

Champaign County Municipal Electric Aggregation (MEA)

Background

- Champaign County's Aggregation Program was adopted by voters in 2012.
- The aggregation program doesn't guarantee savings but allows local governments to create a buying group of residential and small commercial retail electric accounts in order to seek bids to secure consistent pricing and locks in rates for a period of time, typically up to 24 months.
- The program is an Opt-Out aggregation program which means that residents of unincorporated Champaign County who are currently signed up for the program, or are eligible Ameren Illinois customers, will be automatically enrolled in the program unless they opt out.

Current Contract

February 2023 – July 2023

- The MEA fixed price is \$0.1222/kwh
- For the price to compare (PTC) visit Illinois Commerce Commission's free website at www.pluginillinois.org. The utility electric supply price to compare does not include the purchased electricity adjustment factor.

July 2023 – July 2024

- The MEA fixed price is \$0.0998/kWh
- For the price to compare (PTC) visit Illinois Commerce Commission's free website at www.pluginillinois.org. The utility electric supply price to compare does not include the purchased electricity adjustment factor.

July 2024 – December 2024

- The base price is \$0.9874/kwh + capacity adder TBD
 - The capacity adder is TBD based on the auction clearing price for the Planning Year to be published ~April 2024
- Customers will receive a new notice updating your community pricing. You may opt out again, rejoin, or remain in the program.

FAQs See attached or visit <https://energyharbor.com/communityaggregation>

Energy Supply Options

Customers can find out more about their options for electricity supply by visiting

- www.pluginillinois.org
- www.ameren.com

Contact Information

- Power outages or problems with service:
 - Ameren** residential (800) 755-5000
 - Ameren** commercial (800) 232-2477
- Electric Aggregation Program questions, including billing questions, disputes, or complaints:
 - Energy Harbor** (866) 636-3749, Monday - Friday, 7 am to 4 pm CST
 - Energy Harbor** www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation

An important note: No one affiliated with the aggregation program will come to your door to discuss, seek, or confirm enrollment.

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.

What is a "Green Fixed Price"?

The price you receive for your energy supply for each communicated term does not change. Additionally, your electricity is paired with a Renewable Energy Certificate (REC). A REC represents the environmental benefit of electricity generated by a renewable energy resource like wind or solar. For every unit of renewable energy generated, a REC is created. For every kWh you use, Energy Harbor purchases the percentage of RECs associated with this offer from a renewable energy source, supporting renewable electricity production. The percentage of RECs paired with your electricity is in addition to the state-minimum for Illinois (see Terms and Conditions).

How 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.

How will I know if I can save money in the aggregation?

You'll know you are saving money as long as your price with Energy Harbor is lower than the utility Price to Compare (PTC) communicated on your bill.

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? Can I opt out at a later date?

Whichever method you choose, you must do so by the Opt Out Deadline, or you will be automatically included in your community's electric aggregation program. You may leave the aggregation program at any time. *You will not be charged an early termination or cancellation fee* if you choose to leave at later date for any reason.

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

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