

# Morris Area Energy Cooperative Energy Aggregation Program



Dear Borough of Union Beach Resident,

The Borough of Union Beach in conjunction with the Morris Area Energy Cooperative has passed an ordinance and resolution to establish an Energy Aggregation Program. Enclosed please find important information on the Energy Aggregation Program. Many municipalities throughout the State are participating in this program to provide a benefit to their residents. The accompanying attachments explain the program in detail along with the rate we were able to achieve to help save you money on your utility bill.

We are pleased that we are able to offer this electric energy savings program. This program is very different than other third party supply contracts and offers protections to you that individual contracts may not offer, such as no penalties or fees to opt out, opt out at any time, and a flat, fixed (not variable) rate.

The Energy Aggregation Program is overseen by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and the Division of Rate Counsel through N.J.A.C 14:4-6 et seq. It allows for municipalities to pool the energy usage from all residents within each municipality in an effort to find a lower rate on the electric supply portion of your bill.

This program is an Opt-Out program; this means that if you wish not to experience the fixed rate savings that have been secured, you must Opt-Out. We are bound to follow the statutory guidelines and this aspect of the program is a provision of N.J.A.C. 14:4-6, not the Borough of Union Beach, nor our energy consultants, Concord Energy Services (CES) and Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. (CUC). In an effort to provide you a better rate and group buying power, as well as protection against fluctuating rates, we see this as a valuable service of which we could take advantage.

For those of you who have questions beyond what is enclosed here, we will be holding **informational meetings on July 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and on July 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** to be held in Council Chambers located at 650 Poole Avenue, Union Beach, NJ 07735.

Our energy consultants, CUC and CES, will be on hand to do a presentation and answer any questions you may have at that time. Please look on the Union Beach Website <http://www.ubnj.net> or [www.njaggregation.us/maec](http://www.njaggregation.us/maec) for any additional outreach information and meeting dates. A FAQ sheet is attached for your convenience, and you may call CES at 866-688-5197 if you have questions or you received this letter in error.

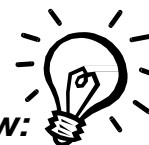
**We appreciate you taking the time to read this valuable information and look forward to helping you save on your utility bill.**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul J. Smith, Jr.".

Paul J. Smith, Jr., Mayor

## Three things you should know:



- ✓ This program has been structured to provide residential customers with some savings at no risk.
- ✓ Your utility will continue to send your monthly bill, respond to outages or other emergencies and deliver the electricity supply.
- ✓ If you do nothing, you will be automatically enrolled in the program.



## Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. Who do I Call if my electric goes out?**  
You will still call JCPL.
- 2. Do I have to be in this program?**  
No, you can opt out by going to [www.njaggregation.us](http://www.njaggregation.us), calling 877-292-3904 or by returning the bottom portion of the Opt-out letter.
- 3. Can my information be sold to advertisers or energy companies?**  
No. Your information, including your account number, is confidential and can only be used to set up the program your municipality has set up.
- 4. What is a Government Energy Aggregation program?**  
A municipality has the ability to pool together the usage of all their residents to obtain a lower electric or gas rate than what the Local Distribution Company is currently charging. If they get a lower price, they can then offer it to all their residents.
- 5. Is there a fee to be a part of the program?**  
No, there are no fees or penalties.
- 6. Is there a fee if I leave the program after it starts?**  
No, there will never be a fee or penalty for a resident to leave the program, even after it starts.
- 7. Will I be penalized if I do not become a part of the program?**  
No, there will never be a fee or penalty. If you do not want to be a part of it you are free to stay with your local utility company or choose your own Third Party Supplier.
- 8. Is Commercial Utility Consultants (CUC) or Concord Energy Services (CES) an energy supplier?**  
No. They are independent consultants that works with all the energy suppliers licensed to do business in New Jersey by the BPU to obtain the energy contract and work through the process to put the Aggregation program in place.
- 9. Am I going to have to pay more than one bill if I am a part of this program?**  
No, you will continue to receive one bill to your utility company and pay that one bill directly to them as you always have.
- 10. Who do I call with service questions or questions about my bill?**  
You will continue to call your local utility company just as you always have.
- 11. Who will now read my meter?**  
Your local utility company will still read your meter.
- 12. Will the Budget Bill or Equal Payment Plan be offered?**  
Yes, this will be offered for this program. You may experience a "true-up" prior to enrollment.
- 13. Are the people knocking on my door asking about my electric bill a part of this program?**  
No, no one associated with CUC/CES will be knocking on your door. All official program information is sent via USPS and can be found on the websites mentioned in the accompanying material.
- 14. What information will I receive about the program?**  
Aside from public meetings and advertising, you will receive at least 2 letters. One is your official Information Packet and it provides the details such as the new rate, term, chosen supplier and the deadline for opting out. The second is a confirmation letter from the utility company stating you have elected to remain in the program and the date you will be switched over. **This is a form letter stating you have chosen to switch even though the program was chosen by your municipality as a benefit to you. You may disregard this letter.**
- 15. Is the price a "teaser" price that will go up after I am a part of the program?**  
No. Your price will remain at the rate as indicated on the enclosed Opt-Out notification for the full term of this aggregation.
- 16. What happens after the initial term expires?**  
A new rate and term will be offered which you will be notified of. If no savings can be offered, you will automatically be returned to the default service rate through the utility company.
- 17. Who oversees the Government Energy Aggregation process?**  
The NJ Board of Public Utilities, the Rate Counsel and the Department of Community Affairs all play a part in overseeing the Aggregation programs in New Jersey. CUC and CES both must follow strict statutory guidelines implemented by the state agencies.



