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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Jessica Mino, Kane County Resource Management Coordinator

## **Kane County Renews Electrical Aggregation Program**

Kane County has entered into an agreement with AEP Energy for electricity supply of residents and small commercial businesses in unincorporated portions of the County. The new Electrical Aggregation program will begin at the current program's end date in August. Electric supplier AEP Energy (wholly owned by American Electric Power [NYSE: AEP]) offered the lowest rate in a competitive bid process.

AEP Energy will provide Kane County residents and small business owners the fixed rate of 6.37 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the 12 months, ending August 2021. The current annualized ComEd rate is 6.913 cents per kWh.

The County is one of the few remaining municipalities in ComEd Northern Illinois territory that is able to achieve a fixed rate lower than the ComEd rate.

Eligible ratepayers include all residents and small businesses located in Kane County's unincorporated portions with the exceptions of Aurora and Dundee Townships, who have chosen to manage their aggregation programs separately.

Notices will be mailed June 8, 2020 with instructions on how to opt out, should you choose not to participate. There is no fee to join or to leave the County's program.

Ratepayers enrolled in a private contract with another alternative supplier may join the County's program by calling AEP Energy and requesting the Kane County aggregation program rate of 6.37 cents per kWh. AEP Customer Care can be reached at (877) 726-0214 Monday through Friday, 7:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm; As of January 1, 2020, no supplier may charge a termination fee when a ratepayer vacates a contract to join the County's program.

Participating residents and small businesses will continue to receive one monthly bill generated by ComEd and continue to receive delivery services from ComEd. How you pay your bill will not change, and if you are eligible for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) assistance, that does not change. The new rate will be reflected on ComEd bills dispersed in September.

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Please note that **no one from AEP Energy, Kane County, or ComEd will ever visit your home or call you to enroll, nor ask for your ComEd account number**. If a solicitor claims to be Kane County's supplier or ComEd, take their information and report the incident to the ICC at 800-524-0795 or www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint.

Any outages should be reported to ComEd. If residents have issues with their supply change or enrollment, they are encouraged to leave a question and callback number with the County's consultant, **NIMEC**, at **(800) 727-3820** or via email to <a href="mailto:sdurling@nimec.net">sdurling@nimec.net</a>, who will work to ensure any issue is fully resolved.

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