# NJ Government Energy Aggregation Program

### 1 Background

The Government Energy Aggregation Program (L2003, c.24, "GEA Act") authorizes municipalities and/or counties of New Jersey to establish Government Energy Aggregation programs, also referred to as Community Energy Aggregation (CEA) programs, after passing an ordinance or a resolution. A CEA program allows municipalities, working alone or in a group, to aggregate the energy requirements of residential accounts so that the CEA program can purchase energy supply from non-utility sellers of electricity and gas supply (Third Party Suppliers or TPS) at prices lower than the average utility price, with the possibility of added benefits such as a higher renewable energy content.

Concord Energy Services (CES) and Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. (CUC), are licensed Energy Agents, Energy Consultants and Private Aggregators with the NJ Board of Public Utilities and hold all essential licenses and expertise to manage the program. As Program Managers, they have public outreach specialists who provide the necessary education, outreach, marketing and customer service support for the program. The robust outreach program is an essential part of the overall success of the CEA program.

An interested municipality may proceed with a program just for their residents and also has the ability to join and aggregate this program with other larger towns and municipalities. Each of these options utilizes greater leverage and increased buying power to secure better pricing and contract terms from the TPSs than a resident could on their own.

### Program Highlights

- The program is supported by the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU), NJ Department of Community Affairs and the NJ Division of Rate Counsel.
- Electric service is still provided by the same utility company that provides service to residents now.
- Residential ratepayers DO NOT have to be a part of the program and can leave the program without ANY fees or penalties at any time.
- The program price is obtained through an online auction platform that has been approved for this purpose by the NJ Department of Community Affairs.
- The program price will remain flat for the term of contract (up to 24 months).
- TPSs must continue to accept the terms of the Equal Payment Program (a.k.a. Budget Billing).
- All TPSs that have the opportunity to bid on the program must be licensed and bonded with the NJ Board of Public Utilities and be in good standing.
- The law requires opt-out only. We have a very low percentage of opt-outs in our programs due to our extensive public outreach efforts.

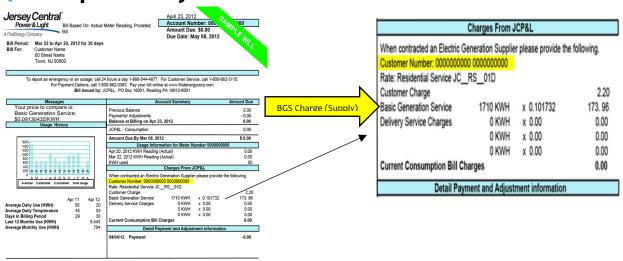




### 3 The Aggregation Process

- 1 Pass ordinance/resolution
- 2 CES/CUC prepare bid documents/send to BPU and Rate Counsel for their review
- 3 Energy Auction is held/select winning bidder
- 4 Begin outreach to educate residents about the program
- 5 Repeat the auction process at the conclusion of the contract

### 4 Sample Utility Bill



## 5 Current Program List

Alexandria	Frenchtown	Mine Hill
Alpha	Green	Mount Arlington
Andover Borough	Hardwick	Ocean Township (Ocean)
Bay Head	Harmony	Oxford
Bethlehem	High Bridge	Peapack & Gladstone
Blairstown	Норе	Phillipsburg
Branchville	Jefferson	Point Pleasant Beach
Califon	Kingwood	Riverdale
Chester Township	Lake Como	Rockaway Borough
Town of Clinton	Lambertville	Stanhope
Delaware	Lincoln Park	Stillwater
Dover	Long Hill	Union Beach
Farmingdale	Manasquan	Washington Township (Morris)
Florham Park	Mendham Borough	Wharton
Fredon	Mendham Township	



