



The Township of Montgomery

Community Energy Aggregation Program

Round II Program Announcement

Dear Montgomery Township Resident:

On behalf of the Township Committee, I am pleased to announce that the Township of Montgomery has recently awarded a contract that will renew the popular Montgomery Community Energy Aggregation (MCEA) program. The MCEA is a program originally authorized by the Montgomery Council in 2013, through which the Township can seek competitive bids from third party power suppliers to provide electric power supply at a price lower than that offered by Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G).

As the result of the first MCEA program, a contract was awarded to ConEdison Solutions in 2013. More than 6,000 participating Township residences enjoyed significant power supply savings. That contract, which began in December 2013 and expired in December 2015, saved the typical participating residents over \$300. Effective December 2015, that contract expired, and all residents were seamlessly transitioned back to PSE&G power supply.

I'm now pleased to report that in February 2016 the Township conducted a new competitive bid and the Township awarded a new contract to the low bidder, TriEagle Energy. TriEagle Energy will serve participating residents starting in June 2016, at a price that is estimated to result in savings for the typical resident of about \$300 over the 18-month contract term.

All residential customers of PSE&G residing in the Township who do not currently have a third party supply contract, and who did not previously opt-out of the MCEA-Round I contract, are eligible to be included in the program. If you do not wish to participate in the program for any reason, you may simply opt-out of the program, with no strings attached or penalties. If you do nothing, you will automatically be enrolled in the program and enjoy the energy savings. On a separate sheet in this package, there is a set of 'frequently asked questions' or 'FAQ's' about the MCEA program. On the reverse side of this letter is a description of the specific details of the contract that the Township has signed with TriEagle Energy, as well as information on how to opt-out of the program should you not wish to participate. We have also posted MCEA program information on the Township's website at <http://www.twp.montgomery.nj.us/energy-aggregation-program>.

For residents seeking additional information, we have also scheduled an **Information Session on April 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**, to be held in the Courtroom at the Municipal Building located at 2261 Route 206. The Township's energy consultant, Gabel Associates, will make a presentation and will then open up the session to questions from residents. I encourage you to attend that session should you have any questions.

I am very excited that the Township has been able take advantage of the competitive marketplace and the purchasing power that comes with energy aggregation to renew the MCEA program and provide another opportunity for energy cost savings for our residents. ***Please take the time to read the enclosed materials and familiarize yourself with this program.***

Sincerely,

Patricia Graham, Mayor

**Montgomery Community Energy Aggregation (MCEA)
Program Summary**

TriEagle Energy Information:	TriEagle Energy (BPU License # ESL-0134) Toll Free Telephone Number: (877)-933-2453 Website: www.trieagleenergy.com Address: 2620 Technology Forest Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77381 Email Address: customercare@trieagleenergy.com
Price Structure:	Non-Variable Price ¹
Generation/Supply Price:	\$0.11217 per kilowatt hour
Statement Regarding Savings:	MCEA Program supply price is about 13% below the average PSE&G tariff supply price of \$.129/kwh. Estimated savings are about \$16 per month. While highly unlikely, if the average PSE&G supply price falls below the MCEA contract price you will be so notified, and you retain your ability to opt-out of the program.
Amount of Time Required to Change Back to Default Service or Another TPS:	The request to switch out of the MCEA program will become effective on the next available meter read date in accordance with State-approved processes implemented by PSE&G.
Incentives:	None
Right to Opt-Out/Rescind/Cancel:	Eligible residents will be <u>automatically enrolled</u> in the MCEA program unless you indicate your desire not to participate by submitting an ‘opt-out’ request during an initial 30-day opt-out period which ends May 4, 2016. If you choose to ‘opt-out’ of the program, please sign and return the enclosed postage-paid card, call TriEagle toll-free at (877)-933-2453, or email (Subject: MCEA Opt-Out) by May 4, 2016 . If you do not opt-out by May 4, 2016, you will be enrolled in the program, however you may still leave the MCEA program at any time thereafter that you choose by calling TriEagle or emailing your request using the contact information above. If you wish to be permanently removed from this and all future MCEA programs, please contact the Township’s Energy Consultant, Gabel Associates, at 855-365-0770 or MCEA-info@gabelassociates.com
Program Start Date:	Service will begin with your June 2016 meter read date (MRD)
Program Term / Length:	Eighteen months, until your December 2017 MRD
Cancellation / Early Termination Fees:	None. You can opt-out at any time, with no penalty or cancellation fee
Renewal Terms:	If the Township decides to continue the program beyond December 2017, it will issue a new bid for power supply. If a new contract is awarded you will be notified, provided a new Program Summary, and will again be given the opportunity to participate in the program or opt-out. If no new contract is awarded by the Township, program participants will be returned to PSE&G supply service effective with the December 2017 MRD.
PSE&G Contact Information:	Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-800-436-PSEG (7734) Telephone Number for Emergencies and Outages: 1-800-436-7734

Please note: You will receive another notice from PSE&G in approximately 30-45 days, confirming your switch to a third party supplier. Again, NO ACTION is required in order to participate in the MCEA Program.

