



HUNTERDON AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Dear Township of Bethlehem Resident,

I am proud to write to you today to share the good news about the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative. The Township of Bethlehem has opted to participate in this state-authorized "Community Aggregation Program" designed to offer you and your neighbors reduced rates on your electric bills.

The bottom line is that when we all purchase energy together as a community, we are able to access lower rates.

Community Aggregation is very different than other third party supply contracts and offers protections to you that individual contracts may not offer:

The rate is the same from month-to-month.

The ability to leave the program at ANY TIME

NO penalties or fees to leave the program

The following pages contain important information explaining the Community Aggregation Program established by the Township of Bethlehem to provide lower electric generation rates than you would currently pay with JCP&L. We are pleased to offer this cost saving program for your electric bills!

We have scheduled a public information session about the program so that everyone can learn more and get their questions answered. A meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, located at 405 Mine Road in Asbury, New Jersey, on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Paul Muir

Paul Muir, Mayor

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION

NOTHING CHANGES

All current services such as delivery, meter readings, billing, payments, emergency services, etc., are serviced through JCP&L, just as they are today.

This program offers the reduced rate on the supply portion of your electric bill. You will still be billed for consumption (delivery) charges from JCP&L, just as you are today.

The rate offered is the same from month-to-month.

Budget billing will be offered. If you are currently enrolled in a budget bill plan with JCP&L, the program's supplier will start a budget bill plan for you. In addition, anyone wishing to enroll in a budget plan through the program may also elect to do so.

There are no fees for participation in the program. You may choose to join or leave the program at any time, as often as you wish, for the duration of the program at no cost. You will never be charged fees or incur penalties, even after the initial 30-day response period.

You will continue to call JCP&L for service-related questions and outages. For outages, you will still call JCP&L at (888) 544-4877, and for billing-related questions, you can call JCP&L at (888) 544-4877 or IDT Energy, Inc. at (855) 823-9309.

No one will be calling or knocking on your door regarding this program. All information regarding this program is mailed through the US Postal Service and will be posted on the program's website at www.njaggregation.us/HAEC. Please be wary of anyone trying to obtain or discuss your account information otherwise.

We're all in this together. We know municipal energy issues like this can sometimes be a bit technical and perhaps even boring. Please keep in mind that this is something your neighbors and people across Hunterdon County will be doing. We believe it will result, as it has in other communities, in a positive outcome and real savings for our community and our residents.



BUDGET BILL INFORMATION

For those residents who are on a *budget bill program* through JCP&L, please review the information provided on this page.

- If you are currently on Budget Billing with JCP&L, you will *automatically* be offered a budget bill with this program through IDT Energy, Inc.
- Prior to entering the program, you will receive a reconciliation or “true up” bill from JCP&L. This is to bring your account to zero prior to entering the energy aggregation program.
- The reconciliation amount may be substantial, depending on how much you are over or under on the budgeted amount, and this reconciliation may come as a charge or a credit on your bill.
- This new budget amount will be based on your most current usage history for the last 12 months. After six months in the program, IDT Energy may conduct an adjustment to your monthly budget amount to ensure your budget is in line with your usage.
- After 3 months with the program, IDT Energy will conduct a reconciliation or “true up” to keep the amount of money owed to or by you at a manageable level.
- **If you choose to leave the program**, you will be provided another true up which will bring your account to zero prior to leaving the program.
- If a new rate is not offered at the end of this initial contract term for the program participants, you will receive a reconciliation or “true up” bill on the last bill. Just as above, this will zero out your account prior to returning to JCP&L. The resulting credit or charges *may* be substantial if your usage is significantly lower or higher than the prior year.
- Any resulting reconciliation charge or “true up” amount represents your usage over and above the amount you were budgeted for and is not for “extra charges”. **We encourage you to track your usage vs. your budgeted amount so you can stay current on your usage and charges.**
- If you have a credit against your budgeted amount, meaning you used less energy than budgeted for, your credit will be applied to any future charges on your bill.

