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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

CABIN FEVER? THE GLENCOE GOLF CLUB IS NOW OPEN!

We are pleased to announce that golfers can once again enjoy the amenities at the Glencoe Golf Club. The driving range is currently open, off of the mats, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As of March 28, the golf course is also open for walkers only, though pull carts are available. Tee times may be booked in advance; morning tee times will be delayed due to expected frost.



Call the pro shop for current course conditions at (847) 835-0250 or visit the website at www.glencoeclub.com. Don't forget to search for and download our smart phone app!

Spring rates and early twilight times are available, so take advantage of the lack of snow and enjoy a round of golf!

SAVINGS CONTINUE IN ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Attached is a press release issued this week by the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium regarding the third year of the electrical aggregation program. The Consortium, made up of eight north suburban communities, states that it will continue to achieve savings in electricity rates of more than 12% over ComEd for their residents and businesses.

For more information, please contact William Jones, Assistant Village Manager at (847) 835-4112 or via email at williamj@villageofglencoe.org.

COMED ACHIEVES IMPROVED RELIABILITY IN 2013

Attached is a press release issued this week by Commonwealth Edison that details improvements in the utility's reliability performance during 2013. As indicated in the release, the improvements stem largely from ComEd's growing investments in building a "smart grid" and implementing substantial upgrades in its technology, equipment and infrastructure. In Glencoe, this included the replacement of approximately 1,800 feet of underground residential cable in the vicinity of Forest Way Drive between its intersections with Woodridge Lane and Dundee Road.

Village staff has also been advised that ComEd recently filed a petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to hasten the deployment of smart meter technology throughout its service territory. Pending ICC approval, it is anticipated that smart meter deployment in Glencoe would be accelerated by two years, and occur during calendar year 2016.



MEDIA RELEASE

North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium

Deerfield • Glencoe • Highland Park • Lake Bluff • Lake Forest • Northbrook • Park Ridge • Skokie

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North Shore Residents to Realize Continued Savings in Third Year of Electrical Aggregation Program

*Residents and Businesses in Consortium Communities
Estimated to Save More than 12% over ComEd Rate into Mid-2015*

The North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium (“Consortium”) has worked collaboratively during the last two years to save participating residential and commercial customers in eight member communities more than \$32 million* off of Commonwealth Edison’s (“ComEd”) electricity supply rates. During this time, the average customer has saved more than \$463* on electricity against current ComEd rates.

In 2012, the municipalities of Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie, collectively known as the Consortium, entered into a three-year contract with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (“mc²”) to serve as the alternative electricity supplier to the almost 70,000 Consortium customers. **Last week, for the final year of the three-year contract, the Consortium secured electricity rates of 6.688 cents per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for June 2014 through May 2015 billing cycles for residential and eligible small commercial customers.** ComEd’s estimated rate for the same time period is 7.63 cents per kWh, representing an estimated savings to customers of more than 12%.

The new price is an increase from the current rate for the electricity commodity due to the significant rise in the price of capacity effective June 1, 2014. Capacity is the cost of generating electricity to meet demand during peak times. In the last two years, such capacity cost was lower and represented a smaller portion of the electricity price. However, with an expected increase of more than 300%, it is now a substantial part of the electricity supply price.

Customers interested in participating in the 100% Green Power Program can sign-up for an additional cost of .140 cents per kWh. Those customers already purchasing enhanced renewable energy certificates as part of the Green Power Program do not need to take any action.

If customers are already receiving the Consortium's electricity supply rate, no action is necessary. Customers interested in signing up for the Consortium rate (those who have moved into a Consortium community or may want to change providers), can sign-up through the customer portal at www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com. Individuals may also call mc² directly at (888) 808-7731, or email at NorthShore@MC2energyservices.com, for more information.

Customers will receive a letter from the Consortium during the first week of April regarding new pricing terms. To learn more about mc², please visit www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com.

About Electric Aggregation & the Consortium:

Illinois law authorizes municipalities to aggregate the electric loads of residential and small commercial retail customers and to then solicit bids, select a retail electric supplier, and enter into a supply agreement to facilitate the purchase of electricity and related services and equipment on behalf of its residents and small businesses. By aggregating electric supply services, lower rates are anticipated for the purchase of electricity than the standard rate offered by ComEd. In an effort to maximize the amount of savings for customers, the communities of Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie worked together through an Intergovernmental Agreement and created the North Shore Electric Aggregation Consortium.

