comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Illinois.

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) commits to comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Illinois.

2.5.1.5 Docket number and date FERC Power Marketing Authority obtained.

FERC Docket No: ER11-4037-001 for Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS) which covers MC Squared Energy Services, LLC as a wholly owned subsidiary of IGS. Filed on September 13, 2011.

2.5.1.6 Date Alternate Retail Electric Supplier license in the State of Illinois was obtained; and

<u>Initial license obtained on March 11, 2009 for non-residential customers. License</u> was amended June 2, 2011 to include residential customers.

2.5.1.7 Documentation that supplier has access to capacity resources as a Load Serving Entity in PJM and is can make use of existing transmission facilities to deliver power to Aggregation Members.

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC became a Load Serving Entity (LSE) member of PJM effective 2009 (see Attachment 3). As an LSE member of PJM, mc<sup>2</sup> has



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access to the capacity resources of PJM required to serve its client base. mc<sup>2</sup> is a member in Good Standing at PJM.

- 2.5.2 **SYSTEMS:** The Vendor shall demonstrate that it has existing systems that will ensure a smooth notification and enrollment process for the Aggregation Programs. Documentation should include:
  - 2.5.2.1.1 Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service under Open Access Transmission Tariff.

<u>Similar to question 2.5.1.7, as an LSE of PJM, mc<sup>2</sup> has access to Network Integration Transmission Services under the OATT required to serve its client base.</u> mc<sup>2</sup> is a member in Good Standing at PJM.

2.5.2.2 Documentation of an Electronic Data Interchange computer network that is always fully functional and includes back-up file saving systems and is capable of managing the ComEd residential and small commercial retail electric customers in the Village.

mc<sup>2</sup> currently contracts with Hansen Technologies SolutionsCX business for EDI Services. Hansen's EDI operations are hosted in AWS providing:

- •Multi-region redundancy of systems and data replication to ensure robust DR capabilities, with an RPO of 8 hours and RTO of zero data loss.
- •AWS is a fully SOC-compliant public cloud provider with diverse, redundant Internet connectivity.
- •SOC1-SOC2 change management process that includes client approval as appropriate
- •Maintains software, hardware and operating systems with a 99.7% availability rate (outside of agreed upon, scheduled maintenance).
- •Fully operational 24 x 7 managed security monitoring.
- •AWS Data centers ensure that water, power, telecommunications, and internet connectivity are designed with redundancy, so continuous operations can be maintained in an emergency. Electrical power systems are designed to be fully redundant so that in the event of a disruption, uninterruptible power supply units can be engaged for certain functions, while generators can provide backup power for the entire facility. People and systems monitor and control the temperature and humidity to prevent overheating, further reducing possible service outages.
- 2.5.2.3 Description of the features and benefits of Vendors's <u>existing</u> customer database system. Please include at least the following:
  - 2.5.2.3.1 Platform description and specifications.

mc<sup>2</sup> utilizes a SQL Db back end with proprietary software that commands the front end along with communication protocols that sends data to receiving parties.



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2.5.2.3.2 Exportability of data.

<u>Data exportability is done on a daily basis for standard reports and on demand (ad hoc) reporting per user specifications.</u>

2.5.2.3.3 Frequency of data updates.

<u>Depending on the data point or the intended use, updating data occurs at various intervals throughout a given day, with the smallest increment taking place every 2 minutes.</u>

2.5.2.3.4 Standard reports availability (type and description); and

Standard reports have been generated for the purposes of querying the system for a variety of reasons. For example, mc² has a standard report that queries the system to view the number of contracts currently active, along with the associated accounts, customer names, volumes, rates, terms, and historical usage.

2.5.2.3.5 Special features.

23 fields of customer information and data are available for report development.

- 2.5.2.4 Report on the number of accounts enrolled in the ComEd service region within the past three years by the Vendor or its affiliates:
  - 2.5.2.4.1 Identify the number of accounts under management in each of the prior three years;

Number of total accounts under mc<sup>2</sup> management:

Year End 2022	64,200 accounts
Year End 2023	183,078 accounts
Year Fnd 2024	313.537 accounts

2.5.2.4.2 Identify the specific steps utilized to enroll accounts; and

<u>Eligible Members have two enrollment options in addition to the Opt-Out process. Customers have the option to enroll through a dedicated portal or by phone (see Attachment 5).</u>

The Oak Park portal allows eligible members to enroll using their name, address and ComEd Account number. All contacts and disclosure documents are available for the customer to read online. Once the customer submits the enrollment, they will receive an email for electronic signature which also confirms they want to



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enroll. Within seconds of clicking on the proper link, the customer receives an email confirming their enrollment will be submitted to ComEd. All confirmed enrollments are processed the next day through the ComEd DSAR process. The process is seamless and completely paperless.

The online enrollment process is the preferred process but eligible customers who are not comfortable with computers can also call the mc² call center to enroll. This enrollment will be done through regular mail and will require an actual signature on documents indicating the customer does want to enroll per regulatory rules and laws. Once enrollment is confirmed a letter and the Aggregation Terms and Conditions are mailed to the customer.

2.5.2.4.3 Report the average time from enrollment to flow of contracted power for newly enrolled accounts.

On an average, customers will start receiving power within 30 days of enrollment.

- **2.5.3 MARKETING AND SUPPORT SERVICES:** The Vendor shall demonstrate that it has the materials, time and resources to support Program marketing, outreach and education tasks. Documentation should include:
  - 2.5.3.1 Proof of an existing local or toll-free telephone number for customer service and complaints related to the Aggregation Program.

Current Toll-Free Phone Number: 855-259-1179

Call-center hours will be maintained between 8 am and 5 pm, M-F, Central Prevailing Time. Outside of these hours, customers are instructed to call ComEd for emergencies or leave a voice message and/or send email to mc² for any questions.

Because mc²utilizes ComEd Rider PORCB for aggregation customers, initial customer calls typically do go to the ComEd call center. mc² has contracted with and currently uses Hansen Technologies Solutions for call-center service. Hansen's energy professionals are experienced in receiving and handling retail customer comments, requests and questions.

Hansen is located in Bethlehem, PA. Hansen has handled more than 5+ million inbound calls from customers of non-regulated and regulated utilities. The call center averages approximately 12,900 inbound calls for the unregulated market segment per month. Approximately 99% of these are resolved in the first call. All disputes or escalated complaints will be forwarded to the mc² account manager for resolution.



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2.5.3.2 Vendor's detailed plan for reaching and servicing multi-lingual customers or customers with disabilities as per the requirements;

mc<sup>2</sup> works with the Village to determine the needs of their constituents. mc<sup>2</sup> has the capacity to provide customer service requiring non-English verbal and written assistance, as well as customer service for the hearing-impaired.

2.5.3.3 Samples of a website to support the Aggregation Members.

The Village portal will be available at www.mc2energyservices.com/special. If a resident would like to opt in then this portal can be used for a convenient enrollment process. Attachment 5 provides an example.

2.5.3.4 Education materials:

2.5.3.4.1 Samples of marketing materials.

mc<sup>2</sup> will continue to work with the Village to develop the content and branding of the marketing materials to support the goals of the electricity aggregation.

2.5.3.4.2 Draft calendar, identifying measures to be executed for implementation and operation of the Program upon execution of the Power Supply Agreements; and

mc<sup>2</sup> will work with the Village to finalize the Power Supply Agreement for energy supply and services. mc<sup>2</sup> will implement the agreement and enroll new customers. See Attachment 5 for the proposed timeline.

2.5.3.4.3 Descriptions of proposed modes of communications (print, mailing, broadcast, etc.); and

mc<sup>2</sup> will continue to work with the Village to develop appropriate communication initiatives.

2.5.3.5 Opt-Out processes:

2.5.3.5.1 Samples of Opt-Out materials (letters, forms, etc.); and

See Attachment 6 for example of opt out letter only and FAQs.

2.5.3.5.2 Commitment to use only materials specifically approved by the Village.

 $mc^2$  commits to use only material specially approved by the Village.



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- 2.5.4 CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS: The Vendor shall demonstrate that it has maintained the highest levels of customer satisfaction and regulatory compliance by providing documentation that they meet or exceed the following minimum standards. Vendors shall submit documentation concerning the following consumer satisfaction metrics. Vendors may submit supplemental information explaining the circumstances contributing to their below minimum rating in any single category.
  - 2.5.4.1 Illinois Commerce Commission Retail Electric Supplier Complaint Scorecard.

    mc² has an Illinois Commerce Commission rating of 5 stars. Furthermore, mc² has had the highest customer service rating consistently since the Illinois Commerce Commission started this reporting process.
  - 2.5.4.2 Better Business Bureau standard score for Illinois. mc² has a BBB rating of B.
  - 2.5.4.3 Regulatory settlements or adverse rulings by public utility commissions.

    mc² has no regulatory or legal settlements concerning customer issues in the past
    3 years. Furthermore, since the start of mc² serving the residential market (in
    2011), we have had had no such settlements.
- **2.5.5 PROFESSIONALISM AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** The firm will us the highest standards of professionalism in performing the services and will maintain the confidentiality of information learned while performing the services, except to make necessary reports to representatives of the Village.

mc<sup>2</sup> affirms.



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**Attachment 1: ICC ARES Certification** 

Attachment 2: ICC ARES Application- mc<sup>2</sup> Bond Filing

**Attachment 3: ICC ARES Original Certification** 

Attached as separate documents.



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# Attachment 4 – Sample Portal Pages for Enrollment (Illustrating the ComEd Price Match Program)

# Your Price, Your Plan, Your Choice,

# Join the thousands who have made the switch to mc2!

# **Program Name:**

Village of Oak Park Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Program



Village of Oak Park Community Choice Electricity Aggregation
Program: The program price is a variable rate equal to the ComEd
published Purchased Electricity Charges, Transmission Service
Charges and Purchased Electricity Adjustment for each applicable
month through the December 2025 meter read cycle. Reference the
Terms and Conditions of Service for additional pricing details.

# Make the switch in 3 easy steps. There's no obligation!

Step 1: Review the following documents

# **Statutory Utility Price Disclosure Statement**

# **Electric Supply Agreement**

# **Usage Authorization**

☐ I have reviewed and understand the Statutory Utility Price Disclosure Statement, Electric Supply Agreement and the Usage Authorization presented above **and** have the authority to make decisions on this account.

Step 2: Enter in your 10-Digit ComEd Choice ID What is this number?

**Step 3:** Click submit for mc<sup>2</sup> to obtain and analyze your usage data to see if you qualify







MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) is not the same entity as your electric delivery company. You are not required to enroll with mc². As of August 2025, the electric supply price to compare to is currently 10.028 cents per kWh. The electric utility electric supply price will expire on September 30, 2025. The utility electric supply price to compare does not include the purchased electricity adjustment factor (PEA). For more information, go to the Illinois Commerce Commission's free website at www.pluginillinois.org.