Please contact a Commercial Utility Consultants customer care agent at (855) 200-2648 with questions.

Thank you!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative? Municipalities have the ability to pool together the usage of all their residents to obtain a lower energy supply rate than you are currently being charged. We can then offer that rate to participating residents.

Who oversees the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative process? The program's Energy Agents, Commercial Utility Consultants and Concord Energy Services, report all activities related to administration and management of the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative to the NJ Board of Public Utilities, the Division of Rate Counsel and the Department of Community Affairs.

Is my municipality the only one in the Energy Aggregation Program? No, your municipality chose to participate in this program along with three others in order to maximize buying power and obtain real savings for its residents.

What information will I receive about the program? Aside from public meetings and advertising, you will receive at least two letters: one is your official opt-out letter (attached in this packet) which provides details such as the program rate, term, chosen supplier and the deadline for opting out; and the second is a confirmation letter from JCP&L stating that you have elected to remain in the program and the date your rate will be adjusted. This second letter is a form letter stating you have chosen to switch, even though the program was chosen by your municipality as a benefit to you. You may disregard this second letter.

Are Commercial Utility Consultants and Concord Energy Services energy suppliers? No. They are independent consultants that work with all of the energy suppliers licensed by the Board of Public Utilities to do business in New Jersey to obtain the energy contract and work through the process to put the energy aggregation program in place for your municipality.

Do I have to be enrolled in this program? No. You can choose not to participate by going to www.njaggregation.us/HAEC, by calling (877) 292-3904 or by returning the enclosed response card.

Will I be penalized if I do not become a part of the program? No. If you do not want to be a part of our program, you are free to stay with your current utility or choose your own Third Party Supplier. There will never be a fee or penalty associated with participation or non- participation in this program.

Am I going to have to pay more than one bill if I am a part of this program? No. You will continue to pay one bill directly to JCP&L, just as you always have.

If I have solar panels, can I be a part of this program? At this time, suppliers are not able to process the net metering portion of solar credits, and we recommend that you opt out of the program to avoid losing your credits.

Who will read my meter now? JCP&L will still be reading your meter.

Can my information be sold to advertisers or energy companies? No. Your information, including your account number, is confidential and can only be used to set up the municipality's program.

HUNTERDON AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE



November 26, 2018

Dear Township of Bethlehem Resident:

Recently, the Township of Bethlehem took advantage of a state law that allows us to establish a Community Energy Aggregation Program. For municipalities that choose to participate, this program permits the aggregation of all residential customers within participating municipalities for the purpose of competitively purchasing electricity at rates lower than are currently available from your electric utility. The Township of Bethlehem, along with three other municipalities, combined the electricity consumption of their residents' electric accounts, obtained competitive bids from suppliers licensed by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to provide electric supply service, and achieved savings for our residents.

How the Program Works: We obtained a rate that is lower than what JCP&L currently charges for the energy supply portion of your bill.¹ This program offers a flat rate and is designed to offer a reduced rate without the risk of unexpected rate increases, unlike other variable Third Party Supply (TPS) contracts. This means the rate will remain the same for the term of the contract.

Electricity Auction Results: An auction was held on June 26, 2018, and the results were a program rate of **\$0.0863/kWh** offered by IDT Energy, Inc. (855-823-9309) compared to JCP&L average Price to Compare rate of \$0.105331/kWh. The program rate will go into effect with your **February 2019** meter read date and will continue through your **October 2020** meter read date. By way of example, if your monthly electric usage is 700/kWh, your bill under this program will be \$60.41 for the supply portion versus \$73.73 that you would have paid through with JCP&L. You will see your initial savings on the electric bill you receive in March 2019.

JCP&L will continue to deliver your electricity, and you will be billed at the regulated delivery rate. JCP&L will continue to provide all emergency and safety services. JCP&L will also continue to provide customer services such as meter reading, billing² and service restoration. You will also continue to only receive one bill and continue to pay JCP&L.

