

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION NETWORK

ENERGY PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT

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TO: Lindsey Roland Nieratka, Chief Sustainability Officer, Village of Oak Park
FROM: Mark Pruitt, Principal, ICCAN
SUBJECT: Recommendations concerning the Village of Oak Park Aggregation Program

Thank you for this opportunity to outline the Village of Oak Park's ("Village") options with regards to its municipal aggregation program.

Background. In 2011, Oak Park voters authorized the Village to establish an opt-out municipal electric aggregation program ('Program') to provide services for residents and eligible businesses. Since then, the Village has entered separate power supply agreement with various alternative retail electricity suppliers. The Village's Program is currently supported by MC Squared Energy Services under a contract that extends through the December 2025 meter read.

Responses to Solicitation. The Village engaged ICCAN to conduct a process to assist the Village in soliciting offers for a new supply agreement for the should be considered with an alternative electricity supplier. Consistent with prior solicitations issued by the Village, the current solicitation requested information concerning the qualifications of the bidders as well as a range of pricing options including:

- **Fixed Supply Price.** An all-inclusive rate for electricity supply, capacity and transmission that would be available to eligible accounts. Most communities used this approach when market conditions allowed prices for municipal aggregation programs to be below ComEd's default prices.
- **Supply Carbon Offsets.** A rate to supplement energy supply with volumes of carbon offsets from identified carbon offset resources to match 50%, 75%, or 100% of annual Program load volume.
- **Direct Source Renewable Content.** A rate to supplement energy supply with volumes of physical electricity supply from identified renewable energy resources to match 50%, 75%, or 100% of annual Program load volume.
- **Price Match plus Municipal Contribution.** A rate equal to the ComEd Price to Compare that is promoted to eligible customers and is coupled with a municipal contribution from the retail electricity supplier that can be used at the discretion of the municipality.

A single response to the solicitation was received from MC Squared Energy Services prior to the deadline for submissions set by the Village. In an effort to expand the number of offers, the Village issued an addendum to the solicitation to extend the deadline for submittals. No additional submittals were received by the Village.

The Pricing offers from MC Squared Energy Services were analyzed. In addition to pricing offers, the solicitation required bidders to agree to provide consumer safeguards, deliverables and concessions that

align with prior contracts secured by the Village. Pricing offers from MC Squared Energy Services are detailed as follows:

- Fixed Supply Price. MC Squared Energy Services did not include a fixed price offer in their submittal to the Village.
- Supply Carbon Offsets. MC Squared Energy Services included the following pricing to provide Carbon Offsets to the Village (where 1 Carbon Offset equals 1 ton of CO2 Equivalent).

Table 1: Carbon Offset Pricing Offers (MC Squared Energy Services)

Pricing Term	50% Carbon Offsets	75% Carbon Offsets	100% Carbon Offsets
12-month Offer	\$1.30/Carbon Offset	\$1.40/Carbon Offset	\$1.50/Carbon Offset
24-month Offer	\$1.90/Carbon Offset	\$2.10/Carbon Offset	\$2.30/Carbon Offset
36-month Offer	\$2.50/Carbon Offset	\$2.80/Carbon Offset	\$3.00/Carbon Offset

- Fixed Price with Direct Source Renewable Content. MC Squared Energy Services did not include a Direct Source Renewable Content price offer in their submittal to the Village.
- Price Match plus Municipal Contribution. A rate equal to the ComEd Price to Compare that is promoted to eligible customers and is coupled with a municipal contribution from the retail electricity supplier that can be used at the discretion of the municipality.

Table 2: ComEd Price Match and Civic Contribution Offers (MC Squared Energy Services)

Pricing Term	Civic Contributions
12-month Offer	\$1.00/MWh of energy supplied; Minimum of \$100,000 annually (Minimum \$100,000 over 12-month term)
24-month Offer	\$1.00/MWh of energy supplied; Minimum of \$100,000 annually (Minimum \$200,000 over 24-month term)
36-month Offer	\$1.00/MWh of energy supplied; Minimum of \$100,000 annually (Minimum \$300,000 over 36-month term)

Recommendation. ICCAN recommends that Village consider executing a 36-month extension to the current Power Supply Agreement with MC Squared Energy Services. Doing so will provide continuity in municipal aggregation programming, increase funding for sustainability operations through the civic contributions, and support continued engagement with an incumbent service provider that has consistently performed for the community.