

Environment Committee Meeting Invitation

Aug. 15, 2023

Please join us for the next Environment Committee meeting. The meeting covers the topic of clean energy at municipal buildings and was generated from our [Energy Academy](#) course participants.

Meeting Details

Topic: "Free" Electric Service or Direct Payment: Which is Best for Your Community?

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 15

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Many municipalities receive "free" electricity supply for non-revenue generating buildings like Village Hall, Public Works, and Public Safety. This free service is provided to the municipality for allowing ComEd to access easements and rights of way within the municipal boundaries to operate the local electric grid.

While "free" seems good for the budget, it effectively prevents investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy and other investments that can improve sustainability and reduce emissions - because there are no cost savings or return on investment when your electricity is "free." But, municipalities have the option to convert from receiving "free" service to a direct payment from ComEd. Not only can this different approach generate new revenues, it also unlocks the economic benefit of energy efficiency, rooftop solar, and battery storage investments in municipal facilities.

Mark Pruitt, Principal for the Power Bureau and the Caucus' Energy Academy instructor, will present how municipalities can decide whether ComEd's "free" or direct payment option is best for their needs. He will also provide a step-by-step plan for making the switch and capturing new value for municipalities and their residents.