

MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION UPDATE

Several area cities and counties have been working together to secure competitive electric supply rates for residents and small businesses through a municipal electrical aggregation program. The participating communities include the Cities of Charleston, Effingham, Mattoon, Paris, Neoga, Oakland, the Villages of Ashmore, Lerna, and Humboldt, and Coles County.

Residents have been receiving Ameren's standard electric supply rate since January 1, 2026, following the expiration of the group's previous electric supply contract with Homefield Energy.

The municipal aggregation group, with guidance from its consultant, The Stone River Group, recently solicited bids for a new electric supply contract. After reviewing the bids received, the group was unable to secure a rate that was more competitive than Ameren's current Price to Compare rate.

Beginning October 1, 2026, Ameren's Price to Compare will be \$0.10441 per kWh. Because the group was unable to obtain a more competitive rate through the bidding process, residents will remain on Ameren's standard electric supply rate at this time.

The participating communities plan to reevaluate electric supply rates in the summer of 2027 and will again explore whether a group aggregation contract can provide a competitive rate for participating residents. Residents and businesses do not need to take any action at this time.

Be Aware of Unsolicited Offers

Residents may receive calls, mailings, or other communications from companies offering alternative electric supply contracts. These companies are not affiliated with the municipal electrical aggregation program.

Residents are encouraged to carefully review any offer before enrolling, including the:

- Electric supply rate
- Length of the contract
- Contract terms and conditions
- Whether the rate is fixed or variable
- Any early termination or other fees

About Municipal Electrical Aggregation

Municipal Electrical Aggregation was approved by voters in July 2012 as a way for participating communities to purchase electricity on behalf of residents and small businesses at competitive, wholesale-based rates.

Since the program began, its goal has been to provide savings and competitive electric supply options for participating residents. The participating communities will continue to monitor the electric supply market and evaluate opportunities to secure a competitive group rate in the future.

Need Help With Energy Costs?

Households needing assistance with energy costs may be eligible for programs that provide help with utility bills. A list of township offices and nonprofit organizations offering assistance is available through Ameren's energy assistance resources.

Eligible households may also qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally funded program that provides financial assistance with utility bills.

For more information, call 1-877-411-9276 or visit Ameren's energy assistance resources.

Ameren also offers energy-saving tips and flexible billing options that may help residents manage their energy costs.