

# Utility Profile: Electricity

## Commonwealth Edison (ComEd)

Bundled Tariff Rates: Industrial - 3.875 cents/kWh  
Commercial - 4.247 cents/kWh  
Residential - 8.275 cents/kWh

### INTRODUCTION

ComEd is one of the largest electric utility companies in the country. The owned generating capacity is over 19,179 megawatts. There are five nuclear generating stations totaling 9,407 MW or 49%, eight fossil units totaling 8,343 MW or 43.5%, and three fast-peaking sites having 19,179 MW or 7.5% of the total generating capacity. Record demand for electricity was 21,243 megawatts set July 30, 1999.

### CAPACITY AVAILABILITY

#### *Future Growth and Power Availability*

ComEd stands ready with a system of new and reliable nuclear power plants to meet the need for electrical energy. ComEd also has a strong system of distribution (345 kv, 135 kv, 69 kv, etc.) to get the power from those plants to your business.

### Customer Choice

Since January 1, 2001 all commercial and industrial customers are now able to select the electricity provider of their choice. Customers have many electricity supply options available to them which offers a tremendous advantage over neighboring Midwestern states that do not allow electricity choice. In fact, nearly 40% of ComEd's commercial and industrial load is no longer served by ComEd's traditional tariff based rates. ComEd continues to safely and reliably deliver electricity to end users regardless of whom they select as their service provider.

### Unbundled - Open Market Option:

The Unbundled Open Market option is comprised of two components: electricity supply and delivery services. The customer can select a company other than ComEd to provide their electricity supply. The delivery of the electricity supply will continue on ComEd's transmission and distribution system. The customer is responsible for procuring the necessary electrical energy from a certified alternative retail electric supplier (ARES). The Illinois Commerce Commission maintains a list of certified ARES that can provide pricing for the electricity supply.

Under provisions contained on the Customer Choice Law of 1997, ComEd is required by law to offer as an alternative its Rider PPO - Power Purchase Option for electricity supply. The delivery of the electricity supply will continue to come over ComEd's transmission and distribution system. Pricing estimates for Rider PPO can be obtained at <http://www.comed.ucm.com/ppoest>.

### Bundled - Tariff Rate Option:

ComEd offers bundled tariff rates to customers electing not to purchase unbundled electricity in the open retail electricity market. Information on the rates available from ComEd, including the actual tariff sheets are available at [www.ceco.com/econdev](http://www.ceco.com/econdev).

### *Lower Fuel Costs (Fuel Adjustment Credits)*

Because a high percentage of ComEd's generation is nuclear, the fuel costs are low. This low fuel cost will mean a fuel adjustment credit on your electric bill in most months. In fact, during 1991, over 80% of ComEd's generated power came from nuclear energy.

### *Metering*

ComEd can provide sophisticated metering equipment, and in some cases several meters, for your facility. Also, combined billing is available to allow you to take advantage of the economies of declining block electric rates and avoid paying double customer charges.

### *Demand Billing*

ComEd bills are based on a 30 minute demand. Many utilities bill based on a 15 minute demand. This will result in lower demands being established with ComEd. Also, many utilities have a "ratchet" demand charge. This is a charge for every month and is based on your highest demand in a month or any of the previous 11 months. If your firm has a sharp peak in a given season, this charge will result in a considerably higher yearly bill. ComEd has no such charge.

### *POINTS OF SERVICE*

Several points of service are possible with ComEd. (Optional facilities charges may apply.) Many utilities will only provide a single point of service.

### *LOW OFF PEAK RATES*

If a customer can use electricity during the off-peak periods (10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday), he/she will find low energy rates and no demand charges. The use of this low rate will give your company an advantage over the competition.

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