



Electric Competition

What ComEd customers should know

What are my choices?

In northern Illinois, you can choose Commonwealth Edison (ComEd), the regulated utility, to supply you with power, or go with an alternative supplier chosen by you or your municipality. This guide covers individual electricity offers. (For information on municipal aggregation, see CUB's fact sheet, at www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.)

Remember, even if you choose an alternative supplier, you're simply buying electricity from that company. ComEd will still bill you to deliver the electricity to your home, and you'll still call the utility in the event of a power outage.

If you're having trouble trying to decide the best electric deal, visit the CUB Power Calculator, at CUB-PowerCalculator.com, for help.

Do I get a single bill?

Most suppliers include their charges on your ComEd bill, but some send you their own bill. It's a good detail to check.

Will going with an alternative supplier protect me from ComEd rate hikes?

No, ComEd will still bill you to deliver the electricity to your home. Those delivery rates are what ComEd increases when it gets a rate hike before the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC).

What happens when my contract ends?

When your contract is up (or you cancel), you can switch to another supplier at any time, but the switching process can take up to two months.

How do the green energy options work?

Some alternative suppliers offer green plans, which typically have a higher price than more standard offers. With green plans, the supplier pledges to buy "renewable energy certificates," or RECs, from a company that produces power from renewable sources, such as wind. Basically, that company delivers an amount of renewable energy to somewhere in the electricity system that is equal to the amount you consume. So remember, enrolling in a green energy plan does not mean that the actual power you use is coming from renewable sources.

RECs are a legitimate option for consumers, but there are other ways to help the environment without paying extra—such as practicing energy efficiency at home (see below). Also CUB sees Illinois' renewable portfolio standard, requiring utilities to use a certain percentage of renewable energy, as a much more effective way to make the electricity system cleaner and more stable.

For Questions, Support, and Outages visit ComEd.com

English 1.800.EDISON (1.800.334.7661)
 Español 1.800.95.LUCES (1.800.955.8237)
 Hearing/Speech Impaired 1.800.572.5789 (TTY)
 Federal Video Relay Services (VRS) Fedvrs.us/session/new

METER INFORMATION

Read Date	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type	Pre
6/13/14	00000000	General Service	Total kWh	17654

CHARGE DETAILS

Residential - Multiple 5/12/14 - 6/13/14 (32 Days)

Category	Description	Amount
SUPPLY		\$8.52
Electricity Supply Charge	120 kWh X 0.06591	\$7.91
Transmission Services Charge	120 kWh X 0.01005	\$1.21
Purchased Electricity Adjustment		-\$0.60
DELIVERY - ComEd		\$15.72
Customer Charge		\$8.38
Standard Distribution		\$0.40
IL Electric		\$0.80
Environment		\$0.14
Energy Efficiency		\$0.27
Franchise Fee		\$0.43
State Tax		\$0.40
Municipal Tax		\$0.75
Service Period Total		\$26.13
Thank you for your payment!		
Total Amount Due		\$26.13

(Back of Bill)

An alternative supplier's charges would replace those listed in the "supply" section of your bill.

CURRENT CHARGES SUMMARY

See reverse side for details

Category	Amount
SUPPLY	\$8.52
DELIVERY	\$15.72
TAXES & FEES	\$1.89
Total	\$26.13

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ComEd delivers electricity to your home. ComEd.com 1.800.334.7661

(Front of Bill)

What details should I look for in the fine print?

1. If the price is an introductory rate that changes in a month or two.
2. If the company charges an exit fee for getting out of the deal before the term is up.
3. If the company charges a monthly fee that will inflate its advertised price.
4. If a contract clause allows the company to get out of the rate it has promised.
5. If the company charges a deposit.
6. If you're eligible to sign up for the company's offer. One company, for example, did not allow LIHEAP customers and those on deferred payment plans to take advantage of its offers. Warning: Customers using electricity as their primary source of heat as well as customers on ComEd's Hourly Pricing pay a special rate for power. Verify if you're on a special utility rate, so you can do an apples-to-apples comparison with the rate an alternative supplier is offering.

Alternative electric offers as of February 1, 2017*

Compare the prices below with ComEd's rates:
6.318 cents per kWh from Jan.-May 2017 (estimated)

***This is a snapshot of plans.** The rates and details of offers can change. Beware that plans may change drastically after the initial term. Rates only reflect the price of the power itself. The ComEd price includes the "Electricity Supply Charge" and the "Transmission Services Charge" (1.263), both under the "Supply" section of ComEd bills. The Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA), which changes monthly and can be a credit or a debit of up to 0.5 cents per kWh, is not included in ComEd's price to compare.

