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Wilmette Joins MC Squared Electric Aggregation Program

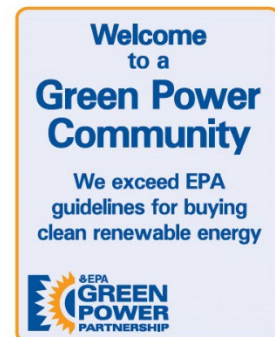
Electric Rates to Remain Equal to ComEd; Village Will Support Five Percent Green Energy

WILMETTE, IL. (July 19, 2023) —The Village of Wilmette Board of Trustees approved a new electric aggregation program in May with a Chicago-based company, MC Squared Energy Service, LLC (MC2). The aggregation program maintains the current ComEd rate for residents and supports the Village’s sustainability efforts by purchasing green energy in the form of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

Electric aggregation programs work by bundling residential and small business electric accounts, then utilizing collective buying power to seek electricity supply bids on the open market. The Village previously participated in electric aggregation programs from 2012 through 2016 after Wilmette voters approved a referendum in 2012.

This new aggregation program is for one year starting in September. Notices have been sent to all Wilmette residents from the Village and MC2 with additional program details. Participation is seamless and approximately 10-20% of all households will automatically be enrolled in the program. All enrolled participants will continue to receive a single bill from ComEd each month with the only change being that “MC Squared Energy Services” will be the designated supplier denoted on the ComEd bill. Additionally, there are no hidden fees or costs to participate in the program.

Residents always have a choice in their energy supplier and are under no obligation to participate in the Village’s electric aggregation program. As part of the mailed notices, there is information on how to opt-in or opt-out of the program. If you do not want to participate, you may opt-out by returning the prepaid post-card attached to your



enrollment letter or contacting MC2 directly. If you would like to participate but are not automatically enrolled, simply follow the instructions in your letter to sign up.

The new aggregation program aligns with the Village’s Sustainability Plan by purchasing five percent of the Village’s total energy usage through RECs. RECs represent one Megawatt-hour of electricity being generated and added to the electric power grid from a renewable source. The table below details the environmental impact of RECs.

Impact	5% RECs	100% RECs
Amount of Renewable Energy Contributed to Grid	6,048 MWh	108,974 MWh
<i>Equivalent To</i>	Powering approx. 600 Midwestern homes for a year	Powering approx. 12,000 Midwestern homes for a year
Carbon Dioxide Avoidance	Avoids approx. 9,450,326 lbs CO2 per year	Avoids approx. 170,257,997 lbs CO2 per year
<i>Equivalent To</i>	Consumption of 482,345 gallons of gasoline	Consumption of 8,689,966 gallons of gasoline
<i>Equivalent To</i>	954 passenger vehicles driving 11,520 miles for one year	17,186 passenger vehicles driving 11,520 miles for one year

Calculations based on Wilmette’s ComEd Usage Report and EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator

“We are thrilled to take this first step towards the community purchasing 100% renewable energy,” stated Lucy Mellen, Wilmette Sustainability Coordinator. “This aggregation program is an effective way to help support renewable energy generation in the Midwest region and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

For more information on the Village of Wilmette’s electric aggregation program, visit <https://www.wilmette.com/green-initiatives/municipal-aggregation/>.