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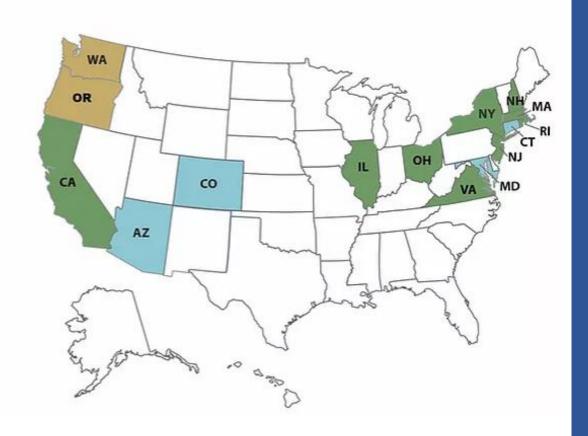
- California
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire\*
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Rhode Island
- Virginia\*

#### Actively Investigating:

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Maryland

#### Watch List/Potential:

- Oregon
- Washington



# COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)

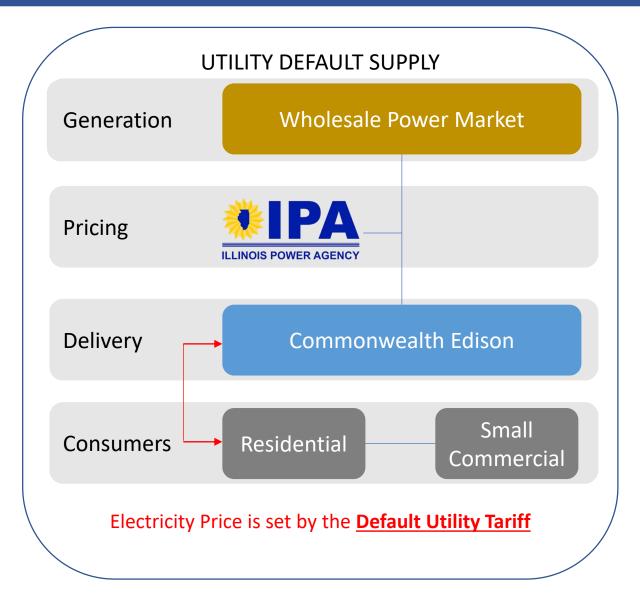
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<sup>\*</sup> Not yet implemented

# Overview

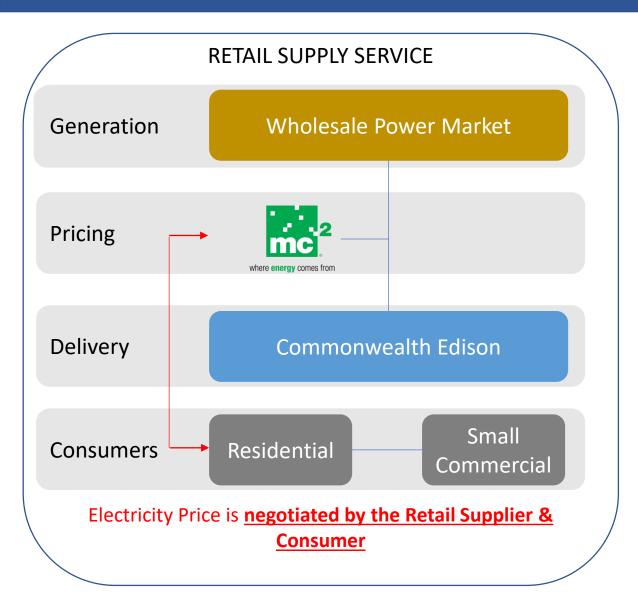
Supply Options	Default, Retail Supply, CCA
CCA in Oak Park	History, approach, status, current solicitation
Recommendation	MC Squared Energy Services

# Supply Options: Utility Default



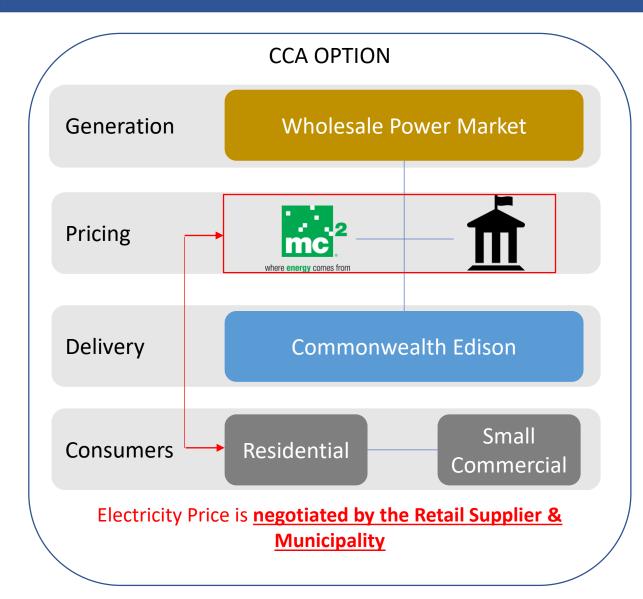
- Consumer <u>does not</u> select a supplier
- Illinois Power Agency (IPA) manages wholesale power purchases for consumers without a supplier
- IPA uses a staggered procurement process to secure supply for default rate customers
- IPA contracts are typically 1-3 years in duration
- Illinois Commerce Commission approves Default Rates for consumers
- Residents may leave the default rate at any time without penalty with adequate notice (<30 days)