## BUDGET BILL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**For those residents who are on a budget bill program through JCP&L please read the following information:**

We understand the importance of budget billing to you, so please take the time to understand the details surrounding how budget billing must be handled in order to offer it to you as part of the program being offered by the Borough of Union Beach.

- **If you are currently on Budget Billing with JCP&L, you will automatically be offered a budget bill with this program through IDT Energy**
- Prior to entering the program, you will receive a reconciliation or “true up” bill from JCP&L. This is to bring your account to zero prior to entering the energy program. After 12 months with the program, IDT Energy will conduct another reconciliation to keep your budget bill in line.
- The reconciliation amount may be substantial, depending on how much you are over or under on the budgeted amount. This reconciliation may come as a charge or a credit on your bill.
- This new budget amount will be based on your most current usage history for the last 12 months. After 6 months, IDT Energy will conduct an adjustment to your monthly budget amount to ensure your budget is in line with your usage (this is not a true up).
- **If you choose to leave the program** you will be provided another true up which again, is meant to bring your account to zero prior to leaving the program.
- If a new rate is not offered at the end of this initial contract term for the program participants, you will receive a reconciliation bill on the last bill. Just as above, this is to zero out your account prior to returning to JCP&L, and again, *may* be substantial if your usage is significantly higher or lower than the prior year.
- The reconciliation charges or true up amount owed represents your usage over and above the amount you were budgeted for and is not for “extra charges”. **We encourage you to track your usage vs. your budgeted amount so you may stay current on your usage and charges.**
- If you have a credit against your budgeted amount, meaning you used less energy than budgeted for, your credit will be applied to any future charges on your bill.

For Questions Call:  
866-688-5197  
To Opt Out Call:  
877-292-3904

# Morris Area Energy Cooperative Energy Aggregation Program



Dear Borough of Union Beach Resident,

Recently, the Borough of Union Beach took advantage of a state law that allows us to establish an Energy Aggregation Program. For municipalities that choose to participate, this program permits the aggregation of all residential customers within participating municipalities for the purpose of competitively purchasing electricity at rates lower than are currently available from your electric utility. The Borough of Union Beach combined the electricity consumption of all residential customers in conjunction with 8 other municipalities as part of the Morris Area Energy Cooperative and received competitive bids from NJ Board of Public Utilities licensed suppliers to provide this electric supply service and recognize savings for our residents.

## How The Program Works:

We obtained a rate that is lower than what JCP&L currently charges for the energy supply portion of your bill.<sup>1</sup> This program offers a flat rate and is designed to offer some savings without the risk of rate increases; unlike other variable Third-Party Supply (TPS) contracts. This means the rate will remain the same for the term of the contract.

The rate offered by IDT Energy, Inc. is \$ **0.0870/kWh** for the first month of the term, **September 2017**, and is slightly lower than the JCP&L summer rate. For the remainder of the contract term, **October 2017-October 2018**, the rate is \$0.0886/kWh vs. the JCP&L average price to compare of \$0.0946/kWh. This rate will go into effect on your **October 2017** meter read date and will continue through your **October 2018** meter read date. For example, if your monthly electric usage is 1000/kWh, your bill under this program, from October 2017 through October 2018, will be \$88.60 for the supply portion versus \$94.60 that you would have paid with JCP&L.

**JCP&L will continue to deliver your electricity, and you will be billed at the regulated delivery rate.** JCP&L will continue to provide all emergency and safety services. JCP&L will also continue to provide customer services such as meter reading, billing<sup>2</sup> and service restoration. You will also continue to only receive one bill and continue to pay JCP&L.

