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Our City has an important reason to move to electricity aggregation: the climate change crisis, a major worry for the majority of Americans (especially young Americans) cannot be ignored, either globally or locally. Clean, carbon-free energy is key in actions to reduce it.

Delaware City's first step can be for the City Manager to call for RFPs from energy suppliers to see what terms are available for aggregated electricity produced by green energy, on terms that would save Delaware residents money compared to the current AEP energy supplier. The City Manager's office should also consult other cities which have aggregated clean energy (Columbus, Worthington) about their process and results.

If the study of the possibilities identifies a good plan, Council should put it up for a city-wide vote to switch the City to a clean energy supplier. Any plan on the ballot should allow homeowners to "opt out" without cost and continue with the electric service they have. AEP would continue to own the lines and transmit the energy. Only the energy supplier would change.

I believe clean energy at a cost savings would be an exciting step forward and that such a ballot issue would pass. Delaware would be setting an important example: recognizing the serious problem of climate change, and finding a thrifty way to reduce carbon emissions.

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