# Supply Options: Retail Supply Service



- Supplier offers consumer a supply rate and contract terms
- Consumer can accept or reject the supplier's offers
- Supply contracts are typically 1-3 years in duration
- Residents may terminate the supply contract, but may be assessed a termination fee

# Supply Options: Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)



- Municipality chooses the supplier
- Municipality and supplier negotiate price and service requirements
- Contracts are typically 1-3 years in duration
- Residents that do not reject the offer are enrolled in the contract with the supplier
- Residents can terminate their contract at any time for any reason
- Municipality is <u>not a party</u> to the supply contracts

# Supply Options: Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

CHARACTERISTIC	AGGREGATION 1.0 (Single Fixed Price)	AGGREGATION 2.0 (ComEd Price Match)
Value Proposition	"Same Electricity, Lower Cost"	"Same Cost, More Value"
Price Structure	<b>Fixed</b> Attempts to beat the Default Supply Price by at least \$0.005/kWh	<b>Variable</b> Matches the Variable Monthly Utility Default Supply Price
Participants	All residential and small commercial accounts are enrolled unless they opt-out	<ul> <li>Residential and small commercial accounts with a low cost to serve are enrolled unless they option out.</li> <li>Residential and small commercial accounts with a high cost to serve may opt-in</li> </ul>
Financial Benefits	Any cost savings accrue to consumers	Municipal contribution to support sustainable programming
Renewable Energy Options	Illinois RPS + RECs	Illinois RPS + Municipal Contribution
Recent Developments	>20% of communities that have aggregation authority are idle due to lack of savings	Renewed interest in aggregation with no downside risk to consumers

## Oak Park: CCA Timeline and Profile

#### Timeline

- 2011 Residents approve referendum to allow Village to create opt-in CCA
- 2012 CCA contract with 100% Renewable Energy Credits for ~\$0.003/kWh of supplied load
- 2017 Policy decision to switch from REC to a municipal contribution equal to ~\$0.003/kWh of supplied load and the ComEd Price Match option
- 2021 Market conditions force reduction of municipal contribution equal to ~\$0.0003/kWh of supplied load
- 2025 Solicitation for new CCA contract

#### Characteristics

- ~179 million kWh annual consumption
- ~26,000 eligible accounts
  - **24,500** residential accounts
  - **1,500** non-residential accounts
- ~55,000 kW peak demand

## Oak Park: CCA Solicitation

#### **STATUS**

- A. Current contract through December with MC-Squared Energy Services
- B. ComEd Price Match with municipal contribution

#### **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. 12-, 24-, 36-month offers
- B. High levels of customer service
- C. Fixed Price, Price Match
- D. Current ComEd Rate = \$0.10028/kWh

#### TIMELINE

- A. Bids solicited in August 2025
- B. One (1) firm responded
- C. Bid submittal deadline was extended
- D. No additional responses received

#### **SUSTAINABILITY OPTIONS**

- A. Carbon offsets (50-100% of portfolio)
- B. Direct Source Renewables (50-100% of portfolio)
- C. Municipal Contribution

# Oak Park: CCA Solicitation Sustainability Elements

#### Carbon Offset

"Carbon Offset" shall mean a nature-based removal of emissions of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases to compensate for emissions generated from other sources. One ton of carbon offset represents the removal of one ton of carbon dioxide or its equivalent on other greenhouse gases. The Village accepts Carbon Offsets from high-quality reforestation or other nature-based projects that are validated by any of the following third-party organizations: Gold Standard; Verified Carbon Standard; Climate Action Reserve; American Carbon Registry; Plan Vivo; The Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance. Other sources of Carbon Offsets can be approved by the Village upon request.

#### **Direct Use Renewables**

"Direct Source Renewables" shall mean energy supply secured from a new or existing renewable energy resource as defined in 20 ILCS 3855/1-10 and connected to the PJM transmission system by a Vendor on behalf of the Aggregation Program. The cost of the Direct Source Renewables shall be incorporated into the price charged through the Aggregation Program.

## Recommendation

#### **SUPPLIER**

A. MC Squared Energy Services

#### **TERM**

- A. 36-month contract
- B. No penalty termination with six (6) moth notice

#### **CONTRACT STRUCTURE**

- A. ComEd Price Match
- B. 36-month contract
- C. No penalty termination with six (6) moth notice

#### **SUSTAINABILITY OPTIONS**

- A. Municipal Contribution of \$0.001/kWh
- B. Minimum of \$100,000 annually
- C. To be used at the Village's discretion

#### Discussion

#### Thank You

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