Company	Offer	Term	Green?	Fees
AEP Energy 1-877-648-1927 AEPenergy.com	6.80¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	No (new customers only)
AEP Energy	6.65¢ per kWh	Fixed Through December 2017	No	No (new customers only)
AEP Energy	7.85¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	No (new customers only)
AEP Energy	7.45¢ per kWh	18-month fixed	No	No (new customers only)
AEP Energy	6.95¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	No (new customers only)
Agera Energy 1-844-692-4372 www.ageraenergy.com	8.903¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Agera Energy	9.03¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee

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Ambit Energy	11.1815¢ per kWh	Variable	Yes	No
Ambit Energy	5.74¢ per kWh	Variable	No	No
Aspurity Energy 1-888-984-3052 www.aspurityenergy.com	8.37¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	No
Aspurity Energy	8.55¢ per kWh	18-month fixed	No	No
Aspurity Energy	9.25¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	Yes	No
Champion Energy 1-888-653-0087 www.championenergyservices.com	6.2¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Champion Energy	6.8¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Champion Energy	7.1¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Champion Energy	7.1¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
CleanChoice Energy 1-800-460-4900 www.cleanchoiceenergy.com	8.7¢ per kWh (3-months)	12-months	Yes	No
CleanChoice Energy	9.9¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	No
CleanChoice Energy	9.9¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	No
Clearview Energy 1-888-257-8439 www.clearviewenergy.com	5.59¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	Yes	\$50 cancellation fee
Clearview Energy	6.89¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$9.99 monthly fee, \$50 cancellation fee
Comcast Energy Rewards (a brand of Crius Energy) 1-844-684-5506 www.comcastenergyrewards.com	7.65¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	No
Comcast Energy Rewards (a brand of Crius Energy)	6.89¢ per kWh	Variable	No	No
Constellation Energy 1-866-577-4700 www.constellation.com	7.19¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Constellation Energy	7.49¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Constellation Energy	7.39¢ per kWh	18-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Direct Energy 1-866-910-3401 directenergy.com	7.09¢ per kWh (6.99¢ per kWh for military)	12-month fixed	No	No
Direct Energy	7.29¢ per kWh (7.19¢ per kWh for military)	18-month fixed	No	No
Direct Energy	9.19¢ per kWh, plus Nest Thermostat	27-month fixed	No	\$200 cancellation fee

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Dynegy Energy Services 1-844-351-7691 www.dynegyenergyservices.com	6.908¢ per kWh fixed rate	12-month fixed	No	No
Dynegy Energy Services	7.089¢ per kWh fixed rate	12-month fixed	Yes	No
Energy Plus 1-877-830-6820 www.energypluscompany.com	6.7¢ per kWh (3-month intro rate)	Variable	No	No
Energy Plus	7.9¢ per kWh fixed rate	6-month fixed	No	No
Green Mountain Energy 1-855-454-6473 www.greenmountain.com	5.8¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	Yes	\$4.95 monthly fee
Green Mountain Energy	6.9¢ per kWh (3-month promo rate)	Variable	Yes	No
Green Mountain Energy	7.4¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	Yes	No
Green Mountain Energy	7.9¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	Yes	No
Green Mountain Energy	7.9¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Green Mountain Energy	8.4¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Green Mountain Energy	9.9¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Hiko Energy 1-888-264-4908	7.60¢ per kWh	Variable	No	No
Hiko Energy	9.90¢ per kWh	Variable	No	No
IDT Energy 1-877-887-6866 www.idtenergy.com	10.39¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	No
IDT Energy	Custom price	Variable	Can choose a green option	No
IGS Energy 1-888-995-0992 www.igsenergy.com	8.4¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	No
IGS Energy	8.09¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Illinois Gas & Electric 1-866-705-7291 www.usgande.com	5.59¢ per kWh	Variable	No	No
Illinois Gas & Electric	8.427¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
MajorEnergy 1-888-625-6760 www.majorenergy.com/	9.77¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee

