

In March, Lockport residents will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to give the City the authority to look into the possibility of acquiring electric power on your behalf.

The City Council voted unanimously to place a referendum question on the March 20 primary ballot asking residents the following:

"Shall the City of Lockport 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?"

The impetus for the Council's action was a new state law that allows municipalities to potentially receive proposals from electric suppliers on behalf of their residents and small businesses under a single (bulk) contract. If proposal rates are lower than ComEd's, residents and small businesses within Lockport's corporate limits not already choosing power from an alternative supplier would acquire electricity from the new supplier, saving residents and businesses money on the power supply portion of their monthly electric bills. The process is known as electrical aggregation.

The City has developed a neutral (i.e., neither in support of nor in opposition to the referendum) public education program to provide further information on electrical aggregation and the electrical aggregation process. The first Public Information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 @ 6:00 PM at the Central Square Building.

Stay tuned over the next few months. We'll keep you informed.