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MEDIA RELEASE

Date: September 25, 2020

Re: Electric Supply Municipal Aggregation Program (Champaign County MEA)

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Champaign County has renewed it participation in an electric aggregation program that negotiates favorable group electric utility rates on behalf of residents in unincorporated areas of Champaign County. The county has negotiated for 100% green energy, and the contract rate will run from December 2020- December 2022.

Champaign County's Aggregation Program was adopted by voters in 2012. Municipal electric aggregation allows local governments to create a buying group of residential and small commercial retail electric accounts in order to seek bids to secure consistent pricing.

The program is an Opt-Out aggregation program which means that residents of unincorporated Champaign County who are currently signed up for the program, or are eligible Ameren Illinois customers, will be automatically enrolled in the program unless they opt out.

- The fixed price is \$0.04543/kwh, which includes a fee (\$0.00118/kwh) for 100% green energy.
- 100% of the energy for this program comes from renewable energy sources through purchases of RECs.
- Opt-Out notices will be mailed to residents in early October with an Opt-Out end date of October 30, 2020.
- Customers can Opt-Out by returning the Opt-Out card or by calling (866) 694-1262 (once enrolled, customers can Opt-Out at any time with no early termination fees).
- FAQs https://www.homefieldenergy.com/municipal-aggregation/municipal-aggregation-faq

Customers can find out more about their options for electricity supply by visiting

- www.pluginillinois.org
- www.ameren.com

Power outages or problems with service:

Ameren residential (800) 755-5000 **Ameren** commercial (800) 232-2477

Electric Aggregation Program questions, including billing questions, disputes or complaints: **Homefield Customer Care** (866) 694-1262 or HomefieldCustCare@VistraCorp.com
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