# The Village of Oak Park Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Program

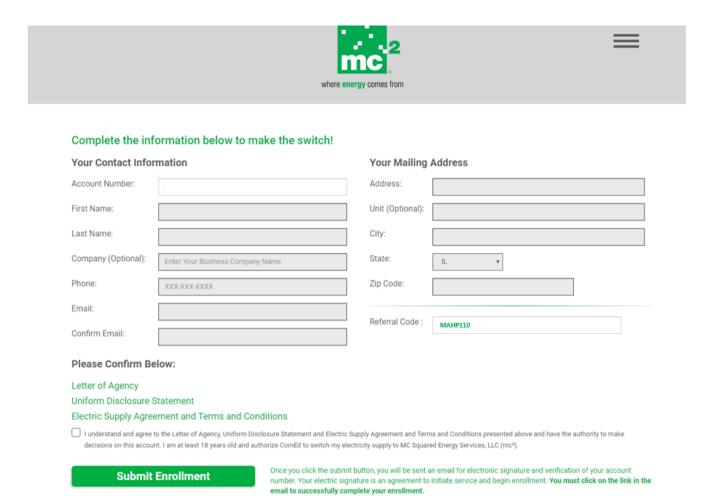
The Village of Oak Park has selected MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) to administer the Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Program. The selection of mc² ensures that the power supply cost for participating residential and small business customers will not be greater than the ComEd basic service tariff rate.

Eligible customers must reside in the Village of Oak Park. mc² reserves the right to drop any customer account not eligible or who falsifies any information.



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# Attachment 4 (con't) – Sample Portal Pages for Enrollment (Illustrating the ComEd Price Match Program)





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# **Attachment 5 – Implementation Timeline Schedule**

# Oak Park OPT OUT Mailing Schedule DEC 2025

# Meter Cycles 1 -22

Date	Activity Opt Out Schedule
9/9/25	Town signs agreement
9/10/25	MC2 sends drafts of letters to Towns for approval
9/17/25	Towns approves all final layouts of FAQ, website address, and letter design
9/17/25	Town send Customer List
10/17/25	Mailing Drop
11/7/25	Opt out Due Date
11/10/25	MC <sup>2</sup> processes account numbers for enrollment
11/11/25	DASR PT1 (meter cycles 1-20)
11/13/25	DASR PT2 (meter cycle 21)
12/2/25	First meter cycle start for the new price (December meter cycle 1)



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# Attachment 6 – Sample of Opt-Out Letters and FAQs (Illustrating the ComEd Price Match Program)

# Notice of Electric Aggregation Program Options, Not a Bill.

# **MUNICIPALITY LOGO**

**Date** 

# **Customer Mailing Information**

RE: Municipality Electric Aggregation Program
ComEd Service Address: Customer premise address

# **ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM NOTICE**

Dear Resident or Small Business Owner:

The Municipality is pleased to offer an Electric Aggregation Program that allows eligible residents and small businesses to receive an electric supply price equal to the ComEd monthly published supply rate. Chicago-based, MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) was selected to administer the program for a XX-month term, beginning with the month and year end date ComEd meter read cycle. Additionally, this program enables the {Municipality} to receive a civic contribution for community initiatives at zero added cost.

# **No Action Required to Participate:**

You **do not** need to take any action to participate in the Municipality Electric Aggregation Program. Enrollment with mc<sup>2</sup> is automatic, and you will continue paying the same rate as ComEd's monthly published supply rate. There are **no enrollment or early termination fees.** 

# **Opting Out Option:**

If you prefer not to participate, you have **21 days from the date of this notice** to opt out. You may do so through any of the following methods:

- Call: 1-XXX-XXXX, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Online: Visit <a href="www.mc2energyservices.com/municipal-aggregation/optout">www.mc2energyservices.com/municipal-aggregation/optout</a>
- Mail: Return the enclosed card by Opt Out due date
- QR Code: Scan the QR coded on the enclosed card to opt out via your mobile device



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You may cancel your participation in this Electric Aggregation Program at any time without penalties or early termination fees. If you do not Opt-Out of the Municipality's Electric Aggregation program, you will be deemed to have authorized and agreed to your enrollment in the Municipality's Electric Aggregation program, and to have your electricity supply service with mc² under the "Terms and Conditions" and "Uniform Disclosure Statement" enclosed.

# **Billing & Service:**

Your billing process will remain unchanged. You will continue to receive a single bill from ComEd and retain access to all ComEd payment options, including e-bill, automatic payments, and budget billing. ComEd will continue to manage power delivery, maintain infrastructure (wires and poles), and address emergencies such as outage restoration.

# **Additional Information:**

If you currently participate in a community solar savings program—or plan to in the future—your participation in this Electric Aggregation Program will **not** affect your community solar benefits. The community solar generation credits provided by ComEd are independent of this program.

For details on ComEd's tariff rates, visit <u>plugin.illinois.gov</u>, the Illinois Commerce Commission's consumer information website. You also have the option to purchase electricity from other suppliers or ComEd. A complete list of suppliers is available at <u>plugin.illinois.gov</u>, and the Illinois Power Agency provides a free supplier list at <u>ipa.illinois.gov</u>.

For more information about the Municipality's Electric Aggregation Program, please email email or call 1-XXX-XXXX (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). We encourage residents to contact mc<sup>2</sup> first with any inquiries before reaching out to Municipality. Please be aware that solicitors offering to switch your electricity provider are NOT affiliated with Municipality, mc<sup>2</sup>, or ComEd.

Sincerely,

**Municipality** 

**Enclosures** 



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# Village of Oak Park

# Community Choice Electric Aggregation Program

# Electric Supply Price

The price is equal to ComEd's monthly published rate including the Purchased Electricity Charge, Transmission Service Charge and Purchased Electricity Adjustment for each applicable month.

The program will continue to the December 2025 ComEd meter read cycle date.

# Contact mc<sup>2</sup>

For questions regarding the Electric Aggregation Program, please contact mc<sup>2</sup> first before contacting the Village.



MC Squared Energy Services, LLC 175 West Jackson Blvd, Suite 240

Chicago, IL 60604

Email:

OakPark@mc2energyservices.com

Phone: 855-259-1179 The Village of Oak Park has selected MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) to continue our **Community Choice Electric Aggregation Program**. Please know that mc² is the sole supplier for the Village's Program.

The selection of mc² ensures that the power supply cost for participating residential and small business customers will **not be greater than the ComEd monthly published rate** while providing the Village with a Civic Contribution.

# For more information on the program visit: www.oak-park.us/aggregation

# What is electric aggregation?

On August 10, 2009, Governor Quinn signed into law Public Act 096-0176, which allows municipalities to arrange for the provision of electric to residential and small commercial retail customers by alternative electric suppliers (i.e. suppliers other than ComEd). Under this law, the municipality may seek bids for the provision of aggregate electric supply services to their residents and small businesses.

### Will I receive a different bill for my electricity?

No, you will continue to receive one electric bill directly from ComEd. You will be charged exactly the ComEd rate. Also, the way you pay your bill will be unchanged, such as Budget Billing, direct debit to your bank account, etc. If you receive assistance via a program such as LIHEAP or PIPP, your eligibility will not be negatively impacted by the program.

### Who is eligible to participate?

<u>Eligible residential requirements</u>: All residents located in the Village of Oak Park that are receiving electric supply service from ComEd are eligible to participate.

<u>Eligible business requirements</u>: All small businesses located in the Village of Oak Park that are receiving electric supply service from ComEd, with a ComEd designated annual usage of 15,000 kWh or less, are eligible to participate.

# What is the electric supply price for the program?

The price will equal to the ComEd's monthly published rate including the Published Purchased Electricity Charge, Transmission Service Charge and Purchased Electricity Adjustment charge. This price can change month to



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### Who is MC Squared Energy Services?

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) is a certified, retail electric-service provider headquartered in Chicago. MC Squared Energy Services, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wolverine Holdings. For more information on the company, visit our website at www.mc2energyservices.com.

### Summary of Benefits:

- No rate risk; electric supply price is equal to ComEd published rates
- Residents and small businesses may opt out at any time
- Provides the Village with a civic contribution for Village initiatives at zero added cost to residents and the Village

month. A historical price from the last 12 months can be found at www.mc2energyservices.com/IL/HistoricalPricingPTC/P.

# What will change on my electric bill if I'm enrolled?

You will continue to receive a single bill from ComEd each month. "MC Squared Energy Services" will be designated as your supplier in the "Supply" section of your ComEd bill. ComEd will continue to bill you for distribution services and taxes. Payments should still be sent to ComEd at the address provided. There is no impact to ComEd services such as Budget Billing, Peak Time Savings and/or financial assistance.

### Will I receive notification of the supplier change?

ComEd will always mail a confirmation letter indicating a service change if you switch to mc<sup>2</sup>.

### Is there an early termination fee?

There is no termination fee; you are only obligated to pay for services rendered under the contract until your service is terminated.

### Will my electric service be disrupted when I switch?

No, there will be no disruption in service. You will continue to receive the same electric service through the same transmission and distribution system currently operated by ComEd. The switch to mc<sup>2</sup> is seamless.

# What happens at the end of the program term?

At the end of the term, if the Village decides to end the program, all accounts served by mc<sup>2</sup> will be returned to ComEd service or the Village may select a different supplier to administer the program.



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# Attachment 7 – Sample mc<sup>2</sup> Educational/Marketing Materials

### Video on website:



# **Industry Basics on website:**

# **Industry Basics in Deregulated Markets**

There are four fundamental components of the electricity industry in the deregulated marketplace, these include: generation, retail electric supply, transmission, and distribution.



**Generation** – Electricity is generated at power plants. Generation plants are powered through the use of coal, natural gas, nuclear fission, hydro, and a small-but-growing percentage of renewable generation sources such as wind, solar, and biomass fuels.

Retail Electric Supplier – A Retail Electric Supplier is a business that sells electricity to residential and/or commercial customers in a competitive market. These entities may buy their electric generation on the open market and resell to their customers. To be a Retail Electric Supplier a supplier must be certified by the public utility commission and complete the utility's registration process. mc² is a licensed Retail Electric Supplier in the states of Illinois.

**Transmission** – The movement of electricity at high voltage from the generation plants to the local distribution power grid. This is typically regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

**Distribution** – The process of local delivery of electricity to homes and businesses, including the management and responsibility for reading the meters and maintaining the local utility distribution network.



