

Resolution appointing NIMEC as the Village's broker to purchase electricity and delegation of signing authority to Village Manager to enter into NIMEC-selected energy provider

Background: In 2007, the State of Illinois deregulated its electric market. Prior to that, ComEd both generated and delivered the power to residential and commercial customers. The legislation required ComEd to transfer ownership of its nuclear reactors to its parent, Exelon. Illinois then opened up its borders for other energy generators to compete with Exelon. ComEd remains a monopoly and delivers the power to commercial and residential users, regardless of who generates the power.

The Village has been using NIMEC as its broker since 2008. NIMEC is paid by the electric supplier for originating the business. The Village does not compensate NIMEC and is not under contract with NIMEC.

NIMEC has extensive expertise in the northern Illinois power market. Also, NIMEC manages a buying collaborative, aggregating the collective power of 123 municipalities, as well as 47 library/park district/water districts. The collective volume of the buying collaborative (\$15 to \$20 million/year) allows NIMEC to negotiate rates that are lower than what an individual municipality could negotiate on their own. The Village has enjoyed a good working relationship with NIMEC since 2008.

This resolution pertains to the purchase of electricity for the village operated water pumping facilities. NIMEC also is the leading consultant in Municipal Aggregation, managing 91 programs in northern Illinois.

Resolution: Prices within the commodity markets (including electricity) are constantly fluctuating. Therefore, NIMEC's bid prices are only good for the day they are provided. As such, the board needs to delegate signing authority to the Village's Manager/Mayor/Director of Finance to accept a bid by entering into a contractual relationship with the winning power supplier.

NIMEC Bullet Points:

- 170 total members, consisting of 123 northern Illinois municipalities, plus 47 park districts, water districts and libraries.
- NIMEC member retention rate since inception: 98-99%
- NIMEC's first annual bid: 2008
- Each member receives its own pricing. No member subsidizes any other member's price.
- NIMEC offers 1, 2 and 3 year pricing. Each member can select its own term.
- Members are under no obligation to accept the bids.
- NIMEC solicits bids from Constellation (owned by Exelon), Dynegy, and MC Squared.
- Bids must be accepted by signing power agreement on the day of the bid.