



Flemington Raritan Community Energy Aggregation



November 2017 Program Update

Flemington Borough and Raritan jointly launched the Raritan Flemington Community Energy Aggregation, for the purpose of creating purchasing leverage and providing an opportunity for residents of the Township and the Borough to save money on their electric bills. The Township of Raritan, as Lead Agency of the purchasing cooperative, issued a competitive bid in Fall 2015 and, on behalf of the Township and the Borough, awarded a contract to TriEagle Energy for a power supply contract starting in March 2016. Since the program's inception in March 2016, the Borough's residents have enjoyed prices for power supply from TriEagle Energy at rates significantly below those offered by JCP&L. The contract with TriEagle Energy has a term of 21-months, which is set to expire in December 2017. The contract with TriEagle is estimated to have resulted in about \$230 in electricity cost savings for the average participating residence, producing aggregate savings of about \$1.5 million.

With the pending expiration of the contract, a public bid to solicit a new round of price proposals from independent energy suppliers was conducted in August 2017. Upon receipt of pricing results in the recent bid, it was determined that the new price offers were higher than the current contract price, and did not produce sufficient savings as compared to the JCP&L tariff price and that, therefore, it was not in the best interest of Raritan and Flemington residents to accept a contract at this time. It was concluded that the residents' interests can be better achieved by allowing residents to return to JCP&L for power supply at the end of the current contract, and to solicit updated bids prices at a later date in the hope of receiving better offers.

The Borough wishes to assure residents that the transition from TriEagle back to the JCP&L tariff in December 2017 will be seamless. JCP&L has begun sending notices to residents informing them that service with TriEagle Energy will be ending effective on your December 2017 meter read date. There is nothing further that a resident needs to do. Effective on your December meter read, JCP&L will resume as your power supplier (as they had been prior to March 2016). Starting with your January bill, you will notice on your JCP&L bill that TriEagle power supply charges will be replaced with a line item for JCP&L 'Basic Generation Service' power supply.

Working in conjunction with the Township of Raritan, the Borough will be seeking refreshed competitive pricing offers from third party suppliers, to explore whether improved savings can be achieved and a new contract for Round 2 of the Raritan Flemington Community

Energy Aggregation program can be awarded. Any such contract would likely start in Spring or Summer 2018. In such event, eligible residents (all residents except those that have their own solar generating system or their own third party supply contract, or those who chose to opt-out of Round 1 of the program), will be sent a mailing informing them of the details of the new contract, after which residents would have the choice of opting-out of the new program if they do not wish to participate. Again, no further action will be necessary for residents who want to enjoy supply savings through the program.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to working diligently with our consultant in the coming months to achieve savings for our residents. Should you have any further questions, please feel free reach out to Gabel Associates at frcea-info@gabelassociates.com.