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# Attachment 7 (con't) – Sample mc<sup>2</sup> Educational/Marketing Materials

# **ComEd Historical Pricing on website:**

# **ComEd Historical Pricing**

(EcoGreen Power Program)

	Residential		TOTAL PR	TAL PRICE WITH FIXED GREEN FEE		
Month	Price cents/kWh	Fixed Green Fee	500 kWh	1000 kWh	1500 kWh	
Aug-25	9.999	8.950	11.789	10.894	10.596	
Jul-25	9.582	8.950	11.372	10.477	10.179	
Jun-25	10.555	8.950	12.345	11.450	11.152	
May-25	8.517	8.950	10.307	9.412	9.114	
Apr-25	6.217	8.950	8.007	7.112	6.814	
Mar-25	6.583	8.950	8.373	7.478	7.180	
Feb-25	6.463	8.950	8.253	7.358	7.060	
Jan-25	6.010	8.950	7.800	6.905	6.607	
Dec-24	5.660	8.950	7.450	6.555	6.257	
Nov-24	5.676	8.950	7.466	6.571	6.273	
Oct-24	4.685	8.950	6.475	5.580	5.282	
Sep-24	6.495	8.950	8.285	7.390	7.092	



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# **Community Solar Subscriptions information on website:**

# Join the Illinois Community Solar Reservation List

# Become a Community Solar Subscriber and Save!

Residential customers in Illinois within the Ameren and ComEd electric utility service areas can participate as subscribers through mc<sup>2</sup> in community solar projects. **Join the Reservation List** to receive more information on the opportunity to become a community solar subscriber.

Community Solar offers a great opportunity to lower your energy costs, receiving a minimum of **10% savings** of the community solar credits. Enrollments are offered at a first come first served basis based off project availability.

Great opportunty to lower your energy costs. Benefits include:

- No solar rooftop panels are required on your residence
- Save a minimum of 10% of the community solar credits
- · No termination fees
- Support renewable energy resources

How does Com in Illinois work		r
	2	3 ELECTRIC BILL
		\$ CREDIT
Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Large scale community s locations by private deve electricity.		
No solar roofton panels a	are required on your	residence

# Select Utility Name: ComEd Utility Choice ID: ComEd Utility Meter #: ComEd Customer Name On Utility Bill: ComEd First Name: Last Name: Address: City:





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		Community Solar and Net Metering	
Zip Code:		Can you subscribe to the Community Solar program as an existing Net Metering customer?	~
Email:		Will I save more by subscribing to Community Solar with behind the meter Net Metering?	~
Phone:		Billing and Service Information	
Referral Code (If		How does the billing work?	<b>~</b>
Applicable):		How do I reconcile my bill?	<b>~</b>
Squared Energy Services to use my u	o be placed on the reservation list, and authorize MC nique utility account number to validate that I am eligible to	Where can I find the community solar credits on my utility bill?	~
	ny utility invoices as well as ascertain my potential ased on my historical electricity consumption.	What happens if I move?	<b>~</b>
	sell or share my personal information to any third parties ment of the community solar subscription savings program.	Questions? Click Here to email us.	
Submit	Click to View  IPA Community Solar Brochure		



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# Attachment 8 – Proposal / Contract Exceptions

RFP Section and Description	Vendor Proposed Modification or Comments
2.2.2. TERM OF AGREEMENT. The Power Supply Agreement will be formally awarded by the Village Board following the identification of the Vendor. The initial Power Supply Agreement term will be for a term of up to three years (Vendors may provide offers of 1, 2, or 3 years) with the option of contract extensions upon the mutual agreement of the Village members and the Vendor.	Comments: If the Village elects to continue the current aggregation program approach with mc², we propose a fifth extension amendment of the current Power Supply Agreement for ease of execution. A draft extension amendment is also included within Attachment 9.
2.2.6 ASSIGNMENT. The selected Vendor may not assign the awarded Agreement without the written consent of the Village members.	Proposed Modification: This Agreement shall not be transferred or assigned by the Supplier without the express written authorization of the Municipality, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided, that upon advance written notice to the Municipality, Supplier may assign this Agreement to an affiliate without the express authorization of the Municipality.
2.2.10.1 INITIAL PROGRAM CYCLE REIMBURSEMENT. Within 90 days after the effective date of the Power Supply Agreement, Vendor shall reimburse the Village for all professional, legal, Consultant, and administrative costs incurred with its adoption of its Aggregation Program and the negotiation and execution of the Power Supply Agreement.	Proposed Modification: Initial Program Cycle Reimbursement. Within 90 days after the effective date of the Power Supply Agreement, Vendor shall reimburse the applicable member municipality for all reasonable professional, legal, Consultant, and administrative costs incurred by the municipality in connection with its adoption of its Aggregation Program and the negotiation and execution of the Power Supply Agreement. Supplier preapproval required for all program reimbursement requests above \$5,000.
2.2.10.2 SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM CYCLE REIMBURSEMENTS. On an annual basis, Vendor shall reimburse the Village for all professional, legal, Consultant, and administrative costs incurred by the municipality in connection with the management of the Aggregation Program.	Proposed Modification: Initial Program Cycle Reimbursement. Within 90 days after the effective date of the Power Supply Agreement, Vendor shall reimburse the applicable member municipality for all reasonable professional, legal, Consultant, and administrative costs incurred by the municipality in connection with its adoption of its Aggregation Program and the negotiation and execution of the Power Supply Agreement. Supplier preapproval required for all program reimbursement requests above \$5,000.
2.2.10.3 MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION. If the Village enters into an Agreement with the Vendor, the Vendor must submit to the Village a contribution based on a formula that allocated a percentage of the revenues generated for the Vendor through the Aggregation Program. The Village shall have the right to review the vendor's calculation of the Municipal Contribution upon request.	Comments: Vendor proposes that the revenue sharing concept for the Civic Contribution to Village be based on the amount of electricity supplied by Vendor to the eligible customers monthly within the Village during the program term instead of using a percentage of revenue approach given that forecasting future energy and transmission costs is often difficult to predict. Under this new approach, if Vendor can serve a higher number of residents during the proposed term, then the monthly Civic Contribution payments to the Village will be higher as well which mutually aligns the Village and Vendor when market conditions are such that Vendor is able to serve a higher number of residents. Further, Vendor proposes a guaranteed annual minimum of \$100,000 in Civic Contribution value to the Village under this approach. This new approach provides the Village with a guaranteed minimum annual value with potential upside when additional residents are supplied by Vendor. See Attachment III.



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2.2.13.3 Alternative Wholesale Power Component Options. The Vendor shall provide all services required to secure components of wholesale power (e.g., energy commodity, capacity, transmission, ancillaries) on behalf of the Members when doing so has been approved by the applicable municipality. An example: a municipality has identified a demand-response provider which can contract for the sale of capacity to the aggregation at a rate that is lower than that available through the PJM capacity auction process and directs the Vendor to enter into a bilateral capacity sales agreement with the demandresponse provider for an appropriate volume of capacity at an agreed-to price. In the event of this occurrence, the Vendor is entitled to full cost recovery for any secured wholesale power components secured at the direction of the municipality.

Proposed Modification: Alternative Wholesale Power Component Options. The Vendor shall provide all services required to secure components of wholesale power (e.g., energy commodity, capacity, transmission, ancillaries) on behalf of the Members when doing so has been mutually approved by the applicable municipality and Vendor. An example: a municipality has identified a demand-response provider which can contract for the sale of capacity to the aggregation at a rate that is lower than that available through the PJM capacity auction process and directs the Vendor to enter into a bilateral capacity sales agreement with the demand-response provider for an appropriate volume of capacity at an agreed-to price. In the event of this occurrence, the Vendor is entitled to full cost recovery for any secured wholesale power components secured at the direction of the municipality.

2.3.5.3.5 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY. The Selected Vendor shall provide the results of a customer satisfaction survey of Members served by the Vendor at least annually to the Village. The customer satisfaction survey shall include questions and response options developed jointly by the Vendor and Village staff and shall be conducted either electronically by email or by telephone survey.

Proposed Modification: The Selected Vendor shall provide the results of a customer satisfaction survey of Members served by the Vendor at least annually to the Village unless otherwise modified mutually by the Village and Vendor. The customer satisfaction survey shall include questions and response options developed jointly by the Vendor and Village staff and shall be conducted either electronically by email or by telephone survey.

2.3.5.4.5 PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN (PIPP). The selected Vendor shall facilitate billing for residents enrolled in the PIPP bill payment assistance program for low- income residential customers. The selected Vendor shall also notify PIPP customers of the consequences of participating in the Aggregation Program.

Comments: Billing will be done by ComEd. The letters sent will specifically indicate what the fixed rate is and that the rate could be less or more than the ComEd rate during the term of the agreement <u>OR</u> what the variable rate is for the alternate program which is exactly equal to the published ComEd default rate, including the PEA. mc² will NOT automatically enroll any customers that have been identified as PIPP or LIHEAP.



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# **Attachment 9 - Extension Amendment**

# EXTENDED TERM AND SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 5

This Extended Term and Special Services Agreement Amendment No. 5 (hereinafter the "ETSSA No. 5"), is entered as of this [XX] day of [XXXXXXXXXXXX] 2025 between the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, an Illinois municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Village") and MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (hereinafter the "Supplier") (each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, Supplier and Village are the Parties to a Master Power Supply Agreement (MPSA) dated August 6, 2018, and amended July 29, 2019, August 3, 2021, April 5, 2022, and further amended on October 7, 2022 (hereinafter the "MPSA" which is hereby incorporated by reference)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the MPSA the Parties wish to further amend the MPSA and further extend the term of the MPSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. The Parties agree to replace Exhibit C with Amended Exhibit C No. 5 to reflect an extended term of XXXXXXXXXXXXX (XX) months and revision to the Village's Electric Aggregation Fund payment amount approach.
- 2. The Parties agree that by executing this ETSSA No. 5, Extended Term will last until December 202[X], subject to future mutual extensions.
- 3. The Parties agree that Supplier has the right to conduct subsequent opt-out cycles to add eligible customer accounts to Supplier Service and/or return eligible accounts to ComEd's Tariffed Service during the spring months of March through June and during the fall months of October through December.
- 4. The Parties agree that either Party may terminate this Agreement with at least six (6) months written notice to the other Party.
- 5. The Parties agree to meet during the extended term to review market conditions and potential opportunities to include Direct Source Renewables into the Supplier's rate for the community choice aggregation program.
- 6. The Parties agree by reference to include the applicable reporting requirements included in Section VIII, Subsection E of the Village's Electricity Aggregation Procurement issued by the Village on August 12, 2022 based on the Village's selected community choice aggregation program. For clarification purposes, Section VIII, Subsection E Reporting items (1) Power Mix Attributes and (2) REC Reporting do not apply to the community choice aggregation program selected by the Village at this time. To the extent that the community choice aggregation program incorporates such items in the future, Supplier agrees to provide such reporting requirements.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement to be effective on the date first written above.

