

St Anne Municipal Aggregation Update

Your Electric Aggregation program was renewed in September 2017:

St Anne rate: 6.80¢
ComEd rate: 7.15¢

Of the residents who received opt out notices, 94% enrolled. That is 77% of all homes and small businesses in your community.

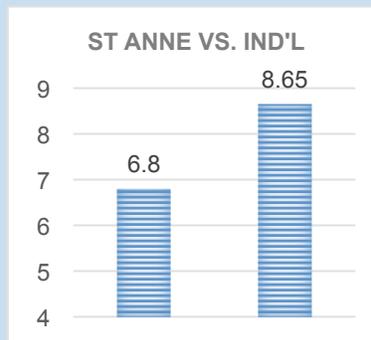
23% of your residents are not participating; most of those have enrolled in an individual supplier contract.

A recent study by the Illinois Commerce Commission indicates more residents are purchasing power on their own. Over the last year, the number of ratepayers selecting their own supplier increased by 17%.

However, the ICC study concluded those residents paid an average 1.5¢ (a whopping 24%) **more than** the ComEd rate.

If the residents in your community who purchase

power on their own are typical of those in the ICC study, they paid an average 1.85¢ **above** the St Anne rate. That amounts to an overpayment of \$165 per year.



Some residents sign up for introductory offers such as airline miles, gift cards, or smart thermostats. Such incentives often come with high power rates. Residents may not be aware just how much above the ComEd rate they are paying.

As an increasing number of residents select their own supplier, there has been a corresponding increase in complaints filed with the ICC. The number of supplier

complaints filed with the ICC rose 19% year over year.

One conclusion may be confusion around the purchase of electricity. For many years ComEd was a monopoly; residents had no need to educate themselves. Aggressive marketers may use such confusion to their advantage, enrolling residents in more costly rate plans.

Many residents are pleased when their village renews an Aggregation Program. They appreciate that informed community leaders are evaluating purchases on their behalf and taking advantage of lower rates available through bulk purchasing.

All residents are free to participate in an Aggregation program. They may also vacate at any time and will never incur an early termination fee. That's not always the case when residents select their own supplier.