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**Vermilion County Renews Electric Aggregation Program; Secures Rate Lower Than Other Local Aggregation Programs**

*Vermilion Rate Available For All County Residents And Small Businesses*

**Vermilion County, IL** – Vermilion County is pleased to renew its electric aggregation program with Integrys Energy Services, Inc.; the county has secured a very competitive rate for residents and small businesses located throughout the county. (This does not include rural coop customers.)

The county's aggregation is an "opt-out" program, where all residents and small businesses located within Vermilion County's unincorporated territory are automatically enrolled in the program unless they opt-out. As in 2013, Vermilion County will offer the same rate for residents and small businesses located within incorporated areas of the county; call 855-628-5494 to opt-in to the program.

The new one-year contract will begin June 2014; the county's current contract expires with the June 2014 meter reads. The new electricity supply rate will be 4.57 cents per kWh for both residential and small commercial. The current residential Ameren Price to Compare (PTC) between 4.941 cents per kWh and 4.957 cents per kWh, depending on rate zone. The current Ameren PTC for small commercial is 5.721 up to 5.739 cents per kWh, depending on rate zone. Ameren's rates change each June and October.

Vermilion County's rate is lower than any other local community aggregation program rates, also beginning with the June 2014 meter reads.

In April 2014, residents and small businesses located within Vermilion County's unincorporated areas will receive a program letter, including information on how to opt-out. *While Vermilion residents and small businesses located within an incorporated area of the county are ineligible for the opt-out program, these residents and small businesses can call Integrys toll-free at 855-628-5494 to **opt-in** to the program rate.* There are no enrollment, termination or switching fees charged by Integrys for the Vermilion County program. **To be clear, any resident of Vermilion County can take advantage of the electrical rate obtained by Vermilion County and Integrys by using either the opt-out or opt-in choices.**

Electric aggregation allows communities to combine households and small businesses into a buying group, resulting in increased buying power and more competitive pricing. Several cities and villages within Vermilion County have initiated their own electric aggregation programs for their respective residents, while the Vermilion County program is open to eligible accounts within the unincorporated areas within the county. The opt-in program, which is separate from the aggregation program, is available to all any resident in an incorporated area.

To enroll with the program, or for more information, call 855-628-5494 or visit: [www.integrysenergy.com/il-vermilioncounty.com](http://www.integrysenergy.com/il-vermilioncounty.com).

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