

## **Bethalto Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program Update**

In May, the Village of Bethalto renewed its municipal electricity aggregation program with Homefield Energy at a fixed rate of **\$0.1299 per kWh through May 2027**.

Ameren has recently announced its summer electricity supply rate (June–October 2026) of **\$0.11326 per kWh**, which is currently lower than the Village's aggregation rate. Ameren is expected to announce its non-summer rate for October 2026 through May 2027 later this year; however, that rate is not yet known. In contrast, customers participating in the Village's aggregation program will continue to receive the fixed rate of \$0.1299 per kWh through May 2027.

Ameren is also anticipated to implement an additional rate adjustment effective January 1, 2027. While this change has not yet been formally announced, similar adjustments have occurred at the beginning of the year for several consecutive years.

The Village's aggregation program was designed to provide residents with long-term rate stability and protection from market volatility. Energy markets continue to face significant uncertainty due to factors such as the retirement of regional coal-fired power plants, increasing electricity demand from data centers and electrification initiatives, and supply shortages caused by geopolitical events and extreme weather. These conditions have created ongoing pressure on electricity prices and may contribute to higher rates in the future.

Participation in the municipal aggregation program remains entirely voluntary. Residents may opt out of the program at any time without penalty by contacting Homefield Energy at **833-200-9834** or by visiting Homefield Energy's online opt-out portal at [Homefieldenergy.com/optout](https://homefieldenergy.com/optout). When prompted for a 10-digit code, residents should enter the account number associated with the service they wish to remove from the program.

Residents should be aware that customers who return to Ameren service and do not select a new alternative supplier within 60 days may be subject to a utility-mandated 10-month "utility hold" period. During this time, customers must remain with Ameren and may not enroll with another supplier. As a result, if Ameren's future non-summer rate exceeds the Village's aggregation rate, customers who have opted out could be required to remain on Ameren service for the duration of that hold period.

Residents with further questions regarding the Village's aggregation program may contact the Village's energy consultant, Good Energy, at **(844) 686-4244**.