

# Save on your electric bill!

## The Village of Tremont wants to tell you how

The Village of Tremont invites citizens to an open house town hall meeting on Tuesday, Oct 30, 2012 at 7 PM at the new community center. The Village of Tremont wants to raise awareness about how electric municipal aggregation can save the residents and small business owners in Tremont money on their electric bills.

Approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission, municipal aggregation is an effective way for Illinois residents to take advantage of lower electricity prices offered by competitive energy suppliers. As of today, over 1 million residents in 248 communities throughout the entire state of Illinois are benefiting from this type of program and are realizing notable savings on the supply portion of their electric bills.

### **What is Municipal Aggregation?**

Illinois law allows municipalities and counties to negotiate the purchase price of electricity on behalf of residential and small business utility customers living within their borders. The citizens first must authorize the aggregation through a referendum. Once authorized, the Village of Tremont negotiates competitively-priced electric supply from a supplier other than Ameren Illinois.

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

Residential and small business customers located within the Tremont boundaries may participate. Customers currently enrolled in real time pricing, Power Smart Pricing, utility electric space heating rate, or those served by an alternative retail supplier will not be automatically enrolled.

### **Do I have to participate in the municipal or county aggregation plan?**

All eligible Ameren Illinois utility customers within the municipal or county boundaries will receive an opt-out notification letter via U.S. mail. You may “opt-out” by returning the Opt-Out form by the deadline date identified in your notification. If you choose to opt-out, your account remains with Ameren Illinois at the current utility rate.

### **Who will bill me for electricity? Will I get two bills?**

Customers will continue to receive one monthly bill from Ameren Illinois. The bill will include the charges for electricity supplied by the chosen supplier, as well as the delivery service charges from Ameren Illinois.

### **Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account?**

Yes, how you pay your bill will not change.

### **Who is responsible for the delivery of power to my home or business?**

Ameren Illinois will continue to deliver the electricity in a safe and reliable manner and will be responsible for maintaining the system that delivers power into homes and businesses. Additionally, as the energy delivery company, Ameren Illinois will continue to respond around-the-clock to outages, service calls and emergencies regardless of the electric supplier. The reliability and convenience of electricity service will not be affected.