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MEDIA RELEASE

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Re: Champaign County's Municipal Electric Aggregation Program
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Champaign County renewed its municipal electricity aggregation program this fall with a new supplier, Energy Harbor. This is an "opt-out" program, meaning that residents will be enrolled in it automatically unless they choose a different supplier. If you want to participate in the County's aggregation program, simply do NOTHING. If you want to opt out to go with Ameren or a different supplier, directions will be provided via a letter from the new supplier, Energy Harbor, to be sent to residents in mid-December. Again, unless you opt out, you'll be automatically enrolled when the County's aggregation program restarts in February.

Because the new aggregation term doesn't begin until February, every participating household will return to Ameren, but only for two billing cycles before the new aggregation program starts. Each household will receive a notice from Ameren confirming the return for the two-month period. Ameren then will send residents one more letter, stating the resident's energy supply is moving to Energy Harbor and the resident has 10 days to opt out. Unless account holders opt out, they WILL be enrolled in the aggregation program. If you do opt out and return to Ameren or another supplier, you cannot return to the aggregation program for 12 months.

Residents participating in the most recent municipal electricity aggregation program have been receiving rates of \$0.04543 cents per kilowatt hour. The competitive bidding process this time resulted in a fixed rate of **\$0.1222** cents from February through July 2023. Ameren's current price to compare as of October 1 through May 2023 is \$0.12236 cents per kilowatt hour. While the rate difference is less than past bidding has yielded, the aggregation program does offer price protection for the 22-month term if Ameren's rates continue to rise. The total contract term is 22-months; however, there will be capacity charge adjustments in July 2023 and July 2024. Prior to any adjustments, you will receive a new notice updating your community pricing. You may opt out again, rejoin, or remain in the program.

The aggregation program doesn't guarantee savings, but since its inception more than a decade ago, every participating community has realized savings for its residents. Currently, upwards of 90% of all residents in the participating communities are enrolled in the program.

Questions about the municipal aggregation program can be addressed via email at gcesi@goodenergy.com or by phone at 844-686-4244. You also may contact the County Executive's office at 217-384-3776 or visit the County's aggregation page on its website https://www.co.champaign.il.us/HeaderMenu/pdfs/Municipal_Electric_Aggregation.pdf.

An important note: No one affiliated with the aggregation program will come to your door to discuss, seek, or confirm enrollment. The County and the other participating municipalities partner with Good Energy L.P., the largest municipal aggregation consultant in the U.S. Good Energy is based in New York but has regional offices in Peoria and Edwardsville. -end-