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MC Squared Energy Services 1-877-622-7697 www.mc2energyservices.com	Custom price	12-month fixed or 24-month fixed	Can choose a green option	No
MidAmerican Energy 1-800-432-8574 www.midamericanchoice.com	7.32¢ per kWh	December 2017	No	No
National Gas & Electric 1-888-442-0002 www.ngande.com	5.89¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	No	No
National Gas & Electric	6.09¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	No
National Gas & Electric	6.09¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	Yes	No
National Gas & Electric	6.89¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	Yes	No
National Gas & Electric	7.29¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	No
National Gas & Electric	6.89¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Nordic Energy Services 1-877-808-1022 www.nordicenergy-us.com	3.5¢ per kWh (first month only)	Variable	Yes	No
North American Power 1-888-313-9086 www.napower.com	7.79¢ per kWh	10-month fixed	No	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
North American Power	8.74¢ per kWh	10-month fixed	Yes	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
North American Power	8.39¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
North American Power	9.34¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
NRG Home 1-855-674-7697 www.nrgresidentialolutions.com	5.1¢ per kWh (first 3-months only)	Variable	Yes	No
NRG Home	7.0¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
NRG Home	7.2¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
NRG Home	8.5¢ per kWh (free NEST thermostat)	15-month fixed	Yes	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
NRG Home	8.0¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$10 exit fee per month left on contract
Oasis Energy 1-800-324-3046 www.oasisenergy.com	6.09¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	No	No
Oasis Energy	6.39¢ per kWh	3-month fixed	Yes	No
Oasis Energy	7.89¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee

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Oasis Energy	6.98¢ per kWh	18-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Oasis Energy	6.29¢ per kWh	5-month fixed	No	No
Oasis Energy	6.59¢ per kWh	5-month fixed	Yes	No
PALMco 1-877-726-5862 www.palmcoenergy.com	5.49¢ per kWh (first 2 months only)	Variable	No	No
Plymouth Energy 1-855-327-6937 www.plymouthenergy.com	7.38¢ per kWh (featuring plan)	6-month fixed	No	No
Plymouth Energy	7.50¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	No
Plymouth Energy	7.85¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	No
Plymouth Energy	7.98¢ per kWh	36-month fixed	No	No
Public Power (brand of Crius Energy) 1-888-354-4415 www.ppandu.com	7.29¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Public Power	7.69¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Realgy Energy Services 1-877-300-6747 www.realgyenergyservices.com	6.218¢ per kWh	24-month Variable	No	\$3.75 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Santanna Energy Services 1-800-827-0067 www.santannaenergyservices.com	6.49¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	\$8.99 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Santanna Energy Services	6.59¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$8.99 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Smart Energy 1-800-443-4440 www.smartenergy.com	5.69¢ per kWh	Variable	Yes	No
Smart Energy	6.69¢ per kWh	Variable	Yes - 100%	No
Spark 1-877-547-7275 www.sparkenergy.com	7.67¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$4.95 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Spark	7.99¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	Yes	\$4.95 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Spark	6.20¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	\$4.95 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Spark	6.59¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$4.95 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee

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Spark	6.89¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$4.95 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Sperian Energy 1-888-682-8082 www.sperianenergy.com	7.59¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$49 exit fee
Sperian Energy	7.12¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	\$49 exit fee
Star Energy Partners 1-855-427-7827 www.starenergypartners.com	7.19¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Star Energy Partners	8.89¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Star Energy Partners	9.29 per kWh	24-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Star Energy Partners	9.09¢ per kWh	36-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Star Energy Partners	9.69¢ per kWh	36-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Starion Energy 1-800-600-3040 www.starionenergy.com	6.99¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$6.72 monthly fee, \$50 exit fee
Tara Energy 1-855-275-8272 www.taraenergy.com	7.89¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Tara Energy	8.29¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Tara Energy	Custom price. Plans start at \$109/month.	36-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Think Energy 1-800-489-9181 www.mythinkenergy.com	7.6¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	No
Think Energy	7.5¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	No
Think Energy	7.8¢ per kWh (for new customers only)	12-month fixed	Yes	No
Verde Energy USA 1-800-388-3862 www.lowcostpower.com	7.99¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	No
Viridian (brand of Crius Energy) 1-866-663-2508 www.viridian.com	10.40¢ per kWh	Variable	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Viridian (brand of Crius Energy)	7.63¢ per kWh	15-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Viridian (brand of Crius Energy)	5.89¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee

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Viridian (brand of Crius Energy)	8.77¢ per kWh	36-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Viridian (brand of Crius Energy)	8.99¢ per kWh	Variable	Yes	\$50 exit fee
Xoom Energy 1-888-997-8979 www.xoomenergy.com	6.29¢ per kWh (3-month promotional rate)	Variable	No	No
Xoom Energy	6.29¢ per kWh	6-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Xoom Energy	7.39¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Xoom Energy	6.89¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Xoom Energy	7.29¢ per kWh	24-month fixed	No	\$50 exit fee
Xoom Energy	7.19¢ per kWh	12-month fixed	Yes	\$50 exit fee