Supplier: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	Municipality: Village of Oak Park
Signed:	Signed:
Printed/Typed Name: Charles C. Sutton	Printed/Typed Name:
Title: <u>President</u>	Title:
Date:	Date:
Attest:	Attest:
Signed	Signed
Printed/Typed Name:	Printed/Typed Name:
Title:	Title:



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# AMENDED EXHIBIT C - EXTENSION NO. 5 PRICE AND TERM

Eligible Customers include all residential and small commercial customers within the Village excluding customers served by: i) other alternative retail electric suppliers; and, ii) customers served on ComEd's Basic Electric Service-Hourly (Rate BESH) or any successor variable hourly energy supply tariff approved by the ICC by ComEd or any successor entity.

Eligible Customers in the initial and subsequent notification periods will be placed on Supplier service or Tariffed Service by Supplier as defined in Section 2.14 of the Agreement (i.e. ComEd default tariff supply service) based on Supplier's proprietary selection criteria including the customer's unique usage patterns, transmission related costs and wholesale electricity market conditions. Eligible Customers will be assessed the same Customer Class Price and will continue to receive monthly invoice statements from ComEd without regard to whether they are served by Supplier or on Tariffed Service.

Supplier will review all Eligible Customers within the Village at least twice during each annual period of the Agreement Delivery Term. Such review and notification process shall include Eligible Customers that may be returned to ComEd's Tariffed Services by Supplier and new and existing Eligible Customers to be placed on Supplier service via the Opt-Out process at Supplier's option.

Special Services: The Supplier will provide to the Village monthly payments to be deposited into the Village's Community Choice Aggregation Fund equal to \$0.001 per kWh of electricity provided under Supplier service to Eligible Customers for each month between the December 2025 billing date and the December 20XX billing date (# payments). Each monthly payment shall be paid to the Village within thirty (30) calendar days after the last monthly meter read cycle. Further, to the extent that the monthly payments from Supplier are less than one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) combined for the annual delivery period of December to December; Supplier shall provide an additional payment to ensure that the annual total payment is no less than \$100,000 for each annual period. If the extended term is terminated by either party, the annual payment will be prorated to reflect the annual term being less than twelve months.

The Supplier shall maintain for a minimum of two (2) years following the latter of the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or longer if required by law, adequate books, records, and supporting documents to verify the disbursements of the monthly payments to the Village in conjunction with this Agreement. All books, records and supporting documents related hereto shall be available for inspection, copying and audit by the Village, or any duly authorized Village representative, and the Supplier shall cooperate fully to accomplish any such audit.

Termination Fee for Withdrawing Customers: No Early Termination Fees - \$0 (zero) per utility account

**Delivery Term:** 

Initial Term: Twelve (12) Months – Period of October 2018 to October 2019 Extended Term No.1: Twenty-four (24) Months – Period of October 2019 to October 2021

Extended Term No.2: Seven (7) Months - Period October 2021 - May 2022



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Extended Term No.3: Seven (7) Months - Period May 2022 - December 2022

Extended Term No.4: Thirty-six (36) Months - Period December 2022 - December 2025 Extended Term No.5: XXXX (XX) Months - Period December 2025 - December 202X

Supplier: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	Municipality: Village of Oak Park
Signed:	Signed:
Printed/Typed Name: Charles C. Sutton	Printed/Typed Name:
Title: President	Title:
Date:	Date:
Attest:	Attest:
Signed	Signed
Printed/Typed Name:	Printed/Typed Name:
Title:	Title:

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Attachment III: Pricing Forms



# FORM A: Village of Oak Park Fixed Price Proposal Form

Vendor Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	Date Submitted: August 8, 2025
Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton	

# VENDOR MUST AGREE TO PROVIDE ITS PROPOSED PRICES TO ELIGIBLE ACCOUNTS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Total Fixed Price Proposals: Vendors are to indicate the total supply price for which they will provide energy supply, program management, and other services through the Power Supply Agreements with the Village members.

through the Power Supply Agreements with the Village members.					
Option	Description	Total Fixed Price (\$/MWh)	Municipal Contribution (\$/Month)		
		12 Months:	12 Months:		
	<u>For RFP Response:</u> Vendor provides a Total Fixed Price (\$/MWh) for all electricity load (supply, capacity, transmission, ancillary services) plus program services and vendor margins over various periods for the Village. Additionally, the Vendor must provide a monthly value for a Municipal Contribution to the Village.	10.35	\$0		
		24 Months:	24 Months:		
Total Fixed Price Structure.	If Vendor is Selected: The Village and Consultant will request and receive from the selected Vendor daily fixed price market quotes for the periods noted. The daily market price quotes will include the unit costs of energy supply, capacity, transmission and ancillary services plus program management services to the Village that day. The daily market price quotes will be reviewed by the Consultant to establish whether the pricing is: (i) consistent with market prices and tariffs; and (ii) consistent with Agreement terms. If the daily market price quote is deemed unacceptable, the Village municipalities	10.65	\$0		
	will not be obligated to accept the pricing. If the daily market price quote is deemed acceptable by the Consultant, the Consultant will inform the Village Designee of the price and pricing components	36 Months:	36 Months:		
	and recommend acceptance. If accepted, a representative of each Village member municipality will affirm acceptance of the Total commodity price verbally and in writing to the selected Vendor on the same day.	10.9	\$0		

# FORM B: Village of Oak Park ComEd Energy Supply Price Match Proposal Form

Vendor Name: M	C Squared Energy Services, LLC	Date Submitted: August 8, 2025	

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

# VENDOR MUST AGREE TO PROVIDE ITS PROPOSED PRICES TO ELIGIBLE ACCOUNTS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE

ComEd Energy Supply Match Price Match Proposals: Vendors are to indicate the total supply price for which they will provide energy supply, program management, and other services through the Power Supply Agreements with the Village members.

management, and other services through the Power Supply Agreements with the Village members.					
Option	Description	Confirmation to Provide ComEd Energy Supply Price Match	Municipal Contribution (\$/Month)		
		Initial to confirm ability to match the ComEd Energy Supply Price for 12 months: <u>CS</u>	12 Months: \$1.00 / MWH of Energy supplied by Vendor With a minimum of \$100,000 annually		
ComEd Energy Supply Match Price Structure.	For RFP Response: Vendor confirms that it will provide a pricing structure that guarantees that eligible customers will receive the price offered each month by Commonwealth Edison's Price to Compare (Purchased Electricity Charge plus Transmission plus Purchased Electricity Adjustment). Additionally, the Vendor must provide a monthly value for a Municipal Contribution to the Village.	Initial to confirm ability to match the ComEd Energy Supply Price for 24 months: CS	24 Months: \$1.00 /MWH of Energy supplied by Vendor With a minimum of \$100,000 annually		
Structure.		Initial to confirm ability to match the ComEd Energy Supply Price for 36 months: CS	36 Months: \$1.00 /MWH of Energy supplied by Vendor With a minimum of \$100,000 annually		

# FORM C: Village of Oak Park Carbon Offsets Proposal Form

Vendor Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	Date Submitted: August 8, 2025	
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Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

VENDOR MUST AGRE	EE TO PROVIDE ITS PROPOSED PRICES TO ELIGIBLE ACCOUNTS LOCATED W	/ITHIN THE VILLAGE			
Option	Description	Proposed Source of Carbon Offsets	12 Month Term	24 Month Term	36 Month Term
Additional Carbon Offsets (50% mix)	Vendor provides volumes of Carbon Offsets equal to 50% of annual Program load volume (where 1 Carbon Offset equals 1 ton of CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent). These volumes of Carbon Offsets are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/Carbon Offset) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A.	Midwest Wind RECs	\$ <u>1.30</u> /Carbon Offset	\$ <u>1.40</u> /Carbon Offset	\$ <u>1.50</u> /Carbon Offset
Additional Carbon Offsets (75% mix)	Vendor provides volumes of Carbon Offsets equal to 75% of annual Program load volume (where 1 Carbon Offset equals 1 ton of CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent). These volumes of Carbon Offsets are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/Carbon Offset) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A.	Midwest Wind RECs	\$ <u>1.90</u> /Carbon Offset	\$2.10 /Carbon Offset	\$2.30 /Carbon Offset
Additional Carbon Offsets (100% mix)	Vendor provides volumes of Carbon Offsets equal to 100% of annual Program load volume (where 1 Carbon Offset equals 1 ton of CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent). These volumes of Carbon Offsets are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/Carbon Offset) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A.	Midwest Wind RECs	\$ <u>2.50</u> /Carbon Offset	\$2.80 /Carbon Offset	\$3.00 /Carbon Offset
		NO BID			
Additional Carbon Offsets (Custom mix)	Vendor provides volumes of Carbon Offsets equal to a percentage of annual Program load volume as proposed by the Vendor (where 1 Carbon Offset equals 1 ton of CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent). These volumes of Carbon Offsets are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/Carbon Offset) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A.		% Custom Mix of Carbon Offsets	% Custom Mix of Carbon Offsets	% Custom Mix of Carbon Offsets
			\$ /Carbon Offset	\$ /Carbon Offset	\$ /Carbon Offset

# FORM D: Village of Oak Park Direct Source Renewables Proposal Form

Vendor Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	Date Submitted: August 8, 2025

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

VENDOR MUST	AGREE TO PROVIDE ITS PROPOSED PRICES TO ELIGIBLE ACCO	UNTS LOCATED WITH	HIN THE VILLAGE		
Option	Description	Proposed Source of Direct Source Renewable S	12 Month Term	24 Month Term	36 Month Term
Direct Source Renewable Content (50% mix)	Vendor secures volumes of electricity supply from identified renewable energy resources that meet the definition set forth in this RFP equal to 50% of annual Program load volume. These volumes are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/MWh) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A or included in the Price Match Offer described on Form B	NO BID	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables
Direct Source Renewable Content (75% mix)	Vendor secures volumes of electricity supply from identified renewable energy resources that meet the definition set forth in this RFP equal to 75% of annual Program load volume. These volumes are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/MWh) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A or included in the Price Match Offer described on Form B	NO BID	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables
Direct Source Renewable Content (100% mix)	Vendor secures volumes of electricity supply from identified renewable energy resources that meet the definition set forth in this RFP equal to 100% of annual Program load volume. These volumes are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/MWh) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A or included in the Price Match Offer described on Form B	NO BID	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables	\$/MWh Direct Source Renewables
Additional Direct Source Renewable Content (Custom)	Vendor secures volumes of electricity supply from identified renewable energy resources that meet the definition set forth in this RFP equal to a percentage of annual Program load volume as proposed by the Vendor. These volumes are provided at a fixed unit price (\$/MWh) that is additional to the Fixed Price Offer price indicated on Form A or included in the Price Match Offer described on Form B	NO BID	% Custom Mix of Direct Source Renewables  \$/MWh of Direct Source Renewables	% Custom Mix of Direct Source Renewables  \$/MWh of Direct Source Renewables	