¹ Supplier cannot vary prices monthly or adjust prices for changed market conditions. Prices can only be adjusted to reflect a Change in Law affecting power prices that will also impact the PSE&G power supply tariff price, such that the percent of savings is expected to remain. You will be notified in advance of any such change, and will maintain your ability to opt-out.



Community Energy Aggregation Frequently Asked Questions



What is Community Energy Aggregation?

Community Energy Aggregation is a program permitted under New Jersey State law that permits municipalities to take advantage of purchasing power by pooling residents together to bid for power supply from third part suppliers, with the aim of obtaining power supply at a price that is cheaper than the supply price charged by the electric utility. The program is conducted under the oversight of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the Division of Rate Counsel and the Department of Community Affairs.

Who has Montgomery Township selected as the program supplier?

TriEagle Energy® was selected by the municipality as the qualified supplier with the lowest bid price in a public, competitive bid. TriEagle Energy is an electric power supplier licensed by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

When does this new contract with TriEagle Energy begin?

Service would begin with your June 2016 meter read date and would continue for 18-months until December 2017.

How does MCEA program contract price compare to the PSE&G tariff price for power supply?

The contract price of \$.11217 per kilowatt-hour (kwh) is approximately 13% below the average PSE&G tariff price for power supply of \$.129 per kwh. The average Township resident would save an estimated \$300 over the full contract term (about \$16 per month).

Does the price vary as market conditions change?

No. This is not a variable price that changes with market conditions after an initial 'teaser' period. The price is locked-in by contract.

If I participate in the program, how does this effect my utility bill?

Your PSE&G bill includes separate charges for delivery service and for power supply (Basic Generation Service charges). If you participate in the program, PSE&G will still read your meter, and you will still receive a single bill from PSE&G. Your bill will continue to include the same PSE&G delivery charges, but the utility Basic Generation Service charges for power supply will be replaced by the lower charges offered by the municipality's chosen supplier.

Is participation mandatory?

No. Residents who do not currently have a third party supply contract (i.e. take power supply service from PSE&G under the utility's Basic Generation Service tariff) are included in the initial eligibility pool. However, you can opt-out of the program by mail, phone or email using the information in the Program Summary. If you opt-out within the 30-day opt-out period (or before May 4, 2016), you will not be enrolled in the program at all. Even after enrollment you can opt-out any time you wish.

Is there a penalty or fee if I leave the program?

No. You can opt-out of the program any time effective the next meter read cycle, and there are no penalties or fees to do so.

Will I receive any other notifications?

Yes. If you do not opt-out of the program, several weeks after receipt of this Information Package you will receive a notification letter from PSE&G indicating that TriEagle Energy has enrolled your account for third party supply and informing you of the date that you will be switched to TriEagle supply. This is just an added notification; there is nothing that you need to do should you wish to participate.

Will I ever be requested to provide information over the phone or to a door-to-door solicitor for enrollment in this program?

No. This program does not include any door-to-door solicitation. TriEagle has the necessary information already, subject to strict confidentiality. If you are solicited by someone, please do not provide them with your information and alert the municipality, TriEagle Energy, or Gabel Associates immediately.

Who do I call if there is a power outage?

Even if you participate in the program, PSE&G will still provide delivery service, and will still be responsible for service reliability and restoration. If the lights go out, you would still call PSE&G at 1-800-436-PSEG. Nothing changes.

Who is Gabel Associates?

Gabel Associates, Inc. is the independent energy consultant that has been hired by the municipality to help conduct the bid and administer the program.

Will I still be able to receive budget billing (Equal Payment Plan)?

Yes. If you currently have a budget billing plan with PSE&G, the selected supplier is required to provide you with an equal payment plan for your power supply charges. PSE&G will continue to bill a levelized amount each month for delivery service, and TriEagle Energy will bill a levelized amount each month (through the PSE&G bill) for power supply. Because the selected supplier's contract price for power supply is lower than the PSE&G price for power supply, your total monthly budget amount (sum of monthly PSE&G delivery service budget amount and TriEagle Energy budget amount for power supply) should be reduced. You may experience a "true-up" on your bill from PSE&G prior to enrollment, and then again at the end of the contract.

What happens at the end of the municipality's contract with the supplier?

There is no automatic rollover. If the municipality decides to continue the program, it will conduct a new competitive bid for a new contract, and you will be advised of the new contract. If the municipality discontinues the program, you will simply be returned to PSE&G power supply at the PSE&G tariff price.

How do I obtain more information?

Program details are provided in the Program Summary enclosed with this package. Information on the program, including more detailed FAQs, can be found on the municipality's website at: <http://www.twp.montgomery.nj.us/energy-aggregation-program>. You can also contact TriEagle Energy or Gabel Associates using the contact information provided in the Program Summary enclosed in this information package.