

To: Commercial Energy Cooperative Program 2016 Spring Campaign for Current Members with contracts ending September 2017



Attention members with contracts ending September 2017:

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Energy Purchasing Cooperative Program. The strategic partnership between the Chamber and CQI Associates has resulted in providing members lower energy cost and long term budget stability since the program inception in 2004.

We are ready to commence the spring campaign for members with contract renewal dates through September 2017. Your new contract will begin at the end of your current contract.

Several factors are cause for concern about the market rates into 2016:

Present electric and natural gas commodity rates have decreased. However, increased capacity and regulatory charges have resulted in overall rates to increase. Geo political situations such as the Chinese economy, Britain exiting EU and Iran exporting oil are causing volatility in the stock markets. In addition to terrorist attacks around the world. These factors along with presidential elections raise concerns over future utility rates.

Procuring utility rates from third party suppliers remains a viable means to reduce utility expenses. Additional savings can now be seen through restructuring of usage through Demand Response programs, automated systems, and renewable energy options.

To familiarize everyone with the program, CQI Associates will be hosting webinars on the following days:

Webinar Schedule:

- September 16, 2016 - 1:00 pm
- September 20, 2016 - 11:00 am
- September 28, 2016 - 1:00 pm



To participate in the webinar please register in-advance. Simply go directly to the CQI Associates home page at www.cqiassociates.com and click on the date that you want to participate and follow the steps to RSVP.

There is **NO FEE** to join the Co-op and one application covers **ALL** of your electricity and natural gas accounts for **ALL** locations.

To renew in the Chamber of Commerce Commercial Energy Co-op:

- 1) Obtain a Letter of Authorization through the Chamber or CQI
- 2) Complete and Sign the Letter of Authorization
- 3) Please provide a recent copy of all of your Utility bill/s, all pages, for all accounts you are enrolling.
- 4) Please provide a full copy of any utility agreement you are presently under.
- 5) **Please scan and email full copies of all documents to joe@cqiassociates.com or fax to 410-630-5911**
- 6) Please mail the originals to :

**Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
9 East Main Street
Suite #105
Westminster, MD 21157**

The application deadline for the Chamber of Commerce Energy Purchasing Cooperative program is Friday, September 30, 2016.

If you have any questions contact Joe Tabelaing with CQI Associates at joe@cqiassociates.com or call 443-472-3870.

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