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# Attachment IV: Compliance Affidavit

l, <u>Charles C. Sutton</u> (Print Name)			being first duly sworn on oath depose and state as follows:	
1.	l am the (title)	President	of the Proposing Firm (45th 17)	

- 1. I am the (title) <u>President</u> of the Proposing Firm ("Firm") and am authorized to make the statements contained in this affidavit on behalf of the Firm.
- 2. The Firm is organized as indicated on Exhibit A to this Affidavit, entitled "Organization of Proposing Firm," which Exhibit is incorporated into this Affidavit as if fully set forth herein.
- 3. I have examined and carefully prepared this proposal based on the Request for Proposals and verified the facts contained in the proposal in detail before submitting it.
- 4. I authorize the Village of Oak Park to verify the Firm's business references and credit at its option.
- 5. Neither the Firm nor its affiliates¹ are barred from proposing on this project as a result of a violation of 720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 33E-4 relating to bid rigging and bid rotating, or Section 2-6- 12 of the Oak Park Village Code related to "Proposing Requirements".
- 6. Neither the Firm nor its affiliates is barred from contracting with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any debt or tax owed to the Village except for those taxes which the Firm is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. I understand that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the contract and allows the Village of Oak Park to recover all amounts paid to the Firm under the contract in a civil action.
- 7. I am familiar with Section 13-3-2 through 13-3-4 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to Fair Employment Practices and understand the contents thereof; and state that the Proposing Firm is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" as defined by Section 2000(E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Federal Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 8. All statements made in this Affidavit are true and correct.

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Signature:	Printed Name: Charles C. Sutton
Name of Business: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	Your Title: President
Business Address: <u>500 W. Madison St., Suite 1470, Cl</u> (Number, Street, Suite #)	hicago, IL 60661 (City, State & Zip)
Telephone: 312-446-3347 Fax: 877-281-1279	Web Address: www.mc2energyservices.com
Subscribed to and sworn before me this day  Notary Public  Subscribed to and sworn before me this day  Notary Public	OFFICIAL SEAL SHARON MAE ALEGADO Notary Public, State of Illinois Commission No. 1000381 My Commission Expires November 21, 2028

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Affiliates means: (i) any subsidiary or parent of the bidding or contracting business entity, (ii) any member of the same unitary business group; (iii) any person with any ownership interest or distributive share of the bidding or contracting business entity in excess of 7.5%; (iv) any entity owned or controlled by an executive employee, his or her spouse or minor children of the bidding or contracting business entity.



Date: August 8, 2025

# Attachment V. M/W/DBE Status

Please fill out their form completely. Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on their form, or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of proposal. An incomplete form will disqualify your proposal.

1.	Vendor Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC			
2.	Check here if your firm is:			
	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by a Minority.)			
	Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned, managed, and controlled by a Woman.)			
	Owned by a person with a disability (DBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned			
	None of the above			
( <u>Copie</u>	es of all certification letters must be included)			
3.	What is the size of the firm's current stable work force?			
	9 Number of full-time employees			
	Number of part-time employees			
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Signa	ature:			



# Attachment VI: EEO Report

# **EEO REPORT**

Please fill out this form completely. Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on this form, or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of this Bid. An incomplete form will disqualify your Bid.

# An EEO-1 Report may be submitted in lieu of this report

Total Employees 9 Vendor Name MC Squared Energy Services, LLC

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from consideration. This completed and notarized report must accompany your Bid. It should be attached to your Affidavit of Compliance. Failure to include it with your Bid will be disqualify you

of MC Squared Energy Services, LLC an	Charles C. Sutton (Name of Person Making Affidavit)
of <u>MC Squared Energy Services, LLC</u> and that the above EEO Report information is true and accurate and is a	_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the
is submitted with the intent that it be relied	President (Title or Officer)

ed upon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this. \_day of \_ RUGUST 11 2025 Date) 2025.

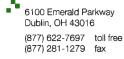
(Signature)





Provide references from municipalities (four preferred) other than the Village, that can attest to your experience and ability to perform the contract subject of this RFP.

(1) Municipality (Name):  Village of Skokie	Contact Person Name: Elizabeth Zimmerman, Asst. to Public Works Director Address: 9050 Gross Point Rd., Skokie, IL 60077 Phone: 847-933-8427 E-mail Address: Elizabeth.Zimmerman@skokie.org
Pricing Structure for Municipal Aggregation Program: mc² Electric eligible aggregation program residents and small customers is electricity supply, transmission services and the purchased electric	qual to the monthly ComEd published default tariff rates for
(2) Municipality (Name): City of Rolling Meadows	Contact Person Name: Rob Sabo, City Manager Address: 3600 Kirchoff Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 Phone: 847-870-9011 E-mail Address: SaboR@CityRM.org
Pricing Structure for Municipal Aggregation Program: mc <sup>2</sup> Electric eligible aggregation program residents and small customers is en electricity supply, transmission services and the purchased electric	qual to the monthly ComEd published default tariff rates for
(3) Municipality (Name): City of Evanston	Contact Person Name: Cara Pratt, Sustainability and Resilience Manager Address: 909 Davis St, Evanston, IL 60201 Phone: 847-448-8199 E-mail Address: cpratt@cityofevanston.org
Pricing Structure for Municipal Aggregation Program: mc <sup>2</sup> Electric eligible aggregation program residents and small customers is en electricity supply, transmission services and the purchased electric	qual to the monthly ComEd published default tariff rates for
(4) Municipality (Name):  Village of River Forest	Contact Person Name: Seth Jensen, Management Analyst Address: 400 Park Ave., River Forest, IL 60305 Phone: 708-714-3521 E-mail Address: sjansen@vrf.us
Pricing Structure for Municipal Aggregation Program: mc <sup>2</sup> Electric eligible aggregation program residents and small customers is en electricity supply, transmission services and the purchased electric	qual to the monthly ComEd published default tariff rates for







April 15, 2025

Illinois Commerce Commission Chief Clerk's Office 527 East Capital Avenue Springfield, Il 62701

Re: ICC Docket No. 18-1455

Dear Clerk,

Please file the attached document in Docket no. 18-1455.

Please contact me at 614-659-5058 or <u>Tara.McGraw@igs.com</u> if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

Tara McGraw

Compliance Manager

Cc.

Office of Retail Market Development Financial Analysis Division Consumers Services Division

# ARES Annual Recertification under 83 IL Adm. Code 451

**Reporting Year: 2024** 

\*The reporting year should be the year previous to the due date. For example, the report due in April 2022 should have a reporting year of 2021.

# Section 451.710 General Provisions for Reporting Requirements

- a) All ARES shall, at all times, continue to remain in compliance with the provisions of the Act and this Part, as now or hereafter amended. If an ARES received a certificate before the effective date of any provision of this Part, which provision applies to applicants seeking certification to serve customers with the same electrical demand or usage characteristics as the ARES, the ARES must demonstrate that it has come into compliance with such provision no later than April 30 of the year following the year during which such amendment took effect.
- b) No later than April 30 of each year, each ARES shall file all reports required under this Subpart. Reports shall be under oath, contain a cover letter title "Part 451 Continuing Compliance" and be filed with the Chief Clerk of the Commission with copies provided to the Office of Retail Market Development ARES and the Financial Analysis Division ARES or their successors. The reports shall be identified with the name of the ARES as it appears in the most recent Commission order granting the ARES certification, as well as any post-certification name changes.
- c) For each supporting piece of documentation the ARES provides, it shall specifically state how this information complies with each applicable subsection of this Part 451.
- d) All reports shall provide the name, telephone number, email address and mailing address of at least one person to address questions from Commission Staff pertaining to that report.
- e) All reports made to the Commission by any ARES, other than ARES certified under Subpart E of this Part, and the contents of the reports shall be open to public inspection, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The reports shall be preserved in the office of the Commission.
- f) Any ARES acquiring customers from another ARES shall report any such purchase or transfer of customer accounts no later than 30 days after the execution of the transaction. Any ARES receiving customer accounts from another ARES shall be responsible to demonstrate its ability to meet the applicable financial, managerial and technical requirements.
- g) The compliance filing shall include the applicant's name and street address and the names and addresses of all the ARES's affiliated companies involved in electric retail sales or purchases in North America.

Each ARES shall submit a report identified with the name of the ARES as it appears in the most recent Commission order granting the ARES certification.

ARES Name (including all d/b/a): MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2-Where Energy Comes From

ICC Docket # for current certification: 18-1455

Contact person for issues related to processing the ARES continuing compliance reports:

Name: Charles C. Sutton

Title: President

Direct Telephone Number: 312-985-0216

Email Address: Chucksutton@mc2energyservices.com Mailing Address:6100 Emerald Parkway Dublin Ohio 43016

ARES Street Address: Street number and name City, State abbreviation, and ZIP code

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2 6100 Emerald Parkway Dublin Ohio 43016

Affiliated Companies Name, Contact information, and Address:

Affiliate's name Street number and name City, State abbreviation, and ZIP code Telephone Number

Interstate Gas Supply LLC d/b/a IGS Energy

6100 Emerald Parkway

Dublin Ohio 43016

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# Section 451.740 Financial Reporting Requirements

The ARES shall provide a copy of only those documents that the ARES requires to demonstrate that it continues to possess sufficient financial resources to serve the retail customers for which it has received a certificate of service authority. The applicable documents shall be submitted at the times specified below:

