

Delivering safe, reliable electricity is essential to Illinois' economic growth. ComEd provides top quartile reliability and an array of innovative programs and services to 3.8 million customers across northern Illinois, representing 70 percent of the state's population. ComEd strategically partners with state and regional development stakeholders to grow Illinois' vibrant business base.



TOP-PERFORMING ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

ComEd is ranked among the best in the Midwest for electric reliability for commercial and industrial customers when compared to other utilities in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan. Among a set of 28 comparable utilities nationally, ComEd is in the top quartile for both outage duration and frequency*, meaning fewer and shorter service interruptions when compared to peer utilities. ComEd achieved its best reliability performance on record in 2013.

COMPETITIVE ENERGY MARKET

Illinois offers customers a robust, competitive electric supply market with more than 50 certified suppliers. Competition helps keep electricity rates low. Illinois prices have averaged seven percent below the national average since the Illinois electric industry was deregulated in 1999, resulting in more than \$37 billion in electricity cost savings for businesses, government, schools, hospitals and households.** (More information: www.ComEdPowerPath.com). Illinois' competitive energy rates compare favorably across the Midwest and country.

BUSINESS-FOCUSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

ComEd has an extensive portfolio of energy efficiency programs that offer a variety of incentives to help businesses manage energy use and save money on electricity bills. ComEd calculates energy savings and offers incentives for energy efficiency in both existing and new facilities, including more than \$37 million in incentives available for business programs this year, allowing customers to save money through more efficient operations.

As a result, ComEd business customers have saved more than \$240 million in electricity costs since the program's inception in 2008. (More information: ComEd.com/BizIncentives)

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*Source: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers reliability standards 1366
**Source: *Daily Herald* editorial published Dec. 27, 2012

REGIONAL RESOURCE ADVANTAGE

Illinois is home to the largest fleet of nuclear plants in the country as well as a robust Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) with wind and solar energy commitments. ComEd's system is part of the PJM Interconnection, a major regional transmission organization serving 13 states and the District of Columbia, which further enhances reliability and offers more competitive supply options to northern Illinois businesses through access to over 177,000 megawatts of installed generation capacity. (More information: PJM.com)

ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY

With passage of the Smart Grid law in 2011, ComEd embarked on a 10-year, \$2.6 billion program to modernize the power system in northern Illinois. The investments will further enhance reliability and be an asset to businesses that value a modern, reliable electric system as well as a digital-based smart grid. (More information: ComEd.com/SmartGrid)

Illinois Electricity Prices are among the **lowest** in the Midwest and **compare favorably** with other key states

2013 Industrial Rates (cents/kWh) 2013 Commercial Rates (cents/kWh)

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|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 5.73 | Illinois | Illinois | 7.88 |
| 6.59 | Indiana | Indiana | 9.48 |
| 5.66 | Iowa | Iowa | 8.47 |
| 7.78 | Michigan | Michigan | 11.07 |
| 7.06 | Minnesota | Minnesota | 9.53 |
| 6.10 | Ohio | Ohio | 9.38 |
| 7.54 | Wisconsin | Wisconsin | 10.84 |
| 6.69 | Arizona | Arizona | 9.87 |
| 11.17 | California | California | 14.57 |
| 6.11 | Georgia | Georgia | 9.84 |
| 10.71 | New Jersey | New Jersey | 12.80 |
| 6.29 | New York | New York | 15.23 |
| 6.34 | North Carolina | North Carolina | 8.73 |
| 5.93 | Texas | Texas | 8.03 |
| 6.65 | Virginia | Virginia | 8.05 |
| 6.82 | U.S. Average | U.S. Average | 10.29 |

Source: US Energy Information Administration (EIA)

 *Illinois currently has the 6th lowest industrial rates and 4th lowest commercial rates in the country.*

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