

# Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) megacca.org

The Power to Choose

### What We Do

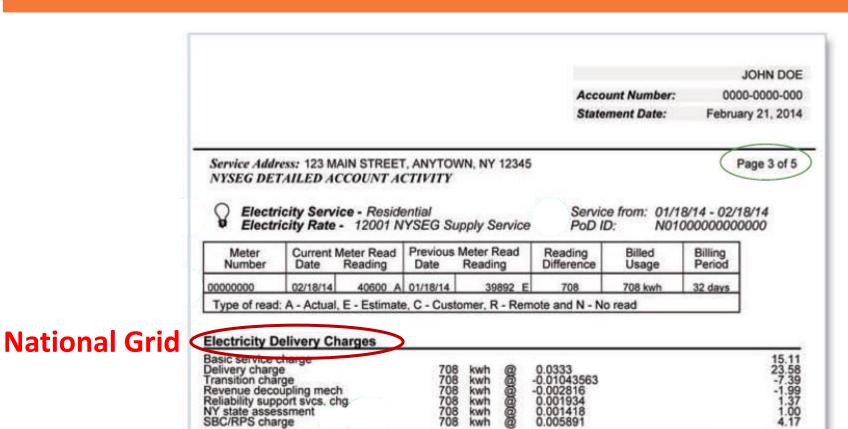
#### MEGA as an AGGREGATOR for MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

- Not-for-profit local development corporation
- Started in 1998
- Helps municipalities control their energy costs and save money
  - Competitive bidding process
  - Complies with NYS General Municipal Law
- Grown to 275 participants
  - Expanded to include renewables hydro, solar



# **Energy Supply Only**

Subtotal Electricity Delivery



National Grid will still be responsible for delivery, power outages & maintenance

Supply from Energy Services Company (ESCO)

\$35.85



CCA	Electricity Supply Charges				
ership	Supply charge Merchant function charge - Jan Merchant function charge - Feb	708 kwh 309 kwh 399 kwh	999	0.06276665 0.003689 0.003413	44.44 1.14 1.36
<b>√</b>	Subtotal Electricity Supply				\$46.94

# **Background History**

#### **NYS Public Service Commission (NYSPSC)**

- Part of NY REV (Reforming the Energy Vision)
- Plan to modernize NY's energy system --- reliability, resiliency, affordability
- Empower & engage consumers: more choices

#### **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)**

- CCA Proceeding Issued in December 2014 (Case: 14-M-0224)
- Final Order April 2016



# What is CCA?

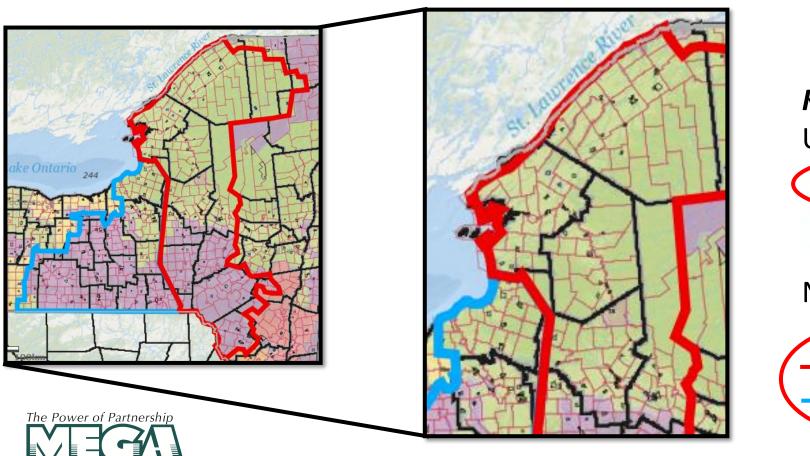
**Community Choice Aggregation** allows local governments to aggregate the electricity and/or natural gas accounts of residential and small commercial customers within their jurisdiction

- Cities, towns, and villages
- Counties can have a supervisory/facilitator role
- Local governments can work together to form larger aggregations



# **CCA Benefits: Strength in Numbers**

### Geographic extent of aggregation potential





# **Benefits of CCA**

#### **Better rates for consumers**

- Bulk energy purchasing
- Competition

#### **Consumer Protection**

- Reduces door to door and telephone solicitations
  - Protects consumers from predatory marketers
- Experts evaluate bids and contracts from ESCOs

#### Tailored to a community's needs and future plans

- Supply: renewable option
- Platform for energy efficiency, distributed generation, microgrids



# **CCA Program Details**

#### **Authorization Subject to NYSPSC Approval**

- Implementation Plan
- Data Protection Plan
- Local Law

#### **Participation**

- Opt-out: all residential & other small customers, with no ESCO
  - 30 day opt-out period
  - No cancellation fee to return to the utility
- Opt-in: other larger customers, as decided by municipality

#### **Minimum Outreach and Education**

- 60 days
- Multiple methods



# Where Has This Been Done Before?

- California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio and Rhode Island have implemented CCAs
- Illinois
  - Over 700 communities adopted CCA programs
  - 93% of all residents participated in CCA
- New York: Westchester County
  - 20 municipalities: 91,000 customers
  - Supply from CCA started in May
  - \$10/month (average of first three months)



# Seven EASY Steps to Develop a CCA Program

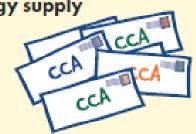








Competitive bid for energy supply





Select low-bid supplier



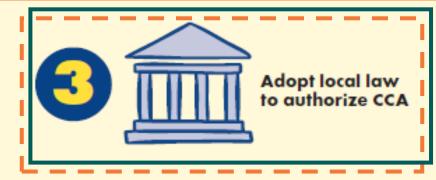




# **Who Does What?**









MEGA

Customers











### **MEGA and CCA: A Natural Fit**

#### **MEGA** and CCA

- MEGA's partner has CCA experience in Illinois
  - CCA Administrator since 2012
  - 40 municipalities
- MEGA's efforts helped shaped the final NYSPSC order
  - Initial comments to NYSPSC
  - Petitioned for MEGA pilot program
  - Presented and contributed to technical conferences on data and privacy
  - CCA program design supported by NYS
- Education and outreach = CCA support letters from 33 NYS municipalities
- Continued collaboration of MEGA participants



# **Next Steps**

### Begin education within your local government and community

### **Sign CCA Administration Agreement**

- Defines MEGA's role as your CCA Administrator
- Defines supportive role of municipality

#### **Implementation Plan**

- Process and timeline to develop your CCA Program
- Education and outreach: customized for your community



# Questions?

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