

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting October 14, 2025 6:00pm

Call to Order	Executive Director Rini called the meeting	g to order at 6:00 pm.
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance		
Listening Post	None	
Changes to the Agenda	absence of the Board President and Vice	n to appoint a temporary Chair for this meeting, in the President. Commissioner Powers made a motion to ry Chairman for the Board of Commissioners Regular by Commissioner Pauling.
	Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Becker Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Absent Commissioner Parisi: Absent Motion Passes 5-0-2	Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Pauling: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Aye
		tem 6G – Pleasant Hill Park – Resident Request.
Consent Agenda	Commissioner Powers made a motion to Seconded by Commissioner Witteck. A. Approval: Regular Minutes: Septe B. Ratify: September 2025 Bills Voice Vote. All in favor. None opposed. M Commissioner Becker made a motion to a Seconded by Commissioner Pauling.	ember 22, 2025 Iotion Passes.
	Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Becker Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Absent Commissioner Parisi: Absent Motion Passes 5-0-2	Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Pauling: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Aye



Discussion Items

A. Carol Stream Parks Foundation Update

Frank Parisi from the Carol Stream Parks Foundation provided an update on upcoming events. The Putt & Pour Fundraiser was cancelled due to low enrollment. The official results of the Duck Race will be reported at the Foundation meeting this week. We are also preparing to mail out letters to our Active Agers regarding Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) and the Annual Donation Appeal.

B. Coral Cove Water Park and Summer Camp Report

Division Manager Sisco, along with Supervisor Haavig, attended the meeting to present a report on Coral Cove Water Park and Summer Camp (see attached presentation). After the presentation, Commissioner Powers asked if the total number of visits increased. Director Bachewicz said yes, there were fewer rainouts, the weather was great. Commissioner Bird asked what ages are served by the Epic Adventure Camp. Director Bachewicz said 2nd -7th grades. Commissioner Becker asked for clarification on the difference between Epic and Awesome Adventure Camps. Director Bachewicz said the activities and field trips are geared toward older children. Executive Director Rini added that the camp counselors are a great team, always smiling. They did a great job with the kids when the power was out at Simkus on August 8. Director Bachewicz said this is our third year with the Epic Adventure camp (it was called Outdoor Adventure Camp during the first two years). The need for camp in the community has increased since COVID.

C. Simkus Facility Update

Director Hamilton reviewed the steps we have taken at Simkus to remove and replace the gym floor. The Relative Humidity (RH) test results were 64-68% humidity. It decreased significantly after the wood floor was removed. There is no evidence of water under the concrete. We are still exploring if the high humidity is related to the HVAC system; a mechanical engineer will evaluate. There are not many variables left to consider. Commissioner Becker asked if we are unable to determine the cause of the buckling, will the loss be covered by insurance. Director Hamilton said not likely.

D. Special Recreation Fund

Director Scumaci reviewed the current cost of inclusion services and projection for 2026. A committee has been formed to understand the dramatic increase in inclusion costs, improve billing, and accommodation increases. Because we are preparing to refinance a callable bond, the unreimbursed park improvements for ADA improvements for Community, Walter and Pleasant Hill Parks must be addressed in order to make the Capital Fund whole for the best bond rating and earn the best interest rate. The balance of the money remaining in the Capital Fund will essentially be used up to cover the \$415,000 that we will be unable to recover from the special recreation fund prior to refinancing the bond. Inclusion costs are impacting the feasibility of the Before & After School program and we are having conversations with the school district for ways to keep the program viable. Inclusion costs are up 868% over the last four years, and 2,530% over the last 10 years; conversely, the tax levy over the last ten years has only increased by 50%. Director Hamilton, an advocate for special needs children, agrees that there needs to be criteria before inclusion aids are assigned. Superintendent Adamson said there are forms completed by WDSRA to determine eligibility, but requests for aides are rarely denied. Director Bachewicz said some participants with aides do not have a medical diagnosis. Commissioner Bird asked if families pay extra for aides. Executive Director Rini said no.



