

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR HARRIS CONCERNING COMED LAWSUIT

April 21, 2008

As the Board is aware, last Thursday, the Village filed a class action lawsuit against Commonwealth Edison seeking reliable electric service, compensation for damages resulting from their poor performance and improved communication with the Village and our residents. This action resulted from careful research of ComEd's performance in Deerfield over the last seven years, as well as input from many residents who shared their outage experiences and frustrations. Without restating all of our findings, ComEd has known their Deerfield system was weak for years and unfortunately did little to address the problems. In addition to actively pursuing the case itself, I would like to provide a summary of how we intend to keep the Village up to date on this important matter.

Communication with Residents

The Village will continue to have staff facilitate neighborhood meetings with ComEd in pursuit of specific system improvements that began last year;

The Village will maintain a link on our website for this matter, that includes copies of the filed lawsuit, last week's press release and future updates;

The Village will provide timely reports in the D-Tales newsletter as new information or announcements are available, as we have done since last August;

For those residents wishing to convey their outage experience to the Village, they are encouraged to do so by directing their comments to the Village Manager's office.

Pursuit of the Litigation

Since the lawsuit was filed last Thursday, April 17th in Lake County Circuit Court, ComEd has 30 days in which to file a response. When a schedule for the case proceedings is developed, it will be added to the Village's website. Copies of substantive filings by the Village and ComEd will be made available and posted on the Village website as well.

Village Attorney Peter Coblenz, will continue to work with special counsel Patrick Giordano and Paul Neilan in pursuit of our objectives and provide periodic updates.

Conclusion

The objectives of the Village remain clear:

- 1) That ComEd repair and maintain its delivery system so that it provides safe and reliable electric service in keeping with its Franchise commitment to the residents and businesses of the Village.
- 2) That ComEd compensate Village residents and businesses for past damages resulting from their lack of proper maintenance.
- 3) That ComEd's communication with the Village and its residents and businesses improves to provide meaningful information in a timely manner, particularly during outages and other emergencies.

Finally, I would like to restate our appreciation to those residents who attended last Thursday's meeting, as well as those who have submitted their outage experience to us, clearly underscoring the support for and necessity of this action.

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