## To all Winchester residents:

For the past few years, we have worked with Mr. Reg Ankrom our representative with SIMAC to get the best rates for electrical energy. Recently, Homefield Energy has been the provider that had the best rates for Winchester, Illinois. However, I was recently informed by Mr. Ankrom that they could not find any electricity provider that could compete cost wise with the current rates from Ameren. Therefore, our residents will be required to purchase electrical energy from Ameren.

At the current time, Ameren's rate is the best available for our city, but Mr. Ankrom informed me that he will keep an eye on the best rates available in the energy market. If it happens that the Ameren rate is not the best, he will get with us to work out the best rate possible.

I understand that the Ameren rates will be rising in the near future. We are all going through rough times with the rising cost of items we purchase every day. I wish I could deliver better news. If we can find a less expensive provider, we will do our best to provide our residents with the best rate possible.

Rex McIntire

Mayor of Winchester