August 1, 2015

Re: Electric Aggregation
2012 - 2015

Open Letter to All MC Squared Account Holders:

When the electric aggregation program started in 2012, the Village was able to negotiate with suppliers to obtain an electricity rate for residents much lower than that charged by ComEd along with a guarantee that the rate would never be greater than ComEd’s. Today the negotiation environment is much different, making a contract with energy suppliers less attractive.

Since 2012, changes in state law have allowed ComEd to pass some of its costs onto electricity suppliers, who in turn increase the rate being charged to residents. Now, unlike in the past, there is little difference in the rate charged by ComEd and other electric suppliers. As a result, electric suppliers are no longer willing to guarantee that rates will always be less than ComEd. If the Village were to enter into a contract with a non-ComEd electric supplier, residents could be locked into a contract where the cost of electricity could be higher than the ComEd rate.

The Village’s contract with its electric supplier, MC Squared, comes to an end with the first meter read in September 2015. MC Squared will shortly notify ComEd that Bannockburn residents will no longer be covered by an electric aggregation contract. ComEd, in turn, will send you a letter to inform you that your account will soon be transferred from MC Squared to ComEd. A sample of the ComEd letter is illustrated on page 2.

Please note that once your account is dropped to ComEd, you will not be allowed to return to MC Squared for a six (6) month period. This will not preclude you from going to another supplier for service; only to MC Squared (“ComEd back to back rule”).
SAMPLE OF THE LETTER FORTHCOMING FROM COMED

Electric Supplier Choice - Confirmation of Drop

Dear

We have received notice that effective DATE, MC Squared Energy Services will no longer be your electric supplier of choice. Your electric supplier is being changed to ComEd. For questions or information regarding your previous electric supplier, please contact MC Squared Energy Services at (877) 622-7697.

If you would like to switch to a new electric supplier other than ComEd, please visit ComEd.com/customerchoice for a list of eligible Retail Electric Suppliers that are able to serve you in ComEd’s service area. (Note: you cannot return to your previous supplier for the next 6 billing periods.) If you have any questions or would like to learn more about customer choice, please visit ComEd.com/customerchoice.

You will remain a ComEd customer for electric delivery services. ComEd will still deliver electricity to customers in Northern Illinois independent of electric supplier choice. ComEd will continue to maintain the electric system and restore service after storms or power outages. If you have any questions about your delivery services, such as power outages, metering, moving to a new address or service requests, please visit us at ComEd.com or at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661) for Residential customers or at 1-877-4-ComEd-1 (1-877-426-6331) for Commercial customers.

ComEd supports electricity competition and customer choice. To learn more about customer choice, please visit ComEd.com/customerchoice or PlugInIllinois.org.

Sincerely,

Val Jensen
Senior Vice President, Customer Operations

Once your account is returned to ComEd you may receive solicitations from several electric suppliers. Please review those offers carefully and beware of those electric suppliers who offer low rates for a few months then lock you into a long term contract with rates well above those charged by ComEd. The selection of an electric supplier is your independent choice and the Village will no longer be involved with electric matters.

If you are in agreement with the transition to ComEd, there is nothing you need to do. If we see aggregation opportunities in the future, the Village will keep you informed.

In order to help minimize the increase in your electric bill that will accompany the end of the MC Squared contract, it would be to your benefit to look at ways for your home to become more energy efficient. One way you can lower your electricity demand is by switching to LED light bulbs. Not only do these bulbs use substantially less electricity (some use 23% less than a 60W bulb) but they can last up to 10 years. While other businesses may offer similar deals, COSTCO is currently offering reduced prices for LED bulbs. COSTCO’s sale price is subsidized by ComEd to encourage your conversion to lower energy using light bulbs. We suggest taking advantage of this ComEd offer while it lasts.

Yours truly,

Frank “Bud” Rothing
Village President