

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION NETWORK

ENERGY PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT

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TO: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager, Village of Oak Park
FROM: Mark Pruitt, Principal, ICCAN
SUBJECT: Recommendations concerning the Village's Commercial Electric Accounts

Thank you for this opportunity to outline the Village of Oak Park's options with regards to its commercial electricity accounts served by ComEd.

Background. The Village of Oak Park retained ICCAN to request and analyze pricing proposals from licensed retail electricity suppliers to service five (5) ComEd electricity accounts operated by the Village. These accounts are identified in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Village of Oak Park Commonwealth Edison Accounts

Account Number	Service Address
0366767008	129 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60302
0872006016	137 North Scoville, Oak Park, IL 60302
0123081032	720 North Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60302
5805670003	1150 Holley Court, Oak Park, IL 60302
5805671000	1155 Holley Court, Oak Park, IL 60302

After assessing market conditions, ICCAN requested pricing from five (5) licensed retail energy suppliers. Three (3) price submittals were received. The pricing offers ranged from 12-months to 48-months with a contract term commencing in February 2019 (the expiration of the current supply contract for these accounts).

Lowest Price Offers. ICCAN has evaluated the offers and has identified the lowest price offers from responsive bidders.

- 12-month offer. Constellation for \$0.053520/kWh.
- 24-month offer. Constellation for \$0.052570/kWh.
- 36-month offer. Constellation for \$0.052100/kWh.
- 48-month offer. Constellation for \$0.051660/kWh.

The current default supply cost from ComEd that is applicable to accounts 08720065016, 5589145019, 5805670003, and 5805671000 is \$0.07288/kWh. Based on this, the Constellation offers represents an approximate 25% discount from the ComEd default rate. Account 0366767008 is a larger account and

can only receive hourly energy pricing from ComEd – as such we cannot calculate a cost savings for this account.

Recommendation. While the prices offered are more competitive in the longer term, ICCAN notes that the Village may have a near-term opportunity to secure Community Solar subscriptions for its municipal accounts. Community Solar is a new option in Illinois whereby a solar project developer can connect an array of solar panels to the Commonwealth Edison distribution system, and then credit that solar generation to the accounts of any Commonwealth Edison customer that subscribes to that Community Solar array – a process termed Net Metering.

Several hundred Community Solar projects have been proposed for the ComEd service region. The Village could subscribe the Village's small commercial accounts to one or more of the Community Solar arrays that may be funded in the ComEd region. By paying a subscription fee to the Community Solar array owner, the Village would receive on-bill credits on monthly ComEd bills. Depending on the type of supply arrangements (i.e. default rate, or retail supply), the cost of Community Solar subscriptions may be less than the resulting on-bill credits – yielding a potential cost savings to the Village.

Because Community Solar resources will likely become available for subscriptions in early 2020, ICCAN recommends that the Village contract for electricity supply from Constellation for a 12-month term at this time. Over the next several months ICCAN will investigate the potential for savings for the Village's portfolio of electricity accounts from Community Solar. By doing so, the Village will be able to secure competitive costs in the near term while reserving the Community Solar option for further consideration.