



## **New Energy Law Increases Electricity Costs Chamber Members Can Avoid Costs But Savings Are Time Sensitive**

In May 2019, Maryland passed the Clean Energy Jobs Act and as a result, Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) - the line item on your electricity bill that funds renewable energy projects - will increase significantly after the law takes effect on October 1, 2019.

That means and residents and businesses could see potentially significant increases on future electricity bills. Those interested in seeing the estimated financial impact on their business can multiply their total annual kWh usage (found on their electric bill) by \$0.0033. For example, for someone who uses 300,000 kWh in a year, the additional cost will be approximately \$1,000 per year.

Maryland businesses do have options to ease the burden of the price increases, but the opportunity has a short timeline. Energy consumers who sign a contract with a competitive electric supplier prior to October 1, 2019 will be exempted from these RPS cost increases through the duration of their contract. In other words, power contracts existing prior to October will be "grandfathered-in" under the current RPS rate. If the hypothetical customer mentioned above were to sign a 3-year contract prior to October 1, 2019, they would be exempted from \$3,000 in the new charges over the life of the contract.

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce offers exclusive electricity savings to member businesses through Premier Power Solutions. Customers should consider signing a long-term energy contract through the Chamber's program and those who have recently signed a contract, should consider an extension to avoid these costs for a longer period of time. Only businesses and organizations that are members of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce are eligible to enroll in this cost savings program but all residents and businesses have the option to use electricity brokers to secure lower rates.

In the past 12 months alone Chamber members have saved nearly \$400,000 by participating in our energy program provided by Premier Power. These savings will increase significantly when the new RPS rates take effect.

**For more information on how you can save on your electricity bills read on!**

## **Garrett County Chamber Electricity Buying Pool**

*All Chamber Members are eligible to join this Electricity Buying Pool that is Exclusively for Garrett County Chamber Members*

### **Here are some exciting facts about the existing pool:**

- This pool has been in existence for more than 10 years
- Existing pool members saved over \$400,000 on their electric bills in 2018 alone.
- In many cases, the savings generated by this electricity buying pool alone will be greater than your cost of membership in the Garrett County Chamber.

### **Premier Power will provide a no obligation quote to you for electric service**

- Our services are RISK FREE. Join our electricity buying pool and we will provide you with a current market analysis for your accounts.
- If your lowest cost option is for you to do nothing, we will tell you so.
- There is no cost to you for this analysis to be performed and no obligation on your part to buy anything from Premier if you elect to have this analysis performed.

### **What do I need to do now?**

- All you need to do to become a new member is complete the enclosed Pool Membership Form and Letter of Authorization and return them along with a copy of all pages of a recent electric bill to us via email at [tmyers@trustpps.com](mailto:tmyers@trustpps.com) or via fax at 724-458-5703. After we receive your completed forms, we will contact you to discuss available options. Remember, there is **no fee required** to join our Pool.
- You will NEVER receive a bill from Premier Power Solutions for our services! We receive our fee from the supplier only if we can find you a better rate that you accept.

If you have any questions or want to meet with us in person at your place of business, please feel free to contact Tammy Myers or myself at 724-458-5600.

Lee McCracken, President  
Premier Power Solutions, LLC

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*To join our Electricity Buying Pool complete this form, the attached letter of authorization, and fax them along with all pages of a recent utility bill for all accounts you want in the pool to 724-458-5703.*

**Garrett County Chamber of Commerce**  
**Electricity Buying Pool Membership Form**

**TO: Competitive Retail Electricity Suppliers**

**RE: Premier Power Solutions Energy Buying Pool**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
elect to become a participant in the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Electricity Buying Pool. As a pool member, we authorize the Premier Power Solutions, the pool manager, to be our single point of contact to shop the retail electricity markets on our behalf. Please provide Premier Power Solutions with a price quote and contract terms for electricity service for their review. They will review your pricing and contract along with other pricing and contracts that they solicit on behalf of pool members and bring it to us to consider. We will select who our electricity provider will be after reviewing their recommendations.

I understand that Premier Power Solutions receives its fee for these services from the retail electricity supplier. The fee is included as an indirect sales cost component in the pricing that the supplier provides to Premier to give to us. As a result, we will never receive a bill from Premier Power Solutions for services under this agreement. We also understand that Premier receives the same fee from each retail electricity provider that it represents, thus maintaining its objectivity on behalf of the customer.

This agreement is confidential in nature and should not be shared with anyone other than the intended parties.

Either party may terminate this Pool Membership Agreement for any reason upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

Premier Power Solutions, LLC does not have the right to sign or otherwise execute any agreement that would bind us in any way.

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Signed

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Signed – Premier Power Solutions, LLC

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Date

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Date

# Letter of Authorization

## SECTION 1

I, as the authorized representative of,

<b>Company Name:</b>		
<b>Company Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>

hereby authorize and instruct to produce and release, to Premier Power Solutions, LLC and all other Electric Suppliers licensed by the Public Service Commission as requested by them, orally or in writing, from time to time, all information relative to our UTILITY HISTORY, including, but not limited to, billing and payment history, consumption history for 12 months, load profiles, and 12 months of interval metered data if available for the account listed and on Additional Accounts list, if attached.

This authorization in no way binds our Company to the purchase of any service or product from Premier Power Solutions, LLC or any other Licensed Electric Supplier and is to be used for the sole purpose of determining an offer price for our electricity service. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned.

I realize that under the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission, I may refuse to allow my utility to release the information set forth above. By my signature, I freely give my utility permission to release the information designated above.

<b>Print Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>FAX:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	

## SECTION 2

For each account, please send ALL pages of a recent electric bill along with your completed Letter of Authorization to Premier Power Solutions, LLC via email to Tammy Myers at [tmyers@trustpps.com](mailto:tmyers@trustpps.com) or fax to 724-458-5703.

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