- a) An ARES that seeks to demonstrate that it maintains sufficient financial resources to provide the services for which it has received a certificate of service authority using the criteria set forth in subsection (a)(1), (a)(4) or (a)(5) of Section 451.110, 451.220 or 451.320 or Section 451.510(b), (c) or (d) shall submit a copy of the latest ratings report presenting the commercial paper or long-term credit or obligation ratings of the ARES, creditors or guarantors, as applicable, from the ratings agencies between April 1 and April 30 of each year and within 15 days following any downgrade of such ratings previously filed with the Commission to a rating below A-1 or A-, if issued from Standard & Poor's or its successor, P-1 or A3, if issued from Moody's Investors Service or its successor, or F-1 or A-, if issued from Fitch Ratings or its successor. Within 30 days after a downgrade of the commercial paper or long-term credit or obligation ratings of the ARES or its creditors, affiliates, or guarantors, as applicable, to a level below the minimum required under this Part, the ARES shall submit a report that identifies the subsection under which the ARES is seeking to demonstrate that its financial resources remain sufficient for providing the services for which it has received a certificate of service authority and includes the information and documents that subsection requires.
- b) An ARES that seeks to demonstrate that it maintains sufficient financial resources to provide the services for which it has received a certificate of service authority using the criteria set forth in subsection (a)(2), (a)(4) or (a)(5) of Section 451.110, 451.220 or 451.320 or Section 451.510(a) or (b) shall submit a copy of any modified, replacement or additional credit agreements; unconditional guarantees; lines of credit; revolving credit agreements; payment bonds; and letters of credit, as applicable. This documentation shall be submitted at least 15 days in advance of any modification, cancellation or expiration of the financial agreements.
- c) Between April 1 and April 30 of each year, an ARES that seeks to use the criteria specified in Section 451.110(a)(4), 451.220(a)(4), or 451.320(a)(4) to demonstrate that it maintains sufficient financial resources to provide the services for which it has received a certificate of service authority shall provide the peak hourly demand expressed in MW scheduled during the previous calendar year and the date on which that amount was scheduled, as well as the applicant's expected peak hourly demand expressed in MWs over the next 12 months.
- d) Between April 1 and April 30 of each year, an ARES that seeks to demonstrate that it maintains sufficient financial resources to provide single billing services under Section 451.510(a) or (b) shall submit an updated good faith estimate of the amount the ARES expects to be obligated to remit to the utility under single billing tariffs adopted pursuant to Section 16-118(b) of the Act between April 1 and April 30 of each year.
- e) An ARES that seeks to demonstrate that it maintains sufficient financial resources to provide the services for which it has received a certificate of service authority using the criteria set

- forth in subsection (a)(2) or (a)(5) of Section 451.110, 451.220, or 451.320 shall submit a copy of its certified financial statements, or those of its parent, and accountant's report, as applicable, within 120 days after the close of its fiscal year.
- f) An ARES that seeks to maintain its certificate of service authority under Section 451.220(b) or 451.320(b) shall submit an updated version of the annual financial statements and accountant's report, if available, within 120 days after the close of its fiscal year.
- g) An ARES that seeks to demonstrate that it maintains sufficient financial resources to provide the services for which it has received a certificate of service authority using the criteria set forth in subsection (a)(2) of Section 451.110, 451.220 or 451.320 shall provide
  - 1) A copy of the security or agreement that was provided and approved by the RTO used to serve as collateral for the energy the applicant procures from generation asset owners directly through the RTO, including any updates, revisions or modifications that may occur, within 15 days after filing the document with the RTO.
  - 2) Using the alternative method, the applicant's revenue from sales to Illinois retail customers may be used. In these circumstances, the revenue from sales to Illinois retail customers must be provided in the certified financial statements or in internal documents accompanied by a verified statement from a company officer.
- h) An ARES that seeks to demonstrate that it maintains sufficient financial resources to provide the services for which it has received a certificate of service authority using the criteria set forth in subsection (a)(3) of Section 451.110, 451.220 or 451.320 shall demonstrate and certify it is a member of one or more RTOs and purchases 100% of its physical electric energy from the RTOs for delivery to the service territories of the utilities for which the applicant is seeking a certificate.
- i) Each ARES is required to certify that the most recent copy of its license or permit bond on file with the Commission is current and in full effect. In the event the original license or permit bond on file with the Commission is replaced or modified, the ARES shall submit the new copy of its license or permit bond pursuant to Section 451.50.
- j) Insurance. Between April 1 and April 30 of each year, an ARES required to have in force commercial general liability insurance pursuant to Section 451.110(b) shall submit proof of that insurance in an amount not less than that in force when the ARES was granted its certificate of service authority. In addition, the ARES shall demonstrate that its commercial general liability insurance is effective for a period of not less than one year.

# Section 451.750 Managerial Reporting Requirements

- a) An ARES shall certify during April of each year that it continues to maintain the required managerial qualifications for the service authority granted in its certificate. An ARES that meets the managerial qualifications requirements by entering into one or more contracts with others to provide the required services must identify each agent or contractor on whom the ARES relies to meet the requirements of this Part and must certify that the agent or contractor will comply with all Sections of this Part applicable to the function or functions to be performed by the respective agent or contractor.
- b) Any changes in personnel, agents or contractors in the past calendar year that were used to meet the managerial qualifications shall be addressed in the annual compliance filing by

providing evidence showing how the ARES is continuing to meet the managerial qualifications.

# Section 451.760 Technical Reporting Requirements

- a) An ARES shall certify during April of each year that it continues to maintain the required technical qualifications for the service authority granted in its certificate. An ARES that meets the technical qualifications requirements by entering into one or more contracts with others to provide the required services must identify each agent or contractor on whom the ARES relies to meet the requirements of this Part and must certify that the agent or contractor will comply with all Sections of this Part applicable to the function or functions to be performed by the respective agent or contractor.
- b) Any changes in personnel, agents or contractors in the past calendar year that were used to meet the technical qualifications shall be addressed in the annual compliance filing by providing evidence showing how the ARES is continuing to meet the technical qualifications.

# Section 451.770 Kilowatt-hour Reporting Requirement

No later than March 1 of every year, each ARES shall file with the Chief Clerk of the Commission, and provide to the Energy Division – ARES and the Financial Analysis Division – ARES or their successors, a report stating the total annual kilowatt-hours delivered and sold to retail customers within each utility service territory and the total annual kWh delivered and sold to retail customers in all utility service territories in the preceding calendar year.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE ANNUAL KILOWATT-HOUR REPORT SEPARATE FROM THE PART 451 CONTINUING COMPLIANCE REPORT. The kilowatt-hour Report should be titled "Annual Kilowatt-hour Report". Please state the total annual kilowatt-hours delivered and sold to retail customers within each utility service territory, the total annual kWh delivered and sold to retail customers in all utility service territories, and the calendar year being reported.

# Section 451.50 License or Permit Bond Requirements

ARES (required to submit a license or permit bond pursuant to Section 451.50) shall submit a copy of their current license or permit bond as part of this annual recertification report. In the event that a license or permit bond was modified from the previous license or permit bond filed with the Chief Clerk of the Commission, the ARES shall file an additional copy of the modified bond with the Chief Clerk of the Commission and provide a copy of that bond to the Financial Analysis Division pursuant to Section 451.50(c).

In the event that a license or permit bond is cancelled, expires or is drawn upon, the ARES shall execute and maintain an additional or replacement bond such that the cumulative value of all outstanding bonds never falls below the amount required in subsection (a) of this Section. The ARES shall file a copy of

the additional or replacement bond with the Chief Clerk of the Commission and provide a copy to the Financial Analysis Division – ARES pursuant to Section 451.50(b).

# Please send the signed and notarized annual reports to:

Chief Clerk's Office Illinois Commerce Commission 527 East Capitol Avenue Springfield, IL 62701

Separate copies for the Office of Retail Market Development, Financial Analysis Division and Consumer Services Division may be placed in same envelope and the Chief Clerk's Office will distribute them. Please mark each copy as a "Copy" and include one the of the division titles for each copy as applicable.

**VERIFICATION** 

STATE OF Ohio)

COUNTY OF Franklin)

Amy Gilmore, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Chief Financial Office for MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2; that she has read the foregoing Annual ARES Continuing Compliance Report of MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2; and all of the attachments accompanying and referred to within the Annual ARES Continuing Compliance Report; and that the statements and information contained in the Annual ARES Continuing Compliance Report and the attachments are true, correct and complete to the best of her knowledge, information and belief MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2. will remain in continuing compliance with all requirements of the Illinois Public Utilities Act and 83 IL Adm. Code 451.

Signature

No

Nam

(Corporate Officer of ARES) Position Held

Contact Phone

Subscribed and sworn before me This

day of Alan 2025

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# STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2

Reporting Continuing Compliance with Certification Requirements
Pursuant to Section 19-110 of the Public
Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part
451 as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier.

Code Part 451

VERIFIED CONTINUING COMPLIANCE REPORT OF MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2, hereby reports that it is in continuing compliance with the certification as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier ("ARES") granted to it by the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") on November 1, 2018, in Docket No. 18-1455. mc2 hereby reports that it meets the continuing compliance requirements contained in Section 19-110 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") and 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 451 ("Code"). In support of its report, mc2 states as follows:

As an ARES, mc2 shall continue to remain in compliance with the provisions of the Act and the Code, as now or hereafter amended. This report is being submitted under oath to the Commission, and copies are being provided to the Commission's Director of the Energy Division and the Commission's Director of the Financial Analysis Division,

Financial Reporting Requirements. In compliance with 83 Ill. Adm. Code
 Sections 451.740, mc2 States that it continues to possess sufficient financial

resources to be certified as an ARES able to serve eligible residential and commercial customers. There have been no significant changes in the financial qualifications used to meet the requirement of this Section. mc2 continues to be a member of PJM and MISO in good standing.

2. Managerial Reporting Requirements. In continuing compliance

With 83 Ill. Adm. Code Section 451.750, mc2 states that it continues to meet the requirements of those Sections. mc2 has attached and incorporated herein by reference as <u>Attachment A</u> a copy of the Key Managerial Personnel, satisfying the requirements of Sections 451.340.

3. Technical Reporting Requirements. In continuing compliance with 83 Ill. Adm. Code Section 451.760, mc2 states that it continues to meet the technical requirements of those Sections. There have been no significant changes in the technical qualifications used to meet the requirement of this Section See Attachment B.

- 4. License to Do Business in Illinois. mc2 states that it continues to be in good standing as a licensed corporation in the State of Illinois. A copy of the March 21, 2025 certification of good standing from the Illinois Secretary of State is attached and incorporated by reference as Attachment C.
- 5. License or Permit Bond. mc2 states it continues to be in compliance with 83 Ill. Adm. Code Section 451.750 see Attachment D.

Respectfully submitted, Interstate Gas Supply, LLC

By:

Michael Nugent

Interstate Gas Supply, LLC

Associate General Counsel 6100 Emerald Parkway

Dublin Ohio 43016

614-659-5065

Notary Public

[Stamp of Notary]



# Attachment A Key Managerial Personnel

### **KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL**

### **Scott White - President and CEO**

Scott founded IGS in 1989 with his dad, Marv, and his sister, Cathy. Under his leadership, IGS has grown from a three-person startup natural gas company to a company with hundreds of employees who proudly serve more than one million residential and commercial customers throughout the country. As a visionary leader, Scott is focused on making sure IGS does the right thing and serving as a role model in the business community as a proud member of the <u>Conscious Capitalism</u> movement. He makes sure to bring along each member of his team in every endeavor, ensuring they're invested in the decisions made at IGS.