In accordance with the State's program requirements, as a Borough of Union Beach resident you will be automatically enrolled in the program unless you opt-out by **8/5/2017**. Once enrolled, **you may leave at any time and you will never have to pay any fees associated with joining or leaving the program.**<sup>3</sup>

## How We Can Help You:

As a residential electric customer who has not chosen a Third Party Supplier (TPS) for your electric supply, you will be automatically enrolled in this program **unless you indicate your desire not to participate** to receive the anticipated energy savings by completing and mailing the attached response card by **8/5/2017**. (The date shall be equal to 30 calendar days after the postmark on the notice.) **You may also call 877-292-3904 to opt out** or visit **[www.njaggregation.us/maec](http://www.njaggregation.us/maec)**. Please note that wait times may be longer during high call time period and please have your bill handy. **For all other questions or more detailed information call toll free at 866-688-5197.**

<sup>1</sup> JCP&L rates could increase or decrease during the course of this program, which would affect the anticipated level of customer savings. JCP&L charges can change quarterly and are posted on the web.

<sup>2</sup> Other billing arrangements may apply for customers who do not remain current with their bills.

<sup>3</sup> Leaving the program is subject to the timing of meter readings and typically takes 1 full meter read cycle.

# IDT Energy, Inc. (IDTE) Third Party Supplier Contract Summary

## MORRIS AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE - MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

<p><b>Third Party Supplier Information</b></p> <p>By entering into this contract, you are agreeing to purchase your electric supply from this supplier</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>State of New Jersey License Number: ESL-0081 (Electric), GSL-0090 (Gas)</b>  <b>IDT Energy, Inc., 520 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102</b>  <b>855-823-9309 - contactus@idtenergy.com - www.IDTEnergy.com</b></p> <p>You have chosen IDTE as your third party supplier (TPS). IDTE is not affiliated with your electric distribution company (EDC). IDTE is responsible for the electric supply charges on your bill. These charges will appear on your EDC's bill separate and apart from your EDC's charges for delivering your electricity.</p>
<p><b>Price Structure</b></p>	<p>With this Municipal Aggregation program, there will be two segments to your fixed-rate pricing plan. The first segment will be from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. The second segment will be from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 through October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.</p>
<p><b>Generation/ Supply Price</b></p>	<p>The rate you will pay for the electricity supplied during the first segment described above will be <b>\$0.0870 per kWh (8.7 cents/kWh)</b>. The rate you will pay for the electricity supplied during the second segment described above will be <b>\$0.0886 per kWh (8.86 cents/kWh)</b>.</p>
<p><b>Statement Regarding Savings</b></p>	<p>The rates described above may be higher or lower than the Electric Utility's rate in any month. There is no guarantee of savings.</p>
<p><b>Amount of time required to change from TPS back to default service or to</b></p>	<p>If you choose to cancel service and opt-out of this municipal aggregation to return to your EDC or switch to another TPS, this change will be effective with the next available cycle date in accordance with your EDC's cycle rules, which takes 1 to 2 billing cycles from the submission of the cancellation request.</p>
<p><b>Incentives</b></p>	<p>Participants in this Municipal Aggregation program are eligible to register to earn IDTE Online Rewards. Points are earned based upon energy consumption and may be redeemed for branded retailer gift cards and more. After IDTE service activation, visit <a href="http://www.IDTEnergyRewards.com">www.IDTEnergyRewards.com</a> to register your meters. Terms and conditions apply.</p>
<p><b>Right to Cancel/Rescind</b></p>	<p>This Agreement shall continue until the expiration of the specified term unless either party provides notice of its intent to cancel and until the EDC completes the termination in accordance with its rules. A customer may opt-out of this Agreement at any time during the 30 calendar days after the postmark on the notice by <b>calling CUC at 877-292-3904, visiting <a href="http://www.njaggregation.us/maec">www.njaggregation.us/maec</a> or returning the enclosed tear off form to the designated address.</b></p>
<p><b>Contract Start Date</b></p>	<p>Your account will begin receiving Electric Supply Service from IDTE on the first available billing cycle date, as determined by your EDC, on or after <b>8/31/2017</b>.</p>
<p><b>Contract Term/Length</b></p>	<p>The Term of this Municipal Aggregation Program will end on or about <b>10/31/18</b>.</p>
<p><b>Cancellation / Termination Fees</b></p>	<p>There are no early termination fees associated with this municipal aggregation program.</p>
<p><b>Renewal Terms</b></p>	<p><b>You will receive notice within 30 days prior to expiration of the term advising of your renewal options. You may cancel this agreement at any time with no penalty.</b></p>
<p><b>Distribution Company Information</b></p>	<p>Your EDC will continue to deliver electric to you, you still make payment to your EDC for this service, and you will still call your EDC in the case of an energy related emergency. You may contact your EDC at the information provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JCPL: 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877)</li> </ul>