Commissioner Jeffery said something must change; we may have to increase program costs or cut the program entirely. Executive Director Rini is part of a WDSRA Board Task Force looking into inclusion costs and she will keep the Board updated. It is possible that nothing will change — that we will continue to see rising inclusion costs and limited funds for other items normally covered by the Special Recreation Fund. If this is the case, the District's ability to implement its ADA Transition Plan and cover the cost of accessible amenities at new parks, or continue certain programming will be impacted. Commissioner Powers asked if we do not transfer the \$415,000 for the last three park projects, will it impact our ability to refinance our bonds. Executive Director Rini said yes; it could impact our Moody's rating and receiving the best interest rate for the bond refinancing.

E. Jan Smith Park Update

Executive Director Rini discussed the letter from Attorney McNees for Kailasha Developers requesting the removal of scrub trees and shrubs on the east side of Jan Smith Park and replacing them with good quality shade trees at Kailasha's cost. Director Hamilton said this is a win/win for us; they will cover all the costs associated with removing and replacing them. He will talk to Jan Smith about the plan. Commissioner Becker asked if we can specify what types of trees to plant, to promote diversity. Commissioner Jeffery noted that with the three new developments in Carol Stream, we will most likely have to levy over 5% this year to capture property taxes due to the District. Director Scumaci agreed, noting that we didn't do that last year, and we left approximately \$200,000 on the table; those dollars are not recoverable.

F. Outstanding Debt – Next Steps

Andy Arndt from Meristem Advisors attended the meeting to provide an update on refinancing based on the latest market conditions. Rates have come down a bit creating a more favorable conditions for action in November, if the Board decides to refinance or pursue new money. Executive Director Rini reviewed Capital and Maintenance projects we will be facing in the next three years (see attached). She recommends getting the \$3 million in additional bonds to cover these expenses. We delayed updating Appomattox Park when District 200 asked us to partner with them to update Pleasant Hill Park. Friendship and Tokarski Parks are next on the replacement plan. As with vehicle replacement, if we delay the replacement schedule, the costs go up and the chances for higher repair costs also increase. She recommended the Board approve the Parameter Ordinance and add the Reimbursement Resolution so capture the costs of the CCWP water leak and SRC gym floor replacement.

Commissioner Jeffery is in favor of refinancing the callable bonds and getting\$ 1.5 million in new money. Commissioner Pauling said she is in favor of issuing the full \$3 million to allow for other improvements including Armstrong Park and McCaslin. Commissioner Bird prefers to stay in the middle at \$1.5 million in new money. Commissioner Powers is in favor of getting \$1.1 million in new money. Commissioner Witteck thinks we should get \$1.5 million in new money. Commissioner Becker admits she is still learning about this process and is concerned about our position being worse in 3 years. She thinks we should get \$1.5 in new money. An email from Commissioner Parisi said he is in favor of getting \$3 million in new money. Commissioner Bird recalled creative funding used by the Park District and Glenbard North to get the turf funded included parent boosters raising money. He would like us to look for those types of partnerships to help fund the items on our project list.



Mr. Arndt said the consensus among the Board is to refinance and get \$1.5 million in new money. None of the Commissioners were interested in extending the term of the debt, so that is off the table. He will prepare the Parameter Ordinance for the October 27 meeting.

G. Pleasant Hill Park – Resident Request

This item was added due to a resident adjacent to Pleasant Hill Park repeated emails asking for additional trees to be planted between his home and the new playground. Making decisions to benefit individual residents is not sustainable. Several Commissioners have visited the new playground and do not think additional trees are necessary. The home is situated adjacent to a park.

H. Weekly Happenings (oral)

Commissioner Pauling reported a neighbor asked her to mention that the Park District truck used to pick up trash at Bierman Park is leaving tracks along the sides of the path.

Action Items

A. Approval: Natural Gas Contract

Commissioner Jeffery made a motion approve a 24-month agreement to secure Carol Stream Park District's natural gas services throughout District facilities including Fountain View Recreation Center, Simkus Recreation Center, Parks Maintenance, Coyote Crossing Mini Golf, and McCaslin Park. Seconded by Commissioner Pauling.

Director Hamilton reviewed the current Natural Gas pricing. Our contract is due to expire in November. If the Board approves this contract, the rate is guaranteed for 2 years. If rates go down next year, we can capture the savings. Commissioner Jeffery asked why this is a Board Action item. With consensus from the Board, we can discontinue bringing the energy contracts to the Board for approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Becker Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Aye Commissioner Parisi: Absent

Motion Passes 5-0-2

Commissioner Powers: Absent Commissioner Pauling: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Aye

B. Approval: Electric Contract

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve an agreement for a term of 12 months with Constellation Energy for our electric services at a rate of \$0.079280 kWh. Seconded by Commissioner Witteck.