In accordance with the State's program requirements, as a Bethlehem resident you will be automatically enrolled in the program unless you opt-out by **12/31/2018**. Once enrolled, **you may leave at any time. You will never incur any fees for leaving or rejoining the program.**³

As a residential electric customer who has not chosen a Third Party Supplier (TPS) for your electric supply, you will be automatically enrolled in this program and receive the anticipated energy savings **unless you indicate your desire not to participate** by completing and mailing the enclosed response card by **12/31/2018**. (The date shall not be less than 30 calendar days after the postmark on this notice.) **You may also call (877) 292-3904 toll free to opt out** (please note that wait times may be longer during high call time periods and please have your bill handy) **or visit www.njaggregation.us/HAEC. For all other questions and more detailed information, call toll free at (855) 200-2648.**

1 JCP&L rates may increase or decrease during the course of this program, which would affect the anticipated level of customer savings. Savings cannot be guaranteed over the term of the agreement. JCP&L charges can change quarterly and are posted on the web.

2 Other billing arrangements may apply for customers who do not remain current with their bills.

3 Leaving the program is subject to the timing of meter readings and typically takes 1-2 billing cycles.

IDT Energía, Inc. (IDTE) Resumen Del Contrato de Proveedor Tercero

HUNTERDON AREA CORPORATIVA ENERGETICA – PARTICIPANTES DEL PROGRAMA DE AGREGACION MUNICIPAL

<p>Información del Proveedor Tercero</p> <p>Al entrar en este contrato, usted acepta comprar su suministro eléctrico a este proveedor.</p>	<p>Numero de Licencia del Estado de Nueva Jersey: ESL-0081 (Electricidad), GSL-0090 (Gas) IDT Energy, Inc., 520 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102 855-823-9309 - contactus@idtenergy.com - www.IDTEnergy.com</p> <p>Usted ha elegido a IDTE como su proveedor tercero de suministro (TPS). IDTE no está afiliada con su compañía de distribución eléctrica (EDC). IDTE es responsable por los cargos de suministro eléctricos en su factura. Estos cargos aparecerán en la factura de su EDC por separado y aparte de los cargos de su EDC por entregar su electricidad.</p>
<p>Precio Estructurado</p>	<p>Con este Programa de Agregación Municipal, su precio será efectivo a partir de la primera fecha de servicio con IDTE y permanecerá fija para todas las facturas emitidas a través de su fecha de lectura del contador en Octubre del 2020.</p>
<p>Generación / Precio de Suministro</p>	<p>La tarifa de suministro que se le cobrara por la electricidad durante el término del Programa de Agregación Municipal será \$0.0863 por kW (8.63 cents/kW).</p>
<p>Declaración sobre ahorros</p>	<p>Este precio puede ser mayor o menor que el precio de la EDC en cualquier mes. No hay garantía de ahorros.</p>
<p>Cantidad de tiempo necesario para cambiar de suplidor al servicio predeterminado o a otro suplidor</p>	<p>Si usted decide cancelar el servicio y optar-no de este Programa de Agregación Municipal para regresar a su EDC o a otro suplidor (TPS), este cambio será efectivo con la siguiente fecha de ciclo disponible de acuerdo con las reglas del ciclo de su EDC, que toma 1 a 2 ciclos de factura desde la presentación de la solicitud de cancelación.</p>
<p>Incentivos</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Derecho a cancelar /Rescindir</p>	<p>Este acuerdo continuara hasta la expiración del término especificado (a menos que una de las partes notifique su intención de cancelar) y hasta que la EDC complete la terminación de conformidad con sus reglas. Un cliente puede optar por no participar en este acuerdo en cualquier momento durante los 30 días calendario posteriores llamando al CUC al 877-292-3904, visitando www.njaggregation.us/HAEC o devolviendo la tarjeta de respuesta adjunta a la dirección designada. Usted puede cancelar este acuerdo en cualquier momento sin penalización.</p>
<p>Fecha de inicio del contrato</p>	<p>Su cuenta comenzara a recibir el servicio de suministro eléctrico de IDTE en la primera fecha de ciclo de facturación disponible, según lo determinado por su EDC, en o después de 1/31/2019.</p>
<p>Termino de contrato/ Duración</p>	<p>Los términos de este Programa de Agregación Municipal terminaran en o después 10/31/2020.</p>
<p>Cancelación / Cargos de Terminación</p>	<p>No hay cargos de terminación anticipada asociados con este Programa de Agregación Municipal.</p>
<p>Términos de Renovación</p>	<p>Usted recibirá un aviso dentro de los 30 días antes de la expiración del término de avisos de sus opciones de renovación. Usted puede cancelar este acuerdo en cualquier momento sin penalización.</p>
<p>Información de la compañía de distribución</p>	<p>Su EDC continuara la distribución de electricidad, usted todavía hace el pago a su EDC por este servicio, y usted todavía llamara a su EDC en el caso de una emergencia relacionada con la energía. Puede comunicarse con su EDC a la siguiente información:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JCPL: 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877)

