

OPT-OUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED THROUGH DOMINION RETAIL

Village Council has approved an opt-out electric aggregation program utilizing Dominion Retail services as the electric generation supplier. This program will begin with the August or September 2010 billing period and extend at least through 2011. It may be extended additional years depending upon the electric market conditions in 2012. There is one significant difference from the program that was in place during 2004-2005, which was a residential only offering. We are now able to also include some customers who are under a commercial rate structure. The program will be available to all customers who use less than 700,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year.

Most residents will receive notices in late June or early July directly from Dominion Retail regarding the Village's "Opt-Out" Electric Aggregation Program. Any residents who are participating in an electric service choice agreement with an alternative supplier to Duke Energy, including any current Dominion voluntary program, will not receive a notice of the opt-out offering because these customers will not appear on the list of current Duke customers. This does not mean that you are not eligible to participate in the new opt-out plan, but in order to participate; you will need to cancel any agreement with an alternative supplier, and in some cases pay a cancellation fee. This will not be the case if you are in a Dominion program. Current Dominion customers will just need to contact Dominion Customer Service directly and make arrangements to switch over to the opt-out program at no additional cost.

Residents who participate in the aggregation program should realize an average savings of approximately \$74 per month during the term of the contract with Dominion. Savings will be higher for residences with very high electric loads and qualifying commercial customers. The generation rate offered by Dominion is \$0.0589 per kWh and the Duke comparable rate, which changes quarterly, is currently \$0.0961 per kWh for an average home.

Residents who would like to participate in the program do not have to do anything to be included. You will continue to receive your bill via Duke Energy, but you will notice the savings. Duke retains the portion of the bill attributable to distribution services such as restoration of service and meter reading. The Dominion letter will explain the opt-out process and provide a reply card for those residents who prefer to remain with their current energy supplier. The Village will provide additional information on the program in the next edition of the bulletin and on our website: www.ihill.org.

Any questions regarding the aggregate purchase of residential electric power may be directed to the City Manager, Michael Burns, at 561-6500.