Director Hamilton noted that the price quoted went down since the packet was prepared (new Summary attached). The new rates were shared with the Board. Commissioners again agreed that the energy contracts do no need to be approved by the Board in the future.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Becker Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Aye Commissioner Parisi: Absent

Motion Passes 5-0-2

Commissioner Powers: Absent Commissioner Pauling: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Aye



	C. Approval: Simkus Gym Floor Re	•				
	Commissioner Witteck made a motion to approve a contract with Stalker Sports Floors, New					
	London, WI to install a new wooden floor system at the Simkus Recreation Center for \$186,620.					
	Seconded by Commissioner Pauling					
	Director Hamilton reviewed the thre	e quotes we received for the replacement of the Simkus				
		recommended by the District's insurance provider. Stalker				
		competitive bidding is not required. They have a unique				
		b" subfloor and blowers built in, which can be switched on				
		proval, we should have the new floor installed by January.				
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	Roll Call Vote:					
	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Absent				
	Commissioner Becker Aye	Commissioner Pauling: Aye				
	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Aye				
	Commissioner Parisi: Absent					
	Motion Passes 5-0-2					
Closed Session	None					
Action	None					
Pertaining to						
Closed Session	i.v.					
Adjournment	Commissioner Pauling made a motio	n to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner				
		ssed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.				
	pecker. voice vote taken. Motion pa	ssed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8.07pm.				

Jacqueline Jeffery

Secretary Sue Rini

October 27, 2025

Date



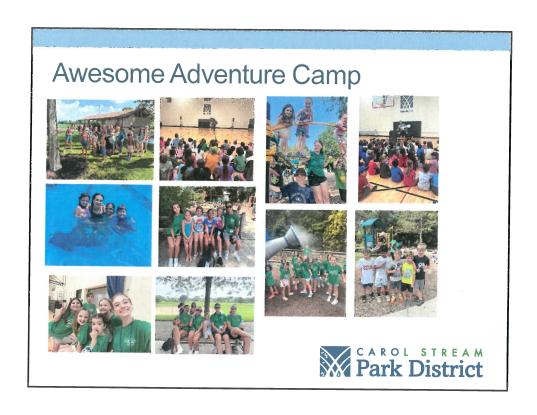














Capital & Maintenance 2026-2028

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Year	Item	Cost	Year	Item	tes
2026	Small Gator	12,000	2026	Appomatox	185.000
	Turf Aerator Replacement	21,200		Mext Playgrounds Slated for Replacement	
	Replace McCalsin Bathroom Floor	6,352	2027	Friendship	250 000
	Replace FVF Member Locker Shower Floor	24,500	2028	Tokarski	200,82% 000,82%
	Replace FVF Member Locker Wall Paper/Paint	18,800	3 Year T	3 Year Total - Playgrounds	\$ 860,000
	Replace 5 CCWP Concession Tables	8,500			
		91,352		Capital Ranked Projects	
Year	Item	Cost	Rank		Cost
2027	Replacement of 2012 F250 Pickup #1	57,500	← 1	39 Passeger Bus	275,000
	Replacement of 2012 Ford Explorer	45,000	~	FVF Fitness Floor Replacement	85,000
	Replacement of 2007 Econoline Van #1	65,300	60	Armstrong Hub Renovation	300,000
		167,800	ব	SRC Locker Room /Bathrooms	75,000
Year	Item	Cost	LP)	Evergreen Lakes Shoreline - Phase 1	75,000
2028	Replacement of 2012 F250 Pickup #2	57,500	w.	Armstrong Pickleball Shade/Seating/Expan.	55,000
	Replacement of 2011 Econoline Van #2	65,300		McCaslin Batting Cages	40,000
		122,800	Unfunde	Unfunded Capital Improvement Projects	\$ 905,000
Yea	3 Year Total - Maintenance:	\$ 381,952			
				SRC Gym Floor/Electric/CCWP Leak	
Doe	*Does not include SRC HVAC-likely 2029 or sooner @ \$5	@\$500,000	VTD	Estimate	è 307 CEC



Board Summary

849 W. Lies Road, Carol Stream, IL 60188 630-784-6100

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Shane Hamilton, Director of Parks & Facilities

Date: October 14, 2025

Approval: Electric Services Contract Agenda Item # 7B

Issue

Should the Board approve an agreement for a term of 12 months with Constellation Energy for our electric services at a rate of \$0.079280 kWh.

