



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
CC: Members of Administration and Public Works Committee
From: Cara Pratt, Sustainability and Resilience Coordinator
Subject: Approval of a Contract with MC Squared for Community Choice Electricity Aggregation (RFP 25-62)
Date: January 12, 2026

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with MC Squared for Community Choice Electricity Aggregation.

Funding Source:

N/A

CARP:

Renewable Energy

Council Action:

For Action

Summary:

The Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP) calls for the City to leverage existing programs, such as Electricity Aggregation, to better achieve the City's goals. The City's Electricity Aggregation Program has been in operation since 2012. An initial 30-month agreement with MC Squared Energy Services LLC has been in effect since July 2021, and was extended for one year, then for six months, and finally for an additional year in June 2025.

Two firms submitted proposals:

Table 1. Firms

Firm	Address
MC Squared Energy Services, LLC	500 W. Madison St., Suite 1470, Chicago, IL, 60661

Vistra Corp (Dynergy Energy Services)	168 E Market Street, Akron, OH, 44308
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Proposals were reviewed by:

- Cara Pratt, Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer
- Kirsten Dreihobl Vega, Sustainability and Resilience Coordinator
- Cheryl Stuart, Purchasing Specialist

After evaluating each proposal, the Committee assigned the following scores to each firm:

Table 2. Proposal Evaluations

Alternative Retail Electricity Service Provider	Qualifications and Expertise	Project Approach	Project Team	Price	Organization and Completeness of Proposal	Willingness to Execute the City of Evanston's Professional Services Agreement	M/W/D/EBE	Total Score
MC Squared	15	20	10	13.5	8.5	8	8	83
Dynergy	12.5	3.5	7	0	0	7	7	37

The City requested that responders submit pricing for Fixed Pricing, ComEd Price Match (Partial Load), and ComEd Price Match (Full Load). MC Squared was the only firm to submit pricing.

Table 3. Price Options

Firm	Fixed Price (\$/MWh) 12 months	Fixed Price (\$/MWh) 24 months	Fixed Price (\$/MWh) 36 months	Partial Load-12 months	Partial Load- 24 months	Partial Load- 36 months	Full Load- 12 months	Full Load- 24 months	Full Load- 36 months
MC Squared	\$105.50	\$107.50	No bid	\$150,000 annual	\$150,000 annual, \$240,000 total	\$150,000 annual, \$450,000 total	No bid	No bid	No bid

Staff recommends a 36-month contract beginning in June 2026, with ComEd Price Match for Partial Load, with MC Squared. MC Squared offers enrolled customers a ComEd Price Match Offer. All enrolled Evanston accounts will continue to pay exactly the same price for electricity as they would pay to ComEd. Furthermore, the program will continue to operate with an "opt-out" structure, and communications will be mailed citywide to communicate the contract extension if approved. The City expects to receive \$150,000 in a Civic Grant Contribution annually. Historically, the City has used the Civic Grant contributions to purchase renewable energy credits (RECs) on behalf of the enrolled Evanston accounts. To date, the City has

used \$982,246.8 of the \$1,350,000 in Civic Grant Contributions to purchase RECs, and the remaining \$418,128 has been allocated to the Sustainability Fund.

Legislative History:

On March 31, 2025, the City Council voted to approve a one-year contract extension, starting June 2025, for the Extended Term Agreement Amendment No. 3 to the existing Master Agreement to Provide Services to an Aggregated Group between the City of Evanston and MC Squared Energy Services LLC.

Attachments:

[MC Squared Community Choice Aggregation Pricing](#)

Attachment 1

Price/Cost Forms

Fixed Price Proposal

Bidder Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLCDate Submitted: December 23, 2025Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

Fixed Price Proposals: Bidders are to indicate the Fixed Price at which it will provide energy supply, program management and other services under the Power Supply Agreements with the City

Option	Description	Fixed Price (\$/MWh)
Fixed Price	<u>For RFP Response:</u> A full-requirements, fixed-price energy supply price for all eligible customers that includes all charges related to energy commodity supply as well as program outreach and management. <u>If Bidder is Selected:</u> City staff will recommend that the City Council execute a contract with the ARES at its next scheduled meeting	12 Months: \$105.50
		24 Months: \$107.50
		36 Months: No bid

ComEd Price Match Proposal (Partial Load)

Bidder Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC

Date Submitted: December 23, 2025

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

ComEd Price Match Proposal (Partial Load): Bidders are to indicate whether they can deliver energy supply and program management services to a portion of Eligible Members at a price that matched exactly the monthly ComEd Price to Compare to a subset of eligible accounts to provide energy supply, and provide a municipal contribution to the City

Option	Description	Confirmation of ability to Match ComEd Monthly Rate (Y/N)	Annual Municipal Contribution (\$)
ComEd Price Match	For RFP Response: A full-requirements variable-price energy supply for selected eligible Members on an opt-out basis and any other eligible Member on an opt-in basis that includes all charges related to energy commodity supply as well as program outreach and management. The variable price is to match the ComEd Price to Compare plus or minus the monthly Purchased Electricity Adjustment. If Bidder is Selected: City staff will recommend that the City Council execute a contract with the ARES at its next scheduled meeting	Y	12 Months: \$150,000 annual
		Y	24 Months: \$150,000 annual \$300,000 total over the 24 month term
		Y	36 Months: \$150,000 annual \$450,000 total over the 36 month term

ComEd Price Match Proposal (Full Load)

Bidder Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC

Date Submitted: December 23, 2025

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

ComEd Price Match Proposals (Full Load: Bidders are to indicate whether they can deliver energy supply and program management services to all Eligible Members at a price that matched exactly the monthly ComEd Price to Compare to a subset of eligible accounts to provide energy supply, and provide a municipal contribution to the City