# IDT Energy, Inc. (IDTE) Resumen del Contrato de Terceros Proveedor

## MORRIS AREA CORPORATIVA ENERGÉTICA – PARTICIPANTES DEL PROGRAMA DE AGREGACIÓN MUNICIPAL

<p><b>Información de Terceros proveedor</b></p> <p><b>Al firmar este contrato, acepta comprar su suministro eléctrico a este proveedor</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Estado de Nueva Jersey Número de Licencia: ESL-0081 (Eléctrico), GSL-0090 (Gas)</b>  <b>IDT Energy, Inc., 520 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102</b>  <b>855-823-9309 - contactus@idtenergy.com - www.IDTEnergy.com</b></p> <p>Usted ha elegido a IDTE como su tercer proveedor de suministro (TPS). IDTE no está afiliada a su compañía de distribución eléctrica (EDC). IDTE es responsable por los cargos de suministro eléctrico en su factura. Estos cargos aparecerán en su EDC's factura separada y aparte de su EDC's cargos por entrega de su electricidad.</p>
<p><b>Precio Estructurado</b></p>	<p>Con este programa de Agregación Municipal, habrá dos segmentos en su plan de precios fijos. El primer segmento será desde Agosto 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 hasta Septiembre 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. El Segundo segmento será desde Octubre 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 hasta Octubre 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.</p>
<p><b>Generación/ Precio de Suministro</b></p>	<p>La tarifa que pagará por la electricidad suministrada durante el primer segmento descrito anteriormente será <b>\$0.0870 por kWh (8.7 cents/kWh)</b>. La tarifa que pagará por la electricidad suministrada durante el Segundo segmento descrito anteriormente será <b>\$0.0886 por kWh (8.86 cents/kWh)</b>.</p>
<p><b>Declaración sobre ahorros</b></p>	<p>Las tarifas descritas arriba pueden ser mayores o menores que la tarifa de las Utilidades de Electricidad en cualquier mes. No hay garantía de ahorros.</p>
<p><b>Cantidad de tiempo necesario para cambiar de TPS y volver al servicio predeterminado y/o otro TPS</b></p>	<p>Si opta por cancelar el servicio y opta por no participar en esta agregación municipal para regresar a su EDC o cambiar a otro TPS, este cambio entrara en vigencia con la siguiente fecha de ciclo disponible de acuerdo con las reglas del ciclo de su EDC, que toma 1 a 2 facturaciones desde la presentación de la solicitud de cancelación.</p>
<p><b>Incentivos</b></p>	<p>Los participantes en este programa de Agregación Municipal pueden inscribirse para obtener recompensas de IDTE en línea. Los puntos se obtienen basándose en el consume de energía y se pueden redimir por tarjetas de regalo de minoristas de marca y más. Después del servicio de la activación de IDTE, visita <a href="http://www.IDTEnergyRewards.com">www.IDTEnergyRewards.com</a> para registrar tu medidor.  <u>Terminos y condiciones aplican.</u></p>
<p><b>Derecho de Cancelar/Rescindir</b></p>	<p>Este acuerdo continuara hasta la expiración del plazo especificado a menos que una de las partes notifique su intención de cancelar y hasta que la EDC complete la terminación de conformidad con sus reglas. Un cliente puede optar por no participar en este acuerdo en cualquier momento durante los 30 días calendario posteriores llamando al <b>CUC at 877-292-3904, visitando <a href="http://www.njaggregation.us/maec">www.njaggregation.us/maec</a> o devolver el formulario incluido que desprende a la dirección designada.</b></p>
<p><b>Fecha de inicio de contrato</b></p>	<p>Su cuenta comenzara a recibir el servicio de suministro eléctrico de IDTE en la primera fecha de ciclo de facturación disponible, según lo determinado por su EDC, en o después de <b>7/31/2017</b>.</p>
<p><b>Término de contrato/Tiempo</b></p>	<p>Los términos de este Programa de Agregación Municipal terminaran en o después de <b>10/31/18</b>.</p>
<p><b>Cancelación / Gastos de Terminación</b></p>	<p>No hay cargos de terminación anticipada asociados con este programa de agregación municipal.</p>
<p><b>Término de renovación</b></p>	<p><b>Usted recibirá un aviso dentro de los 30 días previos a la expiración del plazo de asesoramiento de sus opciones de renovación. Usted puede cancelar este acuerdo en cualquier momento sin penalización.</b></p>
<p><b>Información de la compañía de distribución</b></p>	<p>Su EDC continuara suministrándole electricidad, usted todavía hace el pago a su EDC por este servicio, y usted todavía llamara a su EDC en el caso de una emergencia relacionada con la energía. Puede comunicarse con su EDC a la siguiente información:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JCPL: 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877)</li> </ul>