Background/Reasoning

- Our current contract with Constellation is due to expire in October 2025.
- Our current rate is \$0.064770.
- After discussing with our energy consultant, staff has determined this to be the best course of action for the District at this time.

Supporting Documents

Electric Pricing Proposal attached

Cost

• After refreshing the rates on Monday, October 13, staff is recommending Constellation for a 12 month term. If you review the attached quote, Smartest Energy is the cheapest rate, however, they do not provide the single billing option. From an administrative perspective, the single bill option is a game changer and takes significantly less time and energy from month to month so we refrained from selecting Smartest Energy for that reason. The next lowest is Direct Energy at \$0.0011 less/kWh but staff does not believe that minor savings is worth changing suppliers altogether. Constellation is our current supplier and will allow the District to operate with no transition in billing or supply with continuity of service at a reasonable rate.

Public/Customer Impact

Utilities continue to rise with no peak in sight. A 12 month term allows the District a competitive rate, with the single bill option, no transition period and also allows us to review the capacity auction next June. The capacity auction determines rates for the following year; if the auction is favorable this will allow the District to act in the Fall of 2026 to secure rates for our future.

Recommendation (Roll Call)

That the Board approve an agreement for a term of 12 months with Constellation for our electric services at a rate of 0.079280 kWh.



ELECTRIC PRICING PROPOSAL

October 14, 2025

Prepared for: Carol Stream Park District

Your Energy Representative:	Scott Slobodecki
Phone:	(312) 237-5737
Email:	scotts@lowerelectric.com

Any and all information contained herein, is used for information purposes only. This quote is not a binding offer to provide electricity and/or natural gas supply.

CURRENT CONTRACT INFORMATION

Retail Provider :	Constellation
Product :	Fixed All-in
Contract End Date:	October 31, 2025
Electric Rate:	\$0.064770
Annual Supply Cost:	\$194,330.34

SUMMARY OF QUOTE

Quote Date:	October 14, 2025
Product:	As described below
Start Date:	November 1, 2025
Quote Expiration:	October 14, 2025
Annual kWh:	3,000,314 kWh

SUPPLIER QUOTATIONS

Terms:	12	18	24	36	48	
End Date	10/31/2026	04/30/2027	10/31/2027	10/31/2028	10/31/2029	
Term kWh	3,000,314	4,500,471	6,000,628	9,000,942	12,001,256	
Supplier	\$/kWh	\$/kWh	\$/kWh	\$/kWh	\$/kWh	Product
Smartest Energy	\$0.079550	\$0.080460	\$0.077430	\$0.075140	\$0.074050	Fixed - Cap & Trans Adj
Direct Energy	\$0.079340	\$0.081140	\$0.078380	\$0.076850	\$0.076280	Fixed - Cap & Trans Adj
Constellation	\$0.079280	\$0.081090	\$0.079560	\$0.077420	\$0.076580	Fixed - Cap & Trans Adj
Dynegy	\$0.079280	\$0.081440	\$0.080950	\$0.081930	\$0.083550	Fixed - Cap & Trans Adj
Direct Energy	\$0.079470	\$0.081330	\$0.080690	\$0.080830	\$0.081250	Fixed - Trans Incr
MC Squared	\$0.081610	\$0.083560	\$0.084000	NA	NA	Fixed - All-In
Constellation	\$0.082890	\$0.085180	\$0.085290	\$0.086260	\$0.087250	Fixed - All-In