As required by State law, each municipality advanced a referendum and on March 20, 2012 voters in all eight Consortium communities approved referendums authorizing each municipality to operate an "opt-out" electricity aggregation program for residents and small businesses. Mc² was selected at the Consortium's service provider in April 2012 following a request for proposals for electricity aggregation services. As part of the agreement with mc², Consortium communities review electricity rates annually within the 36-month time period to ensure that customers are receiving the best possible electricity rate. The three year contract with mc² will end with the May 2015 billing cycle.

*The savings estimate for the Consortium reflects a period of June, 2012 through May 2014. The individual customer savings is based on an estimate of all Consortium members.

News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Customers Benefit from Record Reliability Generated by ComEd *Smart Grid, Infrastructure Upgrades Credited with Historic Service Performance*

CHICAGO (March 27, 2014) – ComEd today announced that its power system reliability in 2013 was the best in company history with the fewest customer interruptions, benefitting hundreds of thousands of residents and businesses throughout northern Illinois. Improvements stem largely from the utility’s substantial investments in building a “smart grid,” implementing vast power infrastructure upgrades and delivering exceptional performance by the ComEd workforce – from frontline first responders to backroom engineers and technicians.

Under the Energy Infrastructure and Modernization Act (EIMA) passed by the Illinois General Assembly, ComEd is investing \$2.6 billion over 10 years to modernize the power system with digital technology and to replace, refurbish and upgrade electric equipment across a northern Illinois territory that spans from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.

ComEd’s investments in a “smart grid” – an electricity delivery system that uses digital technology to provide customers with more information and control over energy consumption and costs – are also key to improving service reliability. These investments include expanded use of distribution automation devices or “smart switches” that automatically isolate and re-route power around problem areas.

ComEd’s EIMA investments resulted in approximately 300,000 fewer customer interruptions in 2013, creating customer savings of approximately \$48 million. “The long-term investments that we have been making are already producing very positive returns for our customers and will continue to do so,” said Terence R. Donnelly, executive vice president and chief operating officer, ComEd. “A fortified and more reliable power system improves the customer experience, saves money and helps attract, retain and expand businesses across the region.”

“Investing in next-generation infrastructure, such as modern smart grid electricity, is a key component of Mayor Emanuel’s *Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs*, currently being implemented by World Business Chicago,” said Jeff Malehorn, president and CEO, World Business Chicago. “We’re pleased to see ComEd’s strong reliability performance for 2013, an attribute that helps us attract and retain 21st century jobs.”

ComEd’s reliability performance is among the best in the Midwest, ranking in the top decile for 2013 compared to 2012 performance of peer utilities and in the top quartile in four of the past five years.

Power reliability and Illinois’ competitive electricity supply market are key reasons why businesses such as Airgas, DuPont Fabros Technology, and aeronautical and energy technology company Woodward have committed to building new facilities in ComEd’s northern Illinois service territory.

“Our reliability is proof of ComEd’s commitment to providing all of our residential and business customers with high-quality, dependable service to power their lives,” said Anne Pramaggiore, president and CEO of ComEd. “We also recognize that our investments in the smart grid will be a key contributing factor in helping establish this region as the Silicon Prairie and in creating competitive advantage, energy innovations and new jobs in northern Illinois.”

Further to its economic impact, work under the smart grid expansion legislation supported an estimated 2,800 full-time equivalent jobs in 2013; fostered the development of innovative technology through the Energy Foundry, a private nonprofit venture fund established to support smart grid-related start-up businesses; drove business partnerships with a multitude of minority- and women-owned businesses; and helped tens of thousands of individuals facing financial hardship to pay their utility bills.

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Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), the nation’s leading competitive energy provider, with approximately 6.6 million customers. ComEd provides service to approximately 3.8 million customers across northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state’s population.



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For
March | April | May 2014

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Historic Preservation	Tuesday, April 8 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
2. Plan Commission	Wednesday, April 9 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
3. Police Pension Fund Board	Wednesday, April 16 7:00 a.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4. Human Relations Forum	Wednesday, April 16 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
5. Zoning Board of Appeals	Wednesday, April 16 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
6. Finance Committee	Thursday, April 17 TBD p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
7. Village Board Meeting	Thursday, April 17 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
8. Plan Commission	Wednesday, April 23 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
9. Zoning Board of Appeals	Wednesday, May 5 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
10. Historic Preservation	Tuesday, May 6 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room