

## ELECTRIC MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Over the last couple of days, Smithton residents that receive their electricity from Ameren have received a letter from Homefield Energy regarding your future electricity rate. While you continue to receive a bill from Ameren, the supplier listed on your bill could be Homefield Energy which means you are able to take advantage of discounted pricing per kWh.

Over ten years ago, the Village of Smithton joined 30+ other cities in a Municipal Electrical Aggregation Program. At that time, Smithton homeowners were saving hundreds of dollars a year by being able to negotiate lower rates than what Ameren Illinois was offering.

In December of 2023, our contract with Homefield Energy is ending with a rate of \$0.04948. In May 2023, the Village renewed its current contract with Homefield Energy, which goes into effect December 2023, at a new rate of \$0.08857 per kWh through December 2025. Ameren's price in May 2023, was \$0.11833 per kWh.

Ameren has announced that their new rate effective October 1, 2023, will be \$0.08107. This new Ameren rate is \$0.03459 higher than our current aggregation rate and \$0.0075 lower than the future aggregation rate. However, these new rates can be changed by Ameren at any time with approval from the Illinois Commerce Commission. They are in meetings with the Commerce Commission as you read this and we are expecting an announcement from the Commission in December, but we have no idea what, if any changes will be approved.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Please review your most recent Ameren bill. Under the "Electric Service Residential Billing Detail", Electric Supply; the supplier specified will either be Ameren Illinois or Homefield Energy.

Electric Service Residential Billing Detail - Rate Zone III						01/11/2022 - 02/10/2022 (30 days)	
<b>Electric Meter Read for 01/11/2022 - 02/10/2022 (30 days)</b>							
READ TYPE	METER NUMBER	CURRENT METER READ	PREVIOUS METER READ	READ DIFFERENCE	MULTIPLIER	USAGE	
Total kWh	12345678	32197.0000 Actual	31500.0000 Actual	697.0000	1.0000	697.0000	
<b>Usage Summary</b>							
Total kWh		697.0000 Non-Summer kWh				697.0000	
Smart Meter							
Electric Delivery		CHARGE DESCRIPTION	USAGE UNIT	RATE	CHARGE		
Ameren Illinois		Customer Charge				\$7.51	
DS-1 Residential Delivery Service		Meter Charge				\$4.76	
		Distribution Delivery Charge Non-Summer	697.00 kWh	@ \$ 0.03249000		\$22.65	
				<b>Electric Delivery</b>		<b>\$34.92</b>	
Electric Supply		CHARGE DESCRIPTION	USAGE UNIT	RATE	CHARGE		
Ameren Illinois		Purchased Elec Non-Summer 0-800 kWh	697.00 kWh	@ \$ 0.03956000		\$27.57	
BGS-1 Basic Generation		Purchased Electricity Adjustment	697.00 kWh	@ -\$ 0.00053000		-\$0.37	
		Supply Cost Adjustment	697.00 kWh	@ \$ 0.00227000		\$1.59	
		Transmission Service Charge	697.00 kWh	@ \$ 0.01295000		\$9.02	
				<b>Electric Supply</b>		<b>37.81</b>	

If you are currently supplied by Homefield Energy and do not want to opt-out and switch to Ameren, you do not have to do anything at this time.

If you wish to switch back to Ameren versus staying with our current municipal aggregation supplier contract with Homefield Energy, please keep in mind that after a 60-day trial period you are locked into Ameren for another 10 months, so if rates do increase, you cannot opt back out until after that time.

If you are a new resident or uncertain if you should enroll in the Smithton aggregation program or go with Ameren, please contact Homefield Energy at 866-694-1262.

Additional information regarding electric aggregation can be found at <https://plugin.illinois.gov>.

As a reminder, in our aggregation program you do not have to sign a contract and can switch anytime and will not be contacted by a salesperson. If you are approached by an electric marketer, please be aware that they are NOT part of Smithton's aggregation program.