

FAQs

Q: What is electrical aggregation?

A: Electrical aggregation is a process which allows the Village to pool, or aggregate the residents and small businesses together, and to then seek competitive bids from electrical energy suppliers for the cost of electricity (purchased by kilowatt hour) used by the Village's residents and small businesses.

Q: How can the Village purchase power at a potentially lower cost?

A: Deregulation allows the Village to shop for power and purchase in bulk for its residents at a lower price. By voting YES on the referendum, ComEd will then have to compete with power suppliers from throughout the Midwest to provide power.

Q: What are the benefits of electrical aggregation?

A: The most important benefit is the potential for residents to save money on electric supply costs.

Q: Who will take care of my power if there is an outage?

A: ComEd, by law, will still be paid to distribute the power to the homes and businesses in the Village and handle any emergency repairs.

Q: What if I don't want to participate in the program?

A: Residents will have multiple opportunities to "Opt Out" of the program, which will be your right by law.

Q: If I were to participate in electrical aggregation, would I get two bills – one from ComEd for delivering the power, and another from the company that provided it?

A: No. You will continue to receive your bill from ComEd.

Q: What happens if the Village can not purchase or negotiate lower rates than ComEd?

A: Your account would stay at ComEd and ComEd would continue to be both the power provider and the local distribution company. Either way, ComEd will be the distributor.

Q: Why is this opportunity available?

A: This is the last phase of the Deregulation Process. Until this state law was amended, only larger customers such as industrial, commercial and governmental entities could participate. Three quarters of these customers are currently purchasing their power from sources other than ComEd.

Q: Why is the Village of North Barrington doing this?

A: We, as a municipal government, are trying to use the new law to benefit our residents and small businesses by saving them money. The Village does not profit from this law.

Sample of the Referendum to appear on the ballot of March 20, 2012. Questions can be directed to the Village Hall at (847) 381-6000 or info@northbarrington.org.

Shall the Village of North Barrington have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
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