Option	Description	Confirmation of ability to Match ComEd Monthly Rate for all Eligible Members (Y/N)	Annual Municipal Contribution (\$)
ComEd Price Match	<u>For RFP Response:</u> A full-requirements variable-price energy supply for all eligible Members on an opt-out basis and any other eligible customer on an opt-in basis that includes all charges related to energy commodity supply as well as program outreach and management. The variable price is to match the ComEd Price to Compare plus or minus the monthly Purchased Electricity Adjustment. <u>If Bidder is Selected:</u> City staff will recommend that the City Council execute a contract with the ARES at its next scheduled meeting	N	12 Months: No bid
		N	24 Months: No bid
		N	36 Months: No bid

Sustainable Energy Supply Proposal: REC-only Approach 1

Bidder Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC

Date Submitted: December 23, 2025

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

REC-Only Approach 1: Bidders are to indicate cost associated with matching 100% of all energy delivered under a Fixed Price agreement with approved Renewable Energy Credits

Option	Description	Sourcing of Proposed REC (Source Type, State)	Unit Cost per REC (\$)
REC-only Approach 1	<u>For RFP Response:</u> Renewable energy credits (“RECs”) representing the environmental attributes from electricity in an amount equal to 100% of the annual load of <u>all accounts that participate</u> in the City’s aggregation program. To be clear, the volumes of REC provided through the REC-Only Approach 1 are in addition to the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard. To support the City’s participation in the EPA’s Green Power Partnership Program, the voluntary RECs purchased shall be Green-e compliant (www.green-e.org) and sourced from wind or solar resources. The voluntary RECs shall be the vintage year in which the electricity is consumed by Evanston’s aggregated load, or up to six months prior to that vintage year or up to three months after the vintage year. Bidders must identify the location(s) of source(s) for the RECs they include in their offers (e.g., state of origin). <u>If Bidder is Selected:</u> City staff will recommend that the City Council execute a contract with the ARES at its next scheduled meeting	12 Months: MRETS Wind GE (MISO States)	12 Months: \$3.50 per REC
		24 Months: MRETS Wind GE (MISO States)	24 Months: \$4.00 per REC
		36 Months: No bid	36 Months: No bid

Sustainable Energy Supply Proposal: REC-only Approach 2

Bidder Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC

Date Submitted: December 23, 2025

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

REC-Only Approach 2: Bidders are to indicate cost associated with providing a fixed volume of Renewable Energy Credits to the City			
Option	Description	Sourcing of Proposed REC (Source Type, State)	Unit Cost per REC (\$)
REC-only Approach 2	<u>For RFP Response:</u> Renewable energy credits (“RECs”) representing the environmental attributes from electricity <u>in an amount equal to 100,000 on an annualized basis.</u> To be clear, the volumes of REC provided through the REC-Only Approach 2 are in addition to the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard. To support the City’s participation in the EPA’s Green Power Partnership Program, the voluntary RECs purchased shall be Green-e compliant (www.green-e.org) from wind or solar. The voluntary RECs shall be the vintage year in which the electricity is consumed by Evanston’s aggregated load, or up to six months prior to that vintage year or up to three months after the vintage year. Bidders must identify the location(s) of source(s) for the RECs they include in their offers (e.g., state of origin).. <u>If Bidder is Selected:</u> City staff will recommend that the City Council execute a contract with the ARES at its next scheduled meeting	12 Months: MRETS Wind GE (MISO States)	12 Months: \$350,000 per 100,000 RECs
		24 Months: MRETS Wind GE (MISO States)	24 Months: \$400,000 per 100,000 RECs
		36 Months: No bid	36 Months: No bid

Sustainable Energy Supply Proposal: Unbundled Supply from Renewable Energy Resources

Bidder Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC

Date Submitted: December 23, 2025

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

Unbundled Supply from Renewable Energy Resources: Bidders are to indicate cost associated with providing a portion of Energy Supply from an approved renewable energy resource				
Option	Description	Sourcing of Energy (Source Type, State)	Unit Cost (\$/MWh)	REC Included? (Y/N)
Unbundled Supply from Renewable Energy Resources	For RFP Response: Electricity supply (with or without associated RECs) from wind or solar generation resources that meet the definition of the voluntary RECs defined in Section 2.2.1 above. If Bidder is Selected: City staff will recommend that the City Council execute a contract with the ARES at its next scheduled meeting	12 Months:	12 Months:	12 Months:
		No bid	No bid	No bid
		24 Months:	24 Months:	24 Months:
		No bid	No bid	No bid
		36 Months:	36 Months:	36 Months:
		No bid	No bid	No bid

Sustainable Energy Supply Proposal: Virtual net Metering Approach

Bidder Name: MC Squared Energy Services, LLC

Date Submitted: December 23, 2025

Authorized Representative: Charles C. Sutton

Virtual Net Metering Approach: Bidders are to indicate the volume and discount available from virtual net metering ("subscriptions") that can be provided to aggregation accounts				
Option	Description	Sourcing of Credits (Source Type, State)	Discount Basis (% of Credits retained by consumer)	REC Included? (Y/N)
Virtual Net Metering Approach	For RFP Response: Virtual net metering credits from local wind or solar resources that are connected to the ComEd distribution system. If Bidder is Selected: City staff will recommend that the City Council execute a contract with the ARES at its next scheduled meeting	12 Months:	12 Months:	12 Months:
		No bid	No bid	No bid
		24 Months:	24 Months:	24 Months:
		No bid	No bid	No bid
		36 Months:	36 Months:	36 Months:
		No bid	No bid	No bid