Scott's personal purpose is "to bring out the best in others and inspire them towards living meaningful and fulfilling lives." It may be surprising for a company leader to say that what matters most is purpose over profits, but that's been a guiding notion for Scott since the beginning. He has always felt that giving back to the community is an opportunity, not an obligation, which led to the development of <a href="IGS Impact">IGS Impact</a>. This philanthropic social impact program is an extension of the company's purpose-driven culture.

Scott has received several accolades for his personal contributions to the energy industry and business community, such as:

Smart Business Leader in Central Ohio by Smart Business Magazine

- Social Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young
- 20 to Know in Energy by Columbus Business First
- Most-Admired Executives by Columbus Business First

When he's not busy leading the IGS family of companies, Scott moves to the beat of his own drum. As an accomplished musician, he enjoys playing the drums as a member of the company's all-employee 6100 Band (named after the corporate office's address). He's also active in the community, particularly inspired by causes that encourage people to grow and become self-sufficient, such as <u>Junior Achievement</u>. A proud Bobcat, Scott graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in finance and marketing.

### **Charles C. Sutton-President**

Mr. Sutton possesses over thirty-five (35) years of retail and wholesale-related energy experience in both the Natural Gas and Electricity industries including more than twenty-five (25) years of enterprise-wide financial and administrative responsibilities with respect to profit and loss.

Mr. Sutton founded MC Squared Energy Services, LLC in 2008. Previously, Mr. Sutton was employed by Constellation New Energy (CNE) for eight (8) years between 1999 and 2007. Mr. Sutton initially held the position of Regional Director for New Energy and was a key member of the leadership team which successfully developed New Energy's retail electricity business in the state of Illinois, including the procurement of efficiently priced wholesale power supply and transmission service. In 2001, Mr. Sutton was promoted to the position of Vice President for the Illinois Market overseeing CNE's regional business activities including regional Profit and Loss responsibilities along with general business and administrative affairs for the regional office. In 2003, Mr. Sutton was promoted to the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) for CNE's retail gas division and consulting business located in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Sutton's executive responsibilities included the integration of several acquisitions and senior management oversight for the retail energy business unit including overall Profit and Loss responsibilities. At that time, the combined revenue for the retail gas division and consulting division exceeded \$1.0 Billion annually.

Mr. Sutton also spent four (4) years at MidCon Corp. (parent of Natural Gas Pipeline of America) between 1994 and 1998 where he held marketing and sales management positions in the retail gas divisions. Prior to his employment at MidCon Corp., Mr. Sutton was employed by The Polaris Pipeline Corporation as the Regional Sales Manager in the Illinois market.

# Doug Austin - Executive Vice President and Chief Sales Officer

Doug has helped IGS to evolve from a small start-up business with a handful of employees, a phone, a fax, and a couch to a multi-state, diverse energy services company with a robust product portfolio serving over one million customers across numerous states. Under Doug's leadership, the commercial and residential sales organization has grown tremendously, due in large part to his philosophy that an "educated customer is our best customer." That's why every member of his sales team spends a great deal of time making sure customers feel comfortable and truly understand their energy choices.

In his downtime, Doug enjoys being active in the community. He represents IGS on the Columbus 2020 Leadership Circle and sits on the <u>Business Advisory Council</u> for Dublin City Schools. He is a Board Member of <u>Recreation Unlimited</u>, whose mission is to provide year-round programs in sports, recreation, and education for individuals with disabilities and health concerns. He has also been previously named <u>Business Person of the Year by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce</u>. As a proud Bobcat, Doug graduated from Ohio University with a degree in communications.

### **Brandon Childers-Chief Technology Officer**

Brandon is responsible for our residential solar, commercial solar, community solar, and home warranty businesses. He also oversees our strategy, marketing, innovation, and technology departments. A problem-solver at heart, Brandon is extremely motivated to play a role in solving some of our biggest societal issues: delivering clean and affordable energy solutions.

When he's not in the office, Brandon enjoys spending time with his labradoodle, Rupert. As a proud Buckeye, Brandon holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering from The Ohio State University, where he graduated magna cum laude.

### **Amy Gilmore - Chief Financial Officer**

Amy leads the IGS teams that are responsible for accounting, financial planning & analysis, treasury & risk, billing, tax, and payroll. She and her teams provide strategic financial support to the company's internal and external stakeholders.

Prior to joining IGS as Controller in 2013, Amy served as a senior manager at EY, where she spent 12 years in the assurance practice in the firm's Columbus and Chicago offices. Amy is a certified public accountant and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Miami University and a master's degree in accounting from The Ohio State University. She's also passionate about giving back to the community, currently lending her financial expertise as secretary/treasurer on the Board of Trustees of the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

### Matt White - EVP & Chief Legal Officer

Matt is responsible for overseeing the company's legal, regulatory and compliance, commercial solar, and IGS Home Warranty divisions. His teams are responsible for supporting all the legal needs of IGS' business and advocating for IGS' businesses in more than 40 utilities and 20 states.

Prior to joining IGS, Matt was an attorney at Chester, Willcox & Saxbe, LLP. He practiced public utility and regulatory law, representing clients in the electric, natural gas, and telecommunications industry.

When he's not working, Matt likes to keep things spontaneous—as an improv comedy performer with #Hashtag Comedy. A founding member of the group, Matt enjoys making people laugh and even helps lead workshops for community members to get in touch with their improvisational side. He also has a passion for giving back to the next generation of community leaders through Junior Achievement of Central Ohio. Matt holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Ohio University and a JD/MBA from The College of William and Mary.

# Attachment B Technical qualifications

# Technical Reporting Requirements 451-760

Requirement	Individuals	Years	Description of qualifications
Four or more years experience with enterprise financial and administration responsibilities including profit and loss responsibilities	Chuck Sutton President	35+	Over thirty-five (35) years of retail and wholesale-related energy experience in both the Natural Gas and Electricity industries including more than twenty-five (25) years of enterprise-wide financial and administrative responsibilities with respect to profit and loss.
	Amy Gilmore, Chief Financial Officer	20	Over 20 years of experience. Responsible for accounting and treasury.
	Dan Dishno, Chief Supply & Risk Officer	14+	Over 14 years of experience in the energy industry. Focused on procurement and risk.
Four years experience buying and selling power and energy in the wholesale markets	Scott White, President & CEO	20+	Over 20 years of experience in the energy industry as senior level management of supply and marketing, with financial and administrative responsibility, as well as over 20 years of natural gas sales experience.
	Doug Austin, Executive Vice President & Chief Sales Officer	20+	Over 20 years of management experience with enterprise financial and administrative responsibilities including profit and loss, as well as over 20 years natural gas experience.

	Dan Dishno, Chief Supply & Risk Officer	14+	Over 14 years of experience in the energy industry. Focused on procurement and risk
	Joe Haugen, Director of Power Supply	14+	Over 14 years of experience in the energy and utility industry focused on wholesale power procurement and risk.
Four years electric system operational experience	Amy Gilmore, Chief Financial Officer	20+	20 years of experience in electric billing. Over 12 years of experience. Responsible for accounting and treasury.
	Andy Dosch, Vice President Finance	15+	Over 15 years of experience in electricity accounting, including cash management, financial accounting and reporting, credit and collections, general accounting, treasury, and risk administration controls.
	Barb Dodge, Vice President of Customer Care	20+	Over 20 years of experience in management of enrollments and billing of electricity accounts.
	Joe Haugen, Director of Power Supply	14+	Over 14 years of experience in the energy and utility industry focused on wholesale power procurement and risk.

# Attachment C Bond

# License or Permit Bond

License or Permit Bond No. 30214954
Western Surety Company
151 North Franklin Street, Chicago, IL 60606

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, **MC Squared Energy Services, LLC**, as Principal, and **Western Surety Company**, a **South Dakota** Corporation, and authorized to do business in Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS as Obligee, in the sum of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars** (\$500,000.00), for which sum, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business to operate as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier ("ARES") under 220 ILCS 5/16-115 and is required to execute this bond under 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 451.50 by the Obligee.

NOW, Therefore, if the Principal fully and faithfully perform all duties and obligations of the Principal as an ARES, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond may be terminated as to future acts of the Principal upon thirty (30) days written notice by the Surety; followed by an additional confirmation, notice of cancellation (Titled "Code Part 451.50 Final Notice of Cancellation") on day of cancellation and up to 5 business days after date of cancellation by the Surety; said notices to be sent to Illinois Commerce Commission's Chief Clerk's Office 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701, of the aforesaid State of Illinois, by certified mail. This license or permit bond is terminated on date Final Notice of Cancellation is received by the Illinois Commerce Commission's Chief Clerk's Office.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2025

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC Principal

by:\_\_\_\_

[name] Amy Gilmore

[title] CPo

Western Surety Company Surety

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Phyllis T. Neal, Attorney-In-Fact

# Western Surety Company

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of Cincinnati, OH, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

State of South Dakota
County of Minnehaha

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My commission expires

March 2, 2026

M. BENT

ANOTARY PUBLIC SEAL
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# CERTIFICATE

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WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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# WESTERN SURETY COMPANY Sioux Falls, South Dakota Statement of Net Admitted Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2023

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# **ASSETS**

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My commission expires:

YOLANDA JIMENEZ
OFFICIAL SEAL
Notary Public - State Of Illinois
My Commission Expires
September 24, 2025

Subscribed and sworn to me this \_\_\_\_14th \_\_\_ day of \_\_

By Spranda Jumenez

\_, 2024.

March

Notary Public



# RIDER

To be attached to and form part of Bond No. 30214954
It is hereby mutually agreed and understood by and between Western Surety Company and MC Squared Energy Services, LLC
that instead of as originally written; the bond is changed or revised in the particulars checked below:  Principal Name changed to:  MC Squared Energy Services, LLC dba mc2 - Where Energy Comes From  Principal Address changed to:
Vehicle/Vessel/Hull Information changed to:
Lost Instrument Information changed to:
Identification Number changed to:
Penalty Amount changed to:
Additional or Event Location:
Effective Date changed to:
Expiration Date changed to:
The following bond information changed:
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This Rider becomes effective on the15thday of,2025
Signed this 15th day of January , 2025
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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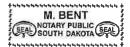
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MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	)	
d/b/a mc2 – Where Energy Comes From	)	
	)	Docket No. 18-1455
Application for Certificate of Service Authority	)	
under Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act.	)	

# **NOTICE OF FILING**

Please take notice that on January 28, 2025, the undersigned, an attorney, caused the Verified Annual 16-115(d)(10) License or Permit Bond Filing on Behalf of MC Squared Energy Services, LLC and Attachment A thereto to be filed via eDocket with the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission in the above-captioned proceeding:

January 28, 2025

/s/ Michael R. Strong Michael R. Strong

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael R. Strong, an attorney, certify that copies of the foregoing document(s) were served upon the parties on the Illinois Commerce Commission's service list as reflected on eDocket via electronic delivery from 200 W. Madison St., Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606 on January 28, 2025.

