

- **Electrical Aggregation.** The Village of North Barrington aggregation program with Constellation Energy Services, Inc. will expire in July of 2017. The current price of 7.09 cents per kWh will be raised in June, 2016 to 7.62 cents per kWh; this rate will be the rate thru the expiration of the program. This change is a result of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's changes to the law in regulating the interstate transmission of electricity. Due to the polar vortex the area went through in early 2014, the utility company's grid almost collapsed during the coldest part of the winter. The power grid operator in our area, PJM Interconnection, is implementing market changes - called Capacity Performance - to improve the reliability of the power grid. This market change will result in increased costs for all electricity suppliers and utilities who sell energy to consumers in PJM, including ComEd. ComEd's annual rate will be published in June. Any resident who is a customer of Constellation can opt out of the program with no charge or termination fee. If you have further questions, visit the FAQ page on their website, found [here](#), or contact Constellation representative John Nania, 630-416-8300 extension 301.
- **Energy Efficiency from ComEd.** ComEd can help residents and businesses become more energy efficient. Click [here](#) to check out their site for tips, tools and incentive programs to help save energy, as well as saving money on monthly bills. **ComEd Two-Way Alert Outage Messaging.** ComEd has instituted a two-way text messaging capability that allows customers to text their outage to ComEd and enables ComEd to text restoration information back to customers. The expanded outage alert text message program allows customers to text the company to report an outage, offer real-time information on outages, allow customers to text ComEd to opt into the program, and more. To sign up please visit: <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/outage-alerts.aspx>. **Standard Templates.** Standard templates with detailed information for communicating outage information to municipalities will be used and information will be sent twice each day during restoration. **Communication.** ComEd has doubled the amount of lines into their call center to take more calls in the event of an emergency. ComEd also has a new \$1 million state-of-the-art mobile command center (MOC) which can house 25 ComEd engineers to be dispatched in the event of severe localized damage. **Downed Power Lines.** To report a downed power line please call 1-800-EDISON-1.
- **Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program.** Nicor Gas launched a new Energy Efficiency Program targeted at helping customers save energy and money. These plans include both residential and business programs. For more information regarding the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program please visit their website at <http://www.nicorgasrebates.com> or call the customer rebate center at 877-886-4239.