MOST COMPETITIVE OPTIONS & BUDGET IMPACT

Term	Supplier	Rate (kWh)	Ann. Supply Budget	Ann. Budget Impact	%	Total Term Impact
12	Constellation	\$0.079280	\$237,864.89	\$43,534.55	▲ 22%	▲\$43,534.55
12	Dynegy	\$0.079280	\$237,864.89	\$43,534.55	▲ 22%	▲ \$43,534.55
18	Smartest Energy	\$0.080460	\$241,405.26	\$47,074.92	▲ 24%	▲ \$70,612.39
24	Smartest Energy	\$0.077430	\$232,314.31	\$37,983.97	▲ 20%	▲ \$75,967.95
36	Smartest Energy	\$0.075140	\$225,443.59	\$31,113.25	▲ 16%	▲ \$93,339.76
48	Smartest Energy	\$0.074050	\$222,173.25	\$27,842.91	▲ 14%	▲ \$111,371.65

Major Components of an Electric Quote

Overview

The electricity cost paid each month is split into three major buckets - Supply, Delivery, and Taxes.

The supply portion, the part we are able to assist with, is a compilation of several components, including but not limited to raw Energy, Transmission, and Capacity.

Below is a brief explanation of the major components of an electric price.

	Components
Energy	Raw electricity is a traded commodity. Natural gas prices, weather forecasts and conditions, increased or decreased demand, and geopolitical issues all play a role in electricity pricing.
Transmission	Transmission is the cost of maintaining the electricity grid to ensure the physical infrastructure is in good working order. Tariffed transmission costs generally change annually and pay for projects which strengthen the grid to make it more reliable.
Capacity	Capacity is the cost of maintaining, retrofitting, and building new plants that can be called into service when the grid faces times of extreme stress that would likely result in blackouts or brownouts. Capacity rates, determined by auction are known through May 31, 2027.
Ancillaries	Ancillary services are the additional services needed to support reliability and stability of the grid outside of Transmission, such as fluctuations in demand, generation outages, voltage support, etc.
Losses	Losses represent energy lost during both the electricity generation and transmission process over utility wires.

Every account has its own PLC Tag for both Transmission and Capacity. These Tags represent each account's highest demand, or need, Peak Load Contribution (PLC) Tags duringthe highest peak usage times on the grid. PLC Tags

Suppliers build your electricity quotes using electricity market prices, each account's usage history and PLC tags, as well as the known costs of Transmission, Capacity, Ancillaries, and Losses. All-In fixed quotes will include risk margins to cover the suppliers' best guess at future, but unknown, tariffed costs.

	Products
Fixed All-In (Fixed)	Suppliers fix all components of electricity for the entire contract term - unless they invoke a Change in Law as per their contract language.
Adjust (Adj)	Adjust products allow the supplier to pass-through tariffed cost changes as they occur throughout the contract term.
Increase (Incr)	Suppliers will pass through component increases if they occur during the contract term.
Pass Through (PT)	Components are not included in the offered price and are entirely passed through each month.

Lower Electric, LLC Disclaimers

"AII-In" electric quotes include Energy, Ancillaries, Capacity, Transmission, Losses, and any other components that may be added or removed by tariff.

Future electric and natural gas usage amounts are estimated using the past 12 months' usage, if available.

Current energy prices are used since exact future energy prices may not be known. Utility rates are set by each state's Commerce Commission.

Credit may not be automatically approved by all suppliers or any suppliers.

Electricity and natural gas quotes are subject to change, at least daily.

Contract start and end dates will not always occur on the first and last days of the month as they are based on utility assigned meter read dates. Contract start and end dates in any month are ultimately determined by the utility.

Applicable for ComEd customers on Rate B73* or R73* only. Please see List of Accounts page in this Proposal Packet to see if this applies to any of your accounts.

Month	Utility Rate	Disclaimer
6/2025 - 5/2026 tariffed prices	\$0.09775	\$0.09775 Due to ComEd's pricing structure, future ComEd rates will increase or decrease an unlimited amount each month.
Last 12 month average	\$0.07891	\$0.07891 Due to ComEd's pricing structure, future ComEd rates will increase or decrease an unlimited amount each month.
Last 36 month average	\$0.07704	\$0.07704 Due to ComEd's pricing structure, future ComEd rates will increase or decrease an unlimited amount each month.

