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Village of Schiller Park
Village Manager
9526 Irving Park Road
Schiller Park, IL 60176

Dear Village Manager:

In accordance with your franchise agreement regarding notices, I would like to inform you that, on April 16, 2021, ComEd filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) its annual update under the performance-based formula rate authorized by Public Act 97-0616 and Public Act 97-0646 (collectively the “Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act” or “EIMA”). Specifically, ComEd filed proposed cost inputs, revenue requirement reconciliation, and supporting testimony and other information required under EIMA.

This filing was made for the purpose of determining, pursuant to Section 16-108.5 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, proposed charges for delivery services applicable throughout ComEd’s service territory in northern Illinois. Through this filing, the proposed charges will take effect beginning with the January 2022 monthly billing period. The proposed delivery service charges include ComEd’s costs of delivering electricity through its distribution system and apply to all ComEd customers independent of whether they acquire their power from ComEd or by a third party (i.e., a Retail Electric Supplier). If, as expected, the ICC suspends and investigates this filing, consistent with its process, the ICC will send you an electronic notice of this filing.

If approved, ComEd’s distribution rates will increase about 20 cents per month and will support investments to expand access to clean energy through private and community solar and support the growing demand among motorists and fleet vehicle managers for electric vehicles. The utility is also in a multi-year program to increase customer savings through Voltage Optimization technology, which is creating up to 2 percent in annual energy savings for an average customer. Investments are also being made in advanced communications and wireless technology to enable an array of smart city technologies that monitor air quality, traffic and parking, as well as smart streetlights, flooding detection, and intelligent waste management.

The increase in distribution and the transmission services charge would bring the total average monthly bill for ComEd residential customers to about \$83, which would be lower than residential customer bills in 2008. This includes a net increase of about 70 cents for energy supply based on the spring energy procurement that was approved by the ICC on April 9.

ComEd's investments to improve grid reliability and performance create jobs and drive economic investment, including creating opportunities for diverse suppliers in local communities. A report to the ICC this week shows ComEd spent a record \$894 million – or 42 percent of its total supplier spend – with minority- and woman-owned businesses in 2020, bringing its total spend with diversity-certified suppliers to \$5.5 billion since 2012.

Recognizing that many Illinois families continue to be adversely affected by economic challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, ComEd recently increased financial assistance funding by \$9 million with the approval of the ICC to help customers regain their financial footing. ComEd increased the amount of funds available to provide more one-time bill credits of up to \$500, until funds were exhausted. Credits were available to eligible residential customers who had outstanding balances or were looking to reconnect their electric service. Through June 30, 2021 ComEd offers extended payment arrangements, which allow eligible customers facing financial hardship to spread outstanding balances over 18 monthly installments with no money down. All other eligible residential customers with outstanding balances can enroll in an 18-month payment plan with a 10-percent down payment through June 30, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact your ComEd External Affairs Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Negrin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Negrin" clearly legible.

Rich Negrin
VP, External Affairs

Attachments