IDT Energy, Inc. (IDTE) Third Party Supplier Contract Summary

HUNTERDON AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE - MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

<p>Third Party Supplier Information</p> <p>By entering into this contract, you are agreeing to purchase your electric supply from this supplier</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">State of New Jersey License Number: ESL-0081 (Electric), GSL-0090 (Gas) IDT Energy, Inc., 520 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102 855-823-9309 - contactus@idtenergy.com - www.IDTEnergy.com</p> <p>You have chosen IDTE as your third party supplier (TPS). IDTE is not affiliated with your electric distribution company (EDC). IDTE is responsible for the electric supply charges on your bill. These charges will appear on your EDC's bill separate and apart from your EDC's charges for delivering your electricity.</p>
<p>Price Structure</p>	<p>With this Municipal Aggregation Program, your price will be effective starting with your first date of service with IDTE and is non-variable for all bills issued through your October 2020 Meter Read Date.</p>
<p>Generation/ Supply Price</p>	<p>The supply price you will be charged for the electricity supplied during the Term of the Municipal Aggregation Program will be \$0.0863 per kWh (8.63 cents/kWh).</p>
<p>Statement Regarding Savings</p>	<p>This price may be higher or lower than the EDC's price in any month. There is no guarantee of savings.</p>
<p>Amount of time required to change from TPS back to default service or to</p>	<p>If you choose to cancel service and opt-out of this Municipal Aggregation Program to return to your EDC or switch to another TPS, this change will be effective with the next available cycle date in accordance with your EDC's cycle rules, which takes 1 to 2 billing cycles from the submission of the cancellation request.</p>
<p>Incentives</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Right to Cancel/Rescind</p>	<p>This Agreement shall continue until the expiration of the specified term (unless either party provides prior notice of its intent to cancel) and until the EDC completes the termination in accordance with its rules. A customer may opt-out of this Agreement at any time during the 30 calendar days after the postmark on the Opt-Out notice by calling CUC at 877-292-3904, visiting www.njaggregation.us/HAEC or returning the enclosed response card to the designated address. You may cancel this agreement at any time without penalty.</p>
<p>Contract Start Date</p>	<p>Your account will begin receiving Electric Supply Service from IDTE on the first available billing cycle date, as determined by your EDC, on or after 1/31/2019.</p>
<p>Contract Term/Length</p>	<p>The Term of this Municipal Aggregation Program will end on or about 10/31/2020.</p>
<p>Cancellation / Termination Fees</p>	<p>There are no early termination fees associated with this Municipal Aggregation Program.</p>
<p>Renewal Terms</p>	<p>You will receive notice at least 30 days prior to expiration of the Term advising of your renewal options. You may cancel this agreement at any time without penalty.</p>
<p>Distribution Company Information</p>	<p>Your EDC will continue to deliver electric to you, you still make payment to your EDC for this service, and you will still call your EDC in the case of an energy related emergency. You may contact your EDC at the information provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCPL: 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877)