LIST OF ACCOUNTS

Account Number	Utility	Service Address, City, State, Zip	Annual Usage (kWh)	% pf Usage	End Date	Rate Class	Bill Cycle
1012719111	ComEd	391 Illini Dr Carol Stream Illinois 60188	58,720	2%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE14
1861747941	ComEd	280 N Kuhn Rd Carol Stream Illinois 60188	36,000	1%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE15
9567668476	ComEd	910 N Gary Ave Carol Stream Illinois 60188	2,062,326	69%	Oct 2025	C-R75C	CE15
9380953558	ComEd	391 Illini Dr Carol Stream Illinois 60188	15,300	1%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE14
3776968526	ComEd	1255 Woodlake Dr Carol Stream Illinois 60188	253	%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE14
0070246912	ComEd	1301 Lily Ln Carol Stream Illinois 60188	1,233	%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE16
7050211426	ComEd	651 W St Charles Rd Underpass Lighting Carol Stream Illinois 60188	2,410	%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE14
3060578358	ComEd	840 N Gary Ave Carol Stream Illinois 60188	1,556	%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE15
6392752670	ComEd	1309 Sheffield Ct Carol Stream Illinois 60188	13,006	%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE16
5181715700	ComEd	849 W Lies Rd Carol Stream Illinois 60188	559,875	19%	Oct 2025	C-R74C	CE15
8175913327	ComEd	651 W St Charles Rd Concession Bldg Carol Stream Illinois 60188	31,620	1%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE14
9366449877	ComEd	297 Lies Rd E Carol Stream Illinois 60188	9,931	%	Oct 2025	C-R73C	CE15
5382413638	ComEd	27W650 North Ave West Chicago Illinois 60185	208,084	7%	Oct 2025	C-R74C	CE15

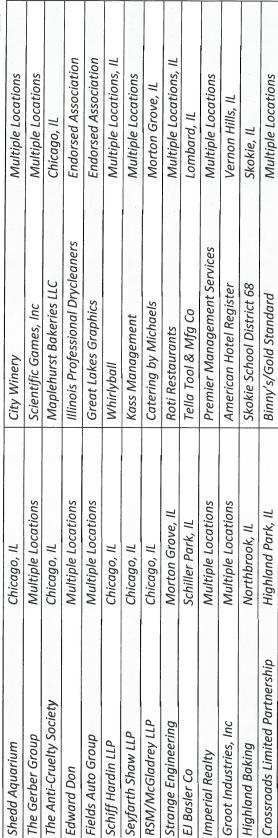
1307 Shermer Road Northbrook, Illinois 60062 (847) 272-0700 phone | (847) 498-4873 fax

General References

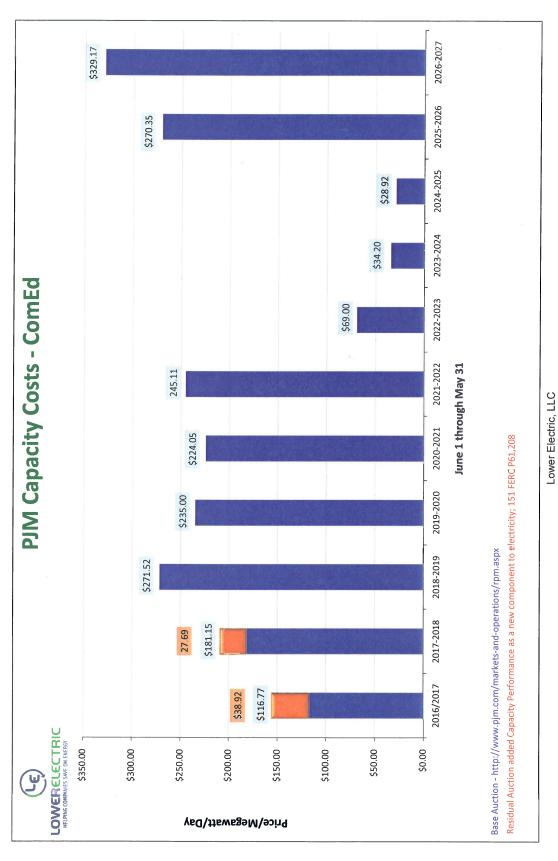
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comprehensive services include extensive client service and support, benchmarking, demand response, energy reduction, budgeting and energy efficiency. Some of Since 2001, Lower Electric has helped thousands of clients save money on their energy and most of our clients have worked with us for many years. Our our many references include:





^{*}Reference phone numbers and contact names available upon request. Please call us for this information.



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