/s/ Michael R. Strong Michael R. Strong Attachment D Good Standings



# To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Alexi Giannoulias, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that

INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAVING OBTAINED ADMISSION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS ON MARCH 23, 2023, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ADMITTED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set

my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 21ST day of MARCH A.D. 2025 .

Authentication #: 2508002168 verifiable until 03/21/2026

Authenticate at: https://www.ilsos.gov

SECRETARY OF STATE

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# VERIFIED ANNUAL 16-115(D)(10) LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND FILING ON BEHALF OF MC SQURED ENERGY SERVICES, LLC

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc<sup>2</sup> – Where energy comes from ("MC2"), through counsel, respectfully submits its annual License or Permit Bond as required by Section 16-115(d)(10) of the Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/16-115(d)(10)). The updated bond is included as Attachment A hereto. MC2 is a Subpart D ARES, as defined in Part 451 (83 III. Admin. Code Part 451), and thus is required to post a license or permit bond of \$500,000.

Respectfully submitted,

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC d/b/a mc2 – Where energy comes from

By: <u>/s/ Michael R. Strong</u>
One of its Attorneys

Michael R. Strong Fox, Swibel, Levin & Carroll, LLP 200 W. Madison St. Suite 3000 Chicago, IL 60606 312-224-1200 mstrong@foxswibel.com

# **VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

Charles C. Sutton

# ATTACHMENT A LICENSE/PERMIT BONDS

# License or Permit Bond

License or Permit Bond No. 30214954
Western Surety Company
151 North Franklin Street, Chicago, IL 60606

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, **MC Squared Energy Services, LLC,** as Principal, and **Western Surety Company**, a **South Dakota** Corporation, and authorized to do business in Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS as Obligee, in the sum of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars** (\$500,000.00), for which sum, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business to operate as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier ("ARES") under 220 ILCS 5/16-115 and is required to execute this bond under 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 451.50 by the Obligee.

NOW, Therefore, if the Principal fully and faithfully perform all duties and obligations of the Principal as an ARES, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond may be terminated as to future acts of the Principal upon thirty (30) days written notice by the Surety; followed by an additional confirmation, notice of cancellation (Titled "Code Part 451.50 Final Notice of Cancellation") on day of cancellation and up to 5 business days after date of cancellation by the Surety; said notices to be sent to Illinois Commerce Commission's Chief Clerk's Office 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701, of the aforesaid State of Illinois, by certified mail. This license or permit bond is terminated on date Final Notice of Cancellation is received by the Illinois Commerce Commission's Chief Clerk's Office.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2025

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC Principal

by:\_

[name] Amy Gilmon

[title] CFo

Western Surety Company Surety

by

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YOLANDA JIMENEZ OFFICIAL SEAL Notary Public - State Of Illinois My Commission Expires September 24, 2025

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Application for Certificate of :

Service Authority under Section : 09-0059

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# **ORDER**

By the Commission:

# I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

On January 30, 2009, MC Squared Energy Services, LLC ("Applicant" or "MC Squared") filed a verified application with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") requesting a certificate of service authority to operate as an alternative retail electric supplier ("ARES") in Illinois pursuant to Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act"), 220 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 451 ("Part 451"). Applicant submitted its certificate of publication showing that on February 5, 2009, proper notice of the application was published in the official State newspaper. On February 6, 2009, Applicant made an errata filing correcting certain errors contained in the January 30, 2009 application. The Administrative Law Judge requested clarification of certain matters contained in the application. Applicant filed a verified response to the Administrative Law Judge on February 19, 2009.

# II. BACKGROUND AND AUTHORITY SOUGHT BY APPLICANT

Applicant requests authority to offer the sale of electricity and power to eligible nonresidential retail customers with annual electrical consumption greater than 15,000 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") in the service territory of Commonwealth Edison Company.

# III. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS UNDER SECTION 16-115(d) OF THE ACT

Applicant is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Illinois. Applicant does not intend to install, operate, or maintain generation, transmission, or distribution facilities within the State of Illinois. Therefore, no demonstration of compliance with the requirements of Section 451.20(f)(2) has been made and Applicant's employees are not permitted to perform such functions, and other entities are not permitted to perform such functions pursuant to contractual arrangements with Applicant.

Applicant has certified that it will comply with all applicable regulations; that it will provide service only to retail customers eligible to take such services; that it will comply with informational and reporting requirements established by Commission rule; that it will comply with informational and reporting requirements pursuant to Section 16-112 of the Act; and that it will comply with all other applicable laws, regulations, terms, and conditions required to the extent they have application to the services being offered by an ARES. Additionally, Applicant has agreed to submit good faith schedules of transmission and energy in accordance with applicable tariffs. Applicant has agreed to adopt and follow rules relating to customer authorizations, billing records, and retail electric services and agrees to retain requests for delivery services transmitted to utilities for a period of not less than two calendar years after the calendar year in which they are created. Applicant has agreed to adopt and follow rules and procedures to preserve the confidentiality of its customers' data.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 451.50 of Part 451, Applicant provided a License or Permit Bond in the amount of \$150,000 issued by a qualifying surety authorized to transact business in Illinois. Attachment C to the application is a copy of the required License or Permit Bond.

# IV. FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL, AND MANAGERIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 16-115

Applicant asserts that it meets the financial qualifications set forth in Section 16-115(d)(1). Attachment D1 to the application, is a Payment Bond from the Westchester Fire Insurance Company that is intended to meet the requirements of Section 451.220(a)(4)(b). A corrected Payment Bond was provided in Applicant's February 6, 2009 errata filing. Applicant also provided documents showing the good faith estimate of the peak amount of megawatts that Applicant will schedule in the upcoming year as well as the manner in which it calculated the required amount of its Payment Bond. Having reviewed the information submitted by Applicant, the Commission finds that the Applicant has satisfied the financial requirements of Section 451.220(a)(4)(b).

Applicant represents that it meets the technical and managerial qualifications set forth in Section 16-115(d)(1) and Sections 451.230 and 451.240 of Part 451. Applicant identified the personnel who purportedly satisfy the criteria and provided biographical information for these individuals. Applicant indicates that it owns, maintains and operates a 24-hour manned energy desk for coordination with control centers of scheduling changes, reserve implementation, curtailment orders, and interruption plan implementation. Applicant provided a telephone number, facsimile number and email address where its staff can be directly reached at all times. Having reviewed the information submitted by Applicant, the Commission concludes that Applicant meets the financial, technical, and managerial qualifications set forth in Section 16-115(d)(1) of the Act and Subpart C of Part 451.

# V. REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 095-01027

On January 12, 2009, Public Act 095-01027 ("PA 95-1027") was signed into law in Illinois. Among many other things, PA 95-1027 amends Section 16-115 of the Act. New subsection 16-115(d)(5) requires, in part:

That the [ARES] applicant will procure renewable energy resources and will source electricity from clean coal facilities, as defined in Section 1-10 of the Illinois Power Agency Act, in amounts at least equal to the percentages set forth in subsections (c) and (d) of Section 1-75 of the Illinois Power Agency Act.

Applicant states that it intends to fully comply with Subsection 16-115(d)(5) of the Act and the specific requirements to procure renewable energy resources as defined in the Illinois Power Agency Act ("IPA Act"). Applicant asserts that the renewable portfolio standard requirements under the IPA Act are not effective until June 1, 2009 and will only apply to new retail contracts entered into as of the effective date.

Applicant indicates that it is not a generator of electric power and energy and contemplates that it will either purchase the required portion of its electric supply requirements from qualified renewable power generation sources directly, or more likely, purchase sufficient Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") to meet the requirements of the IPA Act and any related Commission requirements.

With respect to the initial clean coal facility cited in the IPA Act, if such facility is approved by the Legislature, Applicant indicates it will execute the required contract for renewable electric supply or a contract for differences. For other clean coal sources, Applicant states it will contract with and purchase from such sources and in such quantities as required by the IPA Act or Commission, provided such supply sources are available within the Commission's established procedures. Applicant also indicates that it will comply with the required reporting requirements under subsection 16-115(d)(5) of the Act to show that it has met the Commission's requirements as it relates to the IPA Act.

Having reviewed the information submitted by Applicant, the Commission concludes that Applicant meets the requirements set forth in Section 16-115(d)(5) of the Act. The Commission notes that it is responsible for enforcing the requirements of Section 16-115(d-5) of the Act, as well as certain referenced requirements in the IPA Act, and Applicant must fully comply with all requirements contained therein.

# VI. COMMISSION CONCLUSION AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

The Commission has reviewed the application and attachments along with the supplementary information provided by Applicant regarding the technical, financial, and managerial requirements and all other requirements of the Act and Part 451 and finds that the Applicant sufficiently demonstrates compliance with the requirements.

The Commission concludes, therefore, that Applicant's request for a certificate of service authority to operate as an ARES an Illinois should be granted and should include the following authority:

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

IT IS CERTIFIED that MC Squared Energy Services, LLC is granted service authority to operate as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier as follows:

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED: The sale of electricity and power.

CUSTOMERS TO BE SERVED: All eligible nonresidential retail customers with annual electrical consumption greater than 15,000 kWh.

GEOGRAPHIC REGION(S) SERVED: The service area of Commonwealth Edison Company.

# VII. FINDINGS AND ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

The Commission, having reviewed the entire record, is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) Applicant, MC Squared Energy Services, LLC, a business organized under the laws of Illinois, seeks a certificate of service authority to operate as an alternative retail electric supplier under Section 16-115 of the Act;
- (2) the Commission has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof;
- (3) the recitals of fact and conclusions reached in the prefatory portion of this Order are supported by the record and are hereby adopted as findings of fact, as required by Section 16-115(d)(1) of the Act;
- (4) Applicant has demonstrated that it possesses sufficient financial, managerial and technical resources and abilities to provide power and energy to eligible nonresidential retail customers with annual electrical consumption greater than 15,000 kWh throughout the areas certified herein;
- (5) Applicant has complied with Section 16-115(d)(1) through (5) and (8) of the Act and 83 III. Adm. Code 451; and
- (6) MC Squared Energy Services, LLC should be granted the certificate of service authority to operate as an alternative retail electric supplier as specified in Section VI of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that MC Squared Energy Services, LLC is hereby granted the Certificate of Service Authority as set forth in Section VI of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that MC Squared Energy Services, LLC shall comply with all applicable Commission rules and orders now and as hereafter amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, subject to the provisions of Section 10-113 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 III. Adm. Code 200.880, this Order is final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By order of the Commission this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

(SIGNED) CHARLES E. BOX

Chairman