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June 14, 2023

TO: The Residents of Washington

FROM: Jim Snider, City Administrator

RE: Community Electric Aggregation Notification

As you may know, the City of Washington has participated for many years in an electric aggregation program with Good Energy as our broker. Good Energy contracts for the supply side of the electric use on behalf of Washington residential customers who have not opted out of the program.

Good Energy has now submitted to the Peoria area aggregation group a new electric supply option for residents beginning June 2023 from Energy Harbor as the supplier. A letter (enclosed) from Energy Harbor to our residents is scheduled to be sent out June 5, 2023, notifying them of the new electric supply rate and providing them notice of a 21 day opt out period to remain with Ameren for their supply of electricity. The opt-out deadline is June 26, 2023.

Energy Harbor's electric aggregation supply rate <u>effective June 2023 service month is **9.95 cents/kWh** (9.84 + .106 cents/kWh/Capacity Charge)</u>. The base electric supply rate of 9.84 cents/kWh will be adjusted by the TBD Capacity Charge in July of 2024 and in July of 2025.

Ameren's residential electric supply rate is estimated to be 8.45 cents/kWh - 8.65 cents/kWh.

As noted in the letter, residents have a cost-free opt-out option with Energy Harbor. This program is designed for residents to have a choice whether to participate in the program or not. If you choose to opt-out of the electric aggregation program, residents will be subject to unknown electric supply costs with Ameren.

As noted in the enclosed letter from Energy Harbor, questions regarding the electric aggregation program should be directed to Energy Harbor directly at (877) 793-8921

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Community Electric Aggregation Notification

Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program. Members of your community voted in favor of municipal aggregation, a program authorizing your local officials to purchase electricity from an electric generation supplier. Energy Harbor has been selected by your community to provide your electric generation.

How You Benefit

By participating in the aggregation program, you will receive the following exclusive pricing. Prior to the end of each term, you will receive a new notice updating your community pricing. You may opt out again, rejoin, or remain in the program.

Your Electric Utility	Fixed Price Per Term	Term End	Cancellation Fee
Ameren Illinois	9.95 cents/kWh 9.84 + .106 cents/kWh Capacity Charge ¹	July 2024	None
Ameren Illinois	TBD cents/kWh 9.84 cents/kWh + TBD Capacity Charge ¹	July 2025	None
Ameren Illinois	TBD cents/kWh 9.84 cents/kWh + TBD Capacity Charge ¹	December 2025	None

Same Reliable Service

You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your electric utility with your Energy Harbor charges included. There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and **you do not need to do anything to participate.**

Price to Compare

Energy Harbor is not the same entity as your electric delivery company. You are not required to enroll with Energy Harbor. Beginning on January 1, 2023, the current electric supply price to compare is 11.833 cents per kilowatt hour for residential and 14.020 cents per kilowatt hour for small business. The current utility electric supply price will expire on May 31, 2023. The utility electric supply price to compare does not include the purchased electricity adjustment factor. For more information go to the Illinois Commerce Commission's free website at www.pluginillinois.org.

Opt Out Information

You may choose to leave the program at any time, without penalty, and will NOT be charged a cancellation fee. If you do not want to participate in the aggregation program, you must complete <u>one</u> of the following by the Opt Out Deadline:

■ MAIL: Return the enclosed Opt Out Reply Form

■ PHONE: Call Energy Harbor at 1-877-793-8921 to opt out over the phone

■ WEB: Enter your 10-digit Opt Out Code online at energyharbor.com/opt-out

Opt Out Deadline
June 26, 2023

Enrollment Information

Following the opt out deadline, future bills will reflect the Energy Harbor price listed above upon your next available meter read date, which may take up to 30-60 days. If you are not currently receiving electric generation from Energy Harbor, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your participation. **To become a member of your community's electric aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives.**

Please refer to the enclosed Terms and Conditions and FAQs (reverse) for more information. Your community encourages members with questions regarding the electric aggregation program to contact Energy Harbor directly. If you have any questions or wish to opt out, please contact us toll-free at 1-877-793-8921, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., CST.

Sincerely,

Your Community

Community Electric Aggregation Program FAQs v.11.22

How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?

Under municipal aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Residents voted to allow the community to contract with an electric generation supplier on their behalf. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to provide you with exclusive pricing on your electric generation.

Who is Energy Harbor?

Energy Harbor is a fully integrated retail energy provider and independent power producer capable of generating substantial carbon-free energy. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, the company proudly serves nearly one million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan. Your community is one of over 200 who have chosen Energy Harbor to provide electric aggregation programs.

¹How does the capacity charge impact my fixed price?

The capacity charge is a market-based fee used to ensure generators are producing enough electricity to cover the demand on the electricity grid when demand is at its highest. Changes to the capacity charge are determined annually through an auction administered by the grid operator (Midcontinent Independent System Operator). In order to avoid potentially paying a premium for capacity due to uncertainty, your price was designed to incorporate the actual cost of capacity as it is set by auction. Your total fixed price per kWh consists of a base price and a capacity charge which will be calculated following the auction in April each year. Prior to the end of each term, you will receive a new opt-out notice describing the total price resulting from the sum of the capacity charge and the base price.

Why am I receiving this letter if I'm in the aggregation?

As a current member of your community's electric aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt out of the program at least every three years. Whether your current contract term with Energy Harbor, or another supplier, is coming to an end, this is your opportunity to either opt out or continue the benefits of the program.

What does it mean to opt out?

Opt out means that you can decide to not participate in your community's electric aggregation program. If you choose to opt out via any of the methods indicated on the front of this notification, you will not be enrolled with Energy Harbor and will not receive further notifications until the end of the current term.

What happens if I do not opt out?

Whichever method you choose, you must do so by the Opt Out Deadline. By not opting out, you will have been deemed to have authorized and agreed to being enrolled in your community's electric aggregation program and to having your electric supply service switched to Energy Harbor under the terms and conditions applicable to your community's electric aggregation program.

What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?

If you opt out or leave the program at a later date and you do not have another alternative retail electric supply arrangement in place, you will be supplied under your utility's standard service offer. You may also shop for an alternative retail electric supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the ICC and their current prices are available by request, free of charge, from the Illinois Power Agency or online at www.pluginillinois.org.

As part of the aggregation, will Energy Harbor continue or allow me to begin to budget bill my supplier charges?

Your utility includes supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. No action is necessary to continue that service.

Who is NOT eligible for an electric aggregation program?

Commercial customers with usage greater than 15,000 kWh are not eligible for aggregation but may choose from other competitive and utility supply offerings. Community solar participants are not eligible. Customers on a special arrangement with the utility such as net-metering customers who have not provided affirmative consent are not automatically included in the program. A net-metering exclusive offer may exist for your community for customers who complete the required application and opt-in (see below).

If I join the aggregation, do I retain net-metering benefits?

Net-metering customers, pursuant to Section 16-107.5(d)(3) and (e)(3) of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, may forfeit credits for electric supply service and delivery service, or both, if they switch to Energy Harbor. Customers with net-metering must opt-in to an Energy Harbor net-metering offer to be eligible for credit. Price and terms will be equivalent to your community aggregation program; however, it is recommended you consult with your utility regarding any outstanding credits prior to enrolling with an alternative retail electric supplier as your net-metering credit may exceed any value provided by the aggregation program price. For more information or to begin the application process go to energyharbor.com/net-metering.

Energy Harbor Environmental Disclosure

www.energyharbor.com/disclosure-statements

How can I contact Energy Harbor for questions?

If you have any other questions, please call 1-877-793-8921, Monday - Friday, 7 am to 4 pm CST or visit our FAQs located at: www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation