



VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD MARCH 20TH REFERENDUM

In 2010, the Illinois State Legislature gave municipalities a tool to help taxpayers save money. The State has given municipalities the ability to seek competitive pricing for the provision of electricity to residents and small businesses. In order to seek competitive prices for electrical services for our residents, the Village needs approval from the residents through a referendum. The Village Board has placed the needed referendum regarding residential and small business electrical services on the **March 20th Ballot**. The referendum asks our residents if the Village should have the authority to seek competitive pricing bids for electrical services under a single contract that would include residents and small businesses. It is hoped that by combining electrical service for all individual customers into a single bid, consumers will have lower electric bills and save money.

The referendum reads:

“Shall the **VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD** have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?”

Voter approval of the referendum is the first step in the process of trying to achieve better consumer pricing for residents and small businesses. If voters approve the referendum, the Village would take the following next steps: (1) the Village would hold two public meetings, (2) it must develop a plan, (3) it must solicit competitive pricing bids, and (4) if, and only if, the bids reflect lower prices than ComEd pricing, the Village Board would approve agreements that would initiate the program for residents and small businesses. If the competitive bid process does not benefit residents and small businesses through lower electric bills, then the Village would not enter into the agreement.

Please note, if the voters do approve the referendum residents will still have the opportunity to “opt-out” of any negotiated program the Village establishes. In other words, an approval vote does not require voters to make any changes in their electric service provider. If you are happy with your current service and do not want to change, you will not have to.

If you need any additional information on this important referendum, please visit the Village website www.vil.shorewood.il.us or contact the Village at **815-725-2150**.

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK LOWER ELECTRIC BILLS FOR SHOREWOOD RESIDENTS

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ELECTRICAL
AGGREGATION
WHAT IT MEANS FOR
RESIDENTS

- * Only the supply portion of your bill changes
- * ComEd still delivers the electricity
- * Your bill still comes from ComEd
- * If the lights go out, you still call ComEd
- * You